



# BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

November 2018



Bruce Larson tells of the guide who was hired by some hunters to take them into the backwoods of Maine. After some days, they became hopelessly lost and quite naturally began to doubt the competence of their guide. "You said you were the best guide in Maine," they reminded him. "I am," he said, "but I think we're in Canada now." You are no longer a "guide" when you yourself are lost. It is just as hard to decipher our Christian identity when we cannot recall what it is that makes us Christians in the first place.

For those of us who would-be followers of Christ, the most basic question we need to ask ourselves is "What is a Christian?" We are living in a world where there is now virtually a "Christian" everything. Look around you. There are now Christian Counseling Centers, Christian Comedy Clubs, Christian Dance Clubs, Christian Athletes, Christian Coalitions, Christian Bookstores (where you can find sections on Christian Aerobics and buy videos entitled Firm Believers). In the Christian Yellow Pages, you can find Christian schools, Christian plumbers, Christian doctors, Christian bakers, Christian bankers, even Christian lawyers.

The church is no different we have, Christian Pentecostals, Christian evangelicals, Christian Liberals, Christian Conservatives, Mainstream Christians, Christian Charismatics, and the list can go on and on.

Baptist minister and writer Gordon MacDonald has had it with the word "Christian," which he says "hardly means a thing any longer" He now terms himself as a Christ follower, and because he has departed from some of his more fundamentalist brethren, in the Southern Baptist Convention, he is looked upon with suspicion.

Since I have been in Lapeer I have been confronted by those who have examined my theology and called it too evangelical, I have had others in the community look at that same theology and call it too liberal. It causes me to ask my self how the Christian faith can be described in so many ways?

Why is it dangerous to regularly use the word Christian as an adjective? It's back to fourth-grade elementary school. What do adjectives do? They modify nouns. Adjectives modify things that are larger and more important than they are. Adjectives limit nouns; they qualify nouns; they distinguish nouns. Adjectives are ornaments and lights you hang on nouns so that nouns become more alive and meaningful.

It stems from the fact that using the word as an adjective minimizes its meaning. The word "Christian" began as a noun, not as an adjective. The word, used three times in the New Testament, means literally "disciple of Christ."

It used to be that when politicians like Barry Goldwater, John F. Kennedy, Linden Johnson, And Richard Nixon, regularly debated issues by flying in the same planes, staying in the same hotels, eating at the same tables and in the same restaurants, try getting that kind of comradery among modern politicians you would be hard pressed to find it.

Sadly, the same is true among those who call themselves Christian, try and get a Christian liberal and conservative to come together in fellowship with comradery and you will find yourself fighting an uphill battle. Why because when we make our faith an adjective it becomes very easy to make the dangerous step of beginning to believe that our brand of the faith is the only valid flavor. But the truth is we are not Christian Pentecostals, we are not Christian evangelicals, we are not Christian Liberals, we are not Christian Conservatives, we are not Mainstream Christians, we are not Christian Charismatics, we are not Christian men or women, we are not Christian scholars, we are not Christian parents, we are not Christian patriots, we are Christians. Period!

Food For Thought. . . Pastor Todd

## Daylight Savings



Don't forget to turn  
your clocks  
**BACK**  
1-Hour  
November 4<sup>th</sup>

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# Happy Birthday

Carmie Messenger ~ 11/02

Christian Sachs ~ 11/02

Margie Fielder ~ 11/03

Colbee Mattheiss ~ 11/03

Bruce Mattheiss ~ 11/04

Dennis Kirkwood ~ 11/05

Gail Lowe ~ 11/11

Joseph Comaty ~ 11/12

Thomas Mason ~ 11/13

Dan Scott ~ 11/13

Malcolm Daughton ~ 11/14

Sean Dietz ~ 11/14

Debbie Calary ~ 11/20

Laurie Falkner ~ 11/20

Dave Kirshner ~ 11/24

Dylan Sambor ~ 11/27

Betty Rogers ~ 11/28

Albert Troyer ~ 11/28

Don't forget to LIKE us on



Bethel Presbyterian Church



Tom & Marilyn O'Neill  
November 2nd

Brian & Lisa Calary  
November 5th

Allen & Ginny Eberwein  
November 8th

Nelson & Nancy Berigtold  
November 11th

John & Barbara Shaul  
November 24th

Mo & Ruth Howard  
November 25th

Marvel & Polly Winskowski  
November 27th



**Per Capita Dues for 2018**  
**\$34.38**

Please be sure to turn in your dues before the end of the year. You will find a **BLUE** envelope in with your contribution envelopes for your Per Capita. This fee is per person.

