



BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

August 2019



Read Samuel 12:13-15, 13:8-15

Saul comes to be king as a result of the relentless demands of the people to the prophet for a king. Despite Samuel's continual reassurance that they need no King except for God, it comes to the point where they start to rebel against the prophet. Frankly God Says, "you wanted a king you got one" and Saul is presented to them. Samuel says to the people of Israel here is the king that you have cried out for. But it comes with one caveat; do not go against the commandments of The Lord Your God. Surprise it doesn't take long for Saul to screw up by not waiting for Samuel to perform a ritual sacrifice. He does it himself for fear of losing his Army.

Questions to ponder ...

Is there anything that you ever really wanted even though there were those around you giving warning that it might not be in your best interest to gain your heart's desire?

Have you ever been the one who says, "you got what you wanted now just be sure to tread carefully?"

Does God's spirit sometimes give us such warnings?

Have you ever gotten what you wanted against the urging of another person, the Holy Spirit, or both and then realized indeed it wasn't what you were expecting?

How do we learn from the consequences of situations such as these?

Food for Thought ...
Pastor Todd



**Saturday
August 17th**

**12:00 p.m.
until
9:00 p.m.**

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Marilyn O'Neill ~ 08/02

Hazel Adair ~ 08/12

Jack Rowley ~ 08/16

Norma Campbell ~ 08/18

Robert Kirkwood ~ 08/18

Bill Pullen ~ 08/20

Nancy Cowman ~ 08/22

Jennifer Henderson ~ 08/22

Kim Rutledge ~ 08/22

Jean Kirkwood ~ 08/23

Douglas Smith, Jr. ~ 08/25

Beverly Schmidt ~ 08/26

Marty Nichols ~ 08/28

Libby Preston ~ 08/28

Debbie Huster ~ 08/30

Mary Beth Scott ~ 08/30



Mo & Ruth Howard
August 2nd

Sam & Marsha Brooks
August 5th

Patrick & Norma Campbell
August 8th

Leo & Kathleen Fowler
August 18th

Greg & Jane Burgess
August 31st

Ted & Lynda McRee
August 31st



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DEACON'S UPDATE

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

Ongoing Prayers:

Gretchen Shanklin, Billy Gross, Jack Shaul, Jerry Wiley, Dorothy Goldstein, and George Reeves.

Bruce Snyder, friend of the Morrows and the Louderbacks.

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.

Charlie Rozek, Sandy Hughes' nephew.

Olivia Demmler, friend of Carol Morrow.

The Coughenour and Kirchner Families.

Ben Weston, friend of Nancy Mory.

Mary Dillard, friend of Tom & MaryLee Swift.

Hazel Liff, friend of Andi & Ron Holmes.

The Griffiths Family, friends of Don Scott.

The Wilson Family and The Comer Family.

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 gggalowe@aol.com



Our Dear & Loving Church Family,

We have received so many get well cards and phone calls that it has overwhelmed us. This is indicative of the loving support and concern of our special church family. I have completed my radiation treatments, but it has not been an easy journey through those treatments. My doctor says I did well and should rebound within a few weeks. Keep your prayers coming ! They mean so much to Nancy and me. Thanks so much for your love and concern.

Fondly ...

Michael Alexander



Dear Friends,

By your generous gift of \$689 to the Presbyterian Disaster Asst., you have spoken the language of love in a tangible, impactful way, offering a gift that helps to bring renewed hope and joy to those individuals and communities suffering from disaster and its aftermath. On behalf of them, we thank you.

Please know that your gift blesses those who walk the hard road toward recovery, letting them know they are not alone, helping them to find hope in the midst of chaos, and making real the promise of Pentecost—the tangible demonstration of the “mighty acts of God” in healing and restoration ... in the language each one needs most to hear.