## DEACON'S UPDATE

We uphold the following members, relatives and friends in our prayers and pray God's healing upon them:

### Prayer Concerns

Gretchen Shanklin, Billy Gross, Bruce Young, Leonora Rose, Dorothy Goldstein, George Reeves, Jack Shaul, Bill Pullen, Jerry Wiley, and Andi Holmes.

Bruce Snyder, friend of John and Sandy Louderback and Carol Morrow.

Rev. Bruce and Barbara Barstow, former pastor at Bethel and his wife.

Dan Kelleher, brother-in-law of Jack and Betty Rogers.

Jay and Martha Elliott's grandson, James Kennedy, friends of Dan and Mary Beth Scott.

Howard Eisner, brother-in-law of Carol Morrow.

Dan Garey, brother of Sandy Louderback.

Lynn Zeichner, friend of Sandy Louderback.

*Gail Lowe will be updating the Prayer Concerns. If you would like to add someone or you feel someone can be removed from the list, please call Gail at 443-567-0150 or email her at ggalowe@aol.com*



Dear Bethel Family,

There are no words to express my family's gratitude to the Bethel Congregation and to Pastor Todd.

Cards, food, hugs, prayers and just being there are a great comfort. We are truly blessed!

Thank You!  
Shirlee Nystrom and Family

Dear Bethel,

Thank you for the games and gift cards for my sons. I am grateful for your kindness.

With Love,  
Kara, Corbin & Jack Rowley

Dear Bethel Family,

And you really are a family! I cannot tell you how grateful I am for so many cards, meals, visits, and calls from the very beginning of my "misfortune". The outpouring of concern, love, friendship, and prayers continues to amaze me. Recovery is moving along and there is light at the end of the tunnel — so look for me to hobble into church sometime before the holidays. Until then, THANK YOU and Happy Fall to All!

Love,  
Andi Holmes

Dear Bethel,

Thank you for letting my family use your church for my husband's memorial service.

Fondly,  
Eleanor Mason



# Celebrating The Calary Family

Born into a long established Bethel family, Brian grew up in the church. He graduated from Harford Tech, learning auto mechanics and body work. He began helping his grandfather and father in the three generation family business, Calary Auto Repair. He is very skilled in his trade having worked at other auto dealerships repair centers to expand his knowledge. A wonderfully involved young man in church and community, Brian has served in the Jarrettsville Fire Company since a teenager and as past president of the Jarrettsville Lions Club. At Bethel, he has been an active Trustee for a number of terms. This fine young family affords the church members lots of enjoyment as we observe young Leah grow up and recently joined by baby brother, Brandon.

Lisa lived in Parkville before moving with her family to Fallston. She graduated from Fallston High School. During her school time, she was particularly interested in dance, ballet, tap, and jazz. In her dance class, Lisa met Jennifer Calary, unknown to them, her future sister-in-law. Prior to coming to Bethel, Lisa worked at Advent Lutheran Church in their Preschool and Child Care in Forest Hill.

She met Brian on a blind date arranged by their mothers!! Her mom was a client of Debbie Calary at the beauty shop where, as they were discussing their children, they decided to get them together. The blind date resulted their courtship and finally in their marriage in November of 2011. They have recently built a new house next door to his grandparents' house on Baldwin Mill Road allowing Brian to walk to work. When Leah arrived, Lisa became a stay at home mom and with the birth of Brandon, she has her hands full.

We are truly blessed to have this wonderful young family at Bethel !

# Church Groups

## CHURCH FLOWERS

Interested in donating flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday mornings? Please feel free to call Betty Rogers at 410-692-6579.

Let her know if the donation is in memory of a loved one or in celebration of birthdays or anniversaries.



## BETHEL CROSS STITCHERS

The Bethel Cross Stitchers meet on **November 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** in the Foyer of the CE Building.

If you would like to enjoy the fellowship of other Christian women while learning a craft, we welcome you to join in on the fun.



## MARY'S CIRCLE

Women of Bethel, come and expand your knowledge of the Bible. This Woman's Bible Study Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

If you would like to feel the love of other Christian women, you are cordially invited to attend the next meeting on **November 13<sup>th</sup>** in the Foyer of the CE Building.



## THE BREAKFAST BUNCH

The men's bible study group will meet on **November 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall to begin their study on the Book of David. A continental breakfast will be available. The lesson will end at 8:00 a.m. If you would like information regarding this group, please call Bob Horn at 443-807-0563, or send an email to ....  
[hornsrbbaol.com](mailto:hornsrbbaol.com)



## CHANCEL CHOIR

If you love to sing and would like to be part of the Bethel Chancel Choir, we ask that you come to rehearsals held on Sundays at 11:50 a.m. or you can contact our Music Director, Kirsten Fitzsimmons via email at [kirstenfitzsimmons@hotmail.com](mailto:kirstenfitzsimmons@hotmail.com)



## HOME VISITS

If you need a little extra support and guidance, are having an upcoming surgery, or you need some one-on-one time with Pastor Todd, please feel free to call Melissa Dick in the Church Office at 410-692-5282 or you can email her at [melissadick@bethel-md.org](mailto:melissadick@bethel-md.org) to schedule a Home Visit.

Your spiritual well being is as important as your physical well being.



# Falling into FUN!!!

# Bonfires ... S'mores and More !

The Christian Education Committee organized a Fall Fun Night at our new fire pit. The Sunday School and Youth Students enjoyed an evening of decorating pumpkins and having hot dogs and s'mores over the camp fire. What an amazing gift we have received from our Eagle Scout, Tyler Sambor ! So many fun nights will be enjoyed by our Bethel children ... we hope you can share in these fun filled events !



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The children and youth at Bethel Church have been collecting items to fill the Operation Christmas Child Boxes for the past month and were able to fill 36 boxes ! The Christian Education Committee is so very grateful to everyone at Bethel Church for the donations and monetary support. But we are in need of further assistance in being able to ship these boxes to their destinations. We are looking to receive **\$324.00** to aid with the cost. We would not be able to participate in this well deserved mission project if it weren't for your generosity and loving hearts. Here are a few snapshots of our children putting together the boxes and having lunch together.



# Church Events

## *Perry Point Medical Center*

On behalf of the Mission Committee, much thanks to all that made donations to the Perry Point Medical Center. On Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Nancy Cowman and Nancy Mory visited the long-term patients and presented them with the items that were collected at Bethel Church. They were very appreciative of their gifts and our visit. We were glad that we could add some cheer to their day. We also presented the Center with a \$500 check for recreational needs for the patients.



Bethel Presbyterian Church will be offering a  
New Members Class on ...

**Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

The sign-up sheet will be located on the podium in the  
Sabbath Room by the door. Please feel free to sign up.

Date for receiving new members will be on **Sunday, November 25, 2018**

New Members will meet with the Elders of Bethel at 9:45 a.m. and then  
will be received into membership by the Congregation during Worship Service



## *All Saints Day Worship Service*



Please join us for the **All Saints Day Worship Service** honoring all those who have  
entered into the Church Triumphant on ...

**Sunday ~ November 4<sup>th</sup>**

The following individuals will be acknowledged during our Service:

Robert Boyd	January 11, 2018	Ed Sturtevant	July 29, 2018
Bud Lytle	February 19, 2018	Nancy Sacks	August 23, 2018
Theodore Schmidt	March 21, 2018	Tom Nystrom	September 7, 2018
Betty Saneman	May 26, 2018	Jason Rowley	September 24, 2018
Garnet Anderson	July 28, 2018		

# Church News

## Trustees Clean-Out Event

The Board of Trustees will be having a Clean-Out Day on ....

**Saturday ~ November 10<sup>th</sup>**

If you are able to volunteer to help our Trustee Members clean up around the church, please contact Gary Lowe, President of the Board of Trustees, at [gary\\_lowe@pmagroup.com](mailto:gary_lowe@pmagroup.com)



## Harvest Home Sunday

In this season of harvest and plenty, please share with those who are less fortunate by bringing in non-perishable food items to the Sanctuary on ...



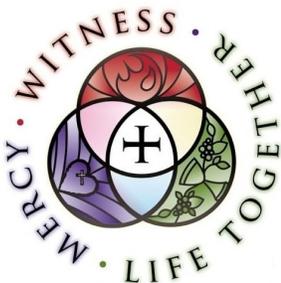
**Sunday ~ November 11<sup>th</sup>**



to be delivered to the Mason Dixon Community Services food pantry for distribution to needy families in our area.