In Christ's Peace,
The Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus
Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Church Groups

CHURCH FLOWERS

Are you interested in donating flowers to decorate the Sanctuary for Sunday services? Please call Betty Rogers at 410-692-6579 to learn how you can have an arrangement made in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday/ anniversary, or to show your kindness to a friend.



THE BREAKFAST BUNCH

The Men's Bible Study Group will begin a new series on Solomon. They will meet on **August 1st and 15th at 7:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. A continental breakfast will be available. The lesson will end at 8:00 a.m. If you would like more information, please call Bob Horn at 443-807-0563, or send an email to ... **hornsrbbaol.com**



BETHEL CROSS STITCHERS

The Bethel Cross Stitchers will meet on **August 7th and 21st 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 join in on the fun.

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 kirstenfitzsimmonsmusic@hotmail.com

MARY'S CIRCLE

We welcome you to join the Women of Bethel on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Foyer of the CE Building to share your love for God as well as your knowledge of the Bible.

The next meeting will be held on **September 10th**.



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 to schedule a Home Visit.

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



Church Events



BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AT LEIDOS FIELD AT RIPKEN STADIUM

Thursday, August 8th ~ Aberdeen IronBirds vs. Staten Island Yankees

Come be part of -the Bethel Presbyterian Church group at Leidos Field at Ripken Stadium, and see the IronBirds take on the Yankees!! Enjoy the game from behind home plate in our Extra Innings Café and indulge in a delicious pre-game Buffet.

Gate Time is 7:05 p.m. Buffet begins at 6:00 p.m.

EACH PERSON WILL RECEIVE:

- Admission to the game
- FREE parking
- FREE First Pitch Program
- All-You-Can-Eat Italian Kitchen Buffet that includes grilled chicken breast, smoked beef brisket, grilled hot dogs, red roasted potatoes, mixed vegetable medley, garden salad, dinner rolls, cookies and brownies, and fountain drinks.

TICKETS ARE LIMITED !!

Cost per person is \$35 per person

Carpooling can be arranged.

To get your tickets for this fantastic event, please contact Bob Horn at 443-807-0563 or email him at hornsrb@aol.com



***Saturday
August 17th
12:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.***

Join us for this AMAZING celebration of Bethel's 250th Anniversary ... there's something for everyone !!

Moon Bounce ∞ Face Painting ∞ Balloon Artist
LIVE Musical Entertainment ∞ **LIVE** Dance Performances ∞ **FIREWORKS !!**
Historical Cemetery and Sanctuary Tours **ALL FREE - ALL DAY**

Food will be available to purchase throughout the day

Church Events

Guests to Our Service

We are now into our second half of our 250th Anniversary Celebratory Year. We had the pleasure of having Rev. Dr. Stephen Melton from Churchville Presbyterian Church as our guest minister on July 7th, representatives from Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Mary Kay Kent and Cindy PreVatte, on July 14th, a wonderful video sent from Billy Gross, and his daughter, Cindy, all the way from Organ on July 21st, and Sandy Lloyd from Churchville Presbyterian Church on July 28th as our guest liturgist. We also had the please of having Danielle Burcham Kress as our guest soloist on July 7th, Scott Engel as our guest organist on July 14th, our very own Jacob's Ladder on July 21st, and Chad Rogers as our guest musician playing the bass on July 28th. We hope you had the opportunity to join us on these special occasions.



Cindy PreVatte & Mary Kay Kent
Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
Sunday, July 14, 2019



Chad, Betty & Jack Rogers
Guest Bass Musician
Sunday, July 28, 2019



Danielle Burcham Kress
Guest Soloist
Sunday, July 7, 2019



Jacob's Ladder
Guest Musicians
Sunday, July 21, 2019

Church Events

Bethel Cemetery Tours

Have you ever wondered who is buried in the Bethel Church Cemetery ? Are you curious to the history behind some of those aging headstones ? Would you like to know where your ancestors have been laid to rest ? We can answer those questions and give you a little history lesson at the same time.