## 25th Ordination Anniversary Luncheon

Please join us for this most joyous occasion as we celebrate the ...



**25<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary**  
**Rev. Todd D. Smith**  
**Sunday ~ November 25<sup>th</sup>**

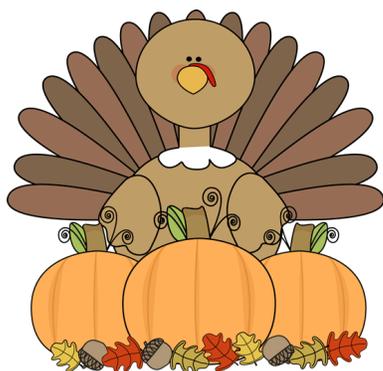


Immediately following Worship Service, we will enjoy a luncheon to recognize the faithfulness and dedication Pastor Todd has given to God

# Thanksgiving Dinner & Movie

Sunday School and Youth Group Families  
please join us for dinner and a movie on ...

Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00 p.m.



Please RSVP to **Chrissie Galliher**  
via calling / texting / emailing  
Cell Phone: 443-807-2367  
[chrissiegirl24@gmail.com](mailto:chrissiegirl24@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there !



## Christmas Concert with Quorus



Please join us for a wonderful evening of holiday music,  
fellowship and food with friends and family of Bethel on ...

**Sunday ~ December 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**6:00 p.m.**

We will be taking a Free-Will Offering to help  
support the talents of these young gentlemen

# *Christmas Poinsettias*



The most wonderful time of the year is upon us and we invite you to share your memories with us by acknowledging a loved one or friend with a donation for the poinsettia decorations we provide each year to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas.

Please be sure to contact Melissa Dick in the Church Office at 410-692-5282 or email her at [melissadick@bethel-md.org](mailto:melissadick@bethel-md.org) if you would like to make a donation.

Information forms can be found in your Sunday Bulletins



## *Advent Luncheon*

The Christian Education Committee would like to invite you to attend our Advent Luncheon on ...

***Sunday ~ December 2<sup>nd</sup>***

Immediately following Worship Service, join us for an afternoon of Caroling, Fellowship, and an Advent Devotion.

Please be sure to reserve your place at the luncheon by calling Melissa Dick in the Church Office at 410-692-5282 or email her at [melissadick@bethel-md.org](mailto:melissadick@bethel-md.org)

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# Session Meetings

The Session held a regular meeting on Sept 13, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Todd, devotion led by Nancy Alexander, who also led us in prayer.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

Approved September 13, 2018 session minutes.

Communion held on October 7, 2018 by intinction

Approved by email \$200 donation to the family of Kyle Lynam to help defray funeral expenses.

Debbie Bowers, President of North Bend Church and Cemetery met with session. She told of the local history in connection to Bethel P.C. Volunteers are needed who are interested in historic preservation and are interested in becoming a member.

Moved and seconded to send \$1,336. check to Massanetta Camp, request check to Missy for conference class trip.

Moved and seconded for Pastor Todd give families of the deceased a card with expenses to be paid to church personnel. If payment for the pastor, organist, and luncheon is not received within 2 (two) weeks of a funeral, Melissa will send a reminder letter.

Meet with Board of Trustees to discuss outside organizations and the use of Bethel facilities. Session asked that Board bring back a proposal they think would be fair and bring back to Session.

Christian Education – Following events planned:

- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Fall Party
- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> Operation Christmas Child Box Stuffing
- Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Dinner
- Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Lunch

Mission Committee

Will support the following:

\$530 to Presbyterian Church USA towards two piglets and one cow to improve the food and income security for families.

Provide \$1,000 to Disaster Relief Fund, divided appropriately to hurricane victims.

The Thanksgiving Boxes at Christ Our King Presbyterian Church, Bel Air, Md. will be held Sat. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Meet at Bethel at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to this event.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Polly S. Winskowski  
Clerk of Session

# 2018 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
<b>All Saints' Day</b> Daylight Savings 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 New Members Class 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour	7:00 Deacons 1:00 AARP Board Meeting 4:00 Mission Meeting 7:00 Worship & Music <b>Veterans Day</b>	6:30 DCC Rehearsal 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 Trustees	9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers 10:30 Many's Circle 2:00 SBC Task Force Meeting 6:30 Bridge Group 6:30 DCC Rehearsal 7:00 Finance Meeting <b>AARP BUS TRIP - CARS IN LOT</b>	7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 4:30 pm DCYC Rehearsals 7:00 pm DCC Board Meeting 7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 4:30 pm DCYC Rehearsals 7:00 pm Session  <b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>	<b>Confirmation Retreat</b> <b>Trustees Clean-Up Day</b>	Scout Crew #265 11:00 am - 1:00 pm <b>Rain Date for Clean-Up Day</b>
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
<b>Harvest Home</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour 1:30 Scout Troop #809 6:00 Blue Ribbon 4H Club	12:30 AARP 7:00 Administration & Personnel	4:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 Bridge Group 6:30 DCC Rehearsal	6:30 pm Scout Crew #265 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY	4:30 pm DCYC Rehearsals	<b>Confirmation Retreat</b>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Pulpit Supply</b> Rev. Jackle Taylor 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Care & Reach Out Team 11:30 Hospitality Hour	6:30 CE Meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner 6:30 Bridge Group 6:30 DCC Rehearsal	<b>Thanksgiving Eve Service</b> <b>New Beginnings UMC</b> 7:00 p.m. 9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY	<b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>  <b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>Receiving New Members</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 New Members Meeting 10:30 Worship Service Receiving of New Members 11:30 Hospitality Hour						
25	26	27	28	29	30	01

# Community Events

## ***Bethel History Linked to One-Room Church Near Rocks***

Bethel Church is historically linked to a one-room, red brick church near The Rocks, known as North Bend, located at 1260 North Bend Road, Jarrettsville. In 1861, the trustees of Bethel decided to relieve those members of the congregation who had so far to travel to Bethel – all the way from the area of Federal Hill and the Rocks of Deer Creek. They decided to build a preaching station that Bethel's pastor, Thomas C. Smith, would serve in addition to Bethel. Bethel's trustees went to Isaac Rogers, owner of the LaGrange Ironworks, and the area's largest landowner, and asked for an acre of land above Deer Creek. Mr. Rogers readily agreed and donated the land. Within the year the church was built and the small congregation thrived. By 1880 there was enough money to purchase a reed organ, and gradually the cemetery became full of the family members, including the Streetts, Calders, Blairs, Jones, Rutledges, St. Clairs, Slades and others.

In 1898, the congregation became an independent Presbyterian church. However, with the completion of Highland Presbyterian Church in 1891, and the improvements to roads, the congregation began to dwindle and by 1948 the congregation disbanded.

In the 1970s, the abandoned church was vandalized and a group from Highland reclaimed the church and began to hold fundraisers there to fund repairs and maintenance. Today, a five-member board of directors of the North Bend Church & Cemetery Association finances repairs to the church and the New Life Church of God has used the property and met its immediate needs since the 1980s.

***Please join us on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for  
“Candlelight Christmas at Historic North Bend”***

North Bend's most exciting recent activity was the complete restoration of the Estey Philharmonic pump organ that has been in the church unused for many decades. Please join us Dec. 1, at 5:00 pm, for “Candlelight Christmas at Historic North Bend” featuring the inaugural concert on this restored pump, or reed organ, to be played by Michael Britt, music director at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. We will also have other holiday music soloists and handbells and will finish at 6:15.

For more information contact Debbie Bowers  
[bowerspub@hotmail.com](mailto:bowerspub@hotmail.com)  
410 913-8979

## ***Holiday Festival at St. James Episcopal Church***

Spend the day looking for those holiday treasures from various artisans  
at the 16th Annual Holiday Festival at St. James on ...

***Saturday ~ November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.***

Breakfast and Lunch can be enjoyed in the Tearoom

Donation of \$1 and a can of food that will go to  
The Hereford Food Bank



# Community Events

## *Election Night Spaghetti Dinner*



Norrisville United Methodist Church is having a FREE Spaghetti Dinner for voters on ...

**Tuesday ~ November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**



Get out there and vote and then enjoy a delicious dinner with family and friends of our community



**Breakfast**  
**with Santa**

Norrisville United Methodist Church would love to have you join them for an All-You-Can Eat Breakfast on ...

**Saturday ~ December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Cost - \$8 per person

## *Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company* *Holiday Craft Show*

'Tis the season for shopping and what better way to start your Holiday than spending the day with friends and family on ...

**Saturday ~ December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**



The train garden will be up and ready to explore !