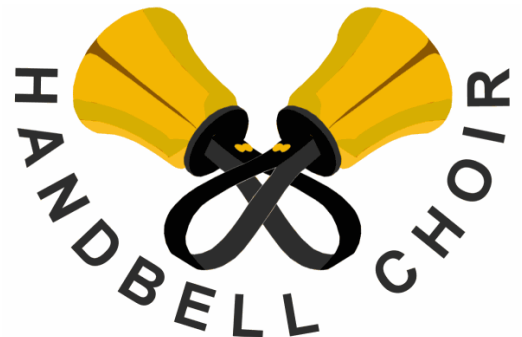
Join us on the first Sunday of each month starting in May through October after Worship Service.

Private tours upon request



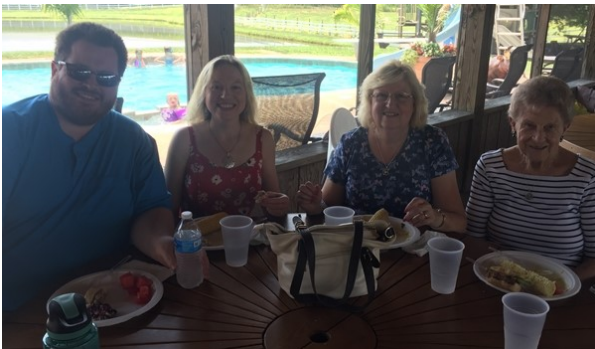
Doug Washburn from the Historical Society of Harford County will be giving a presentation on **Sunday, September 8th at 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel Church. The topic of his discussion will be *On the Road to Jarrettsville, a History of Our Local Area*. We hope that you will be able to join us for this look into past as we continue with our 250th Anniversary Celebratory Year.

We are thrilled to have the Celebration Hand Bell Choir, an alumni group of Bethel Hand Bell members, perform during our Worship Service on **Sunday, September 15th at 10:30 a.m.** The choir will be under the direction of Bethel's former Hand Bell Choir Director, **Nancy Rose**. You do not want to miss this event !



BETHEL PICNIC

What an amazing day at the Bethel Church Annual Picnic ! There were more than 60 Bethel Family members in attendance enjoying the sun, the pool, and of course the delicious food. Many thanks to Sam Brooks, Bob Horn and Steve Kauffman for taking charge of the grill, Steve Kauffman, Dick Walker, Tom Swift and Jack Rogers for shucking the corn, Carolyn Mattheiss and Ruth Walker for cleaning 6 dozen ears of corn, and to Ruth for cooking it all. We are very appreciative to tEd Grimmel for donating the corn for our dining pleasure. Many thanks to everyone for bringing salads, chips & dip, deviled eggs, fruit and all the delicious desserts. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation is sent to David and Nancy Rose for opening their home up to all of us for the day and supplying that delightful ice cream ... we are truly blessed !





Each month we will feature a Bethel member we would like to **Show with Cards** of support, encouragement, love and laughter. This month we are sending our thoughts and prayers to ...

Bill Pullen
3729 Old Federal Hill Road
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

I'm sure he would love to receive a birthday card (August 20th) or a note letting him know that you are thinking of him and are wishing him well.



Please be sure to have your student bring in their Back Pack for the new school year and adults are also encouraged to bring in their briefcase or work bag on Sunday, September 1st for a blessing from Pastor Todd during Worship Service.

Let's start off the new school year on a positive note !



September 1st

FALL HOURS BEGIN—Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m.
Blessing of the Back Packs
Guest Liturgist from Fallston Presbyterian Church

September 8th

Guest Minister—Rev. Vickie Kennedy
Bethel Associate Pastor from 1997 until 2000

3:00 p.m. - Doug Washburn from the Historic Society of Harford County will give A presentation on "On the Road to Jarrettsville, a History of Our Local Area"

September 15th

Celebration Handbell Choir Performance
Lead by former Handbell Choir Director, Nancy Rose

September 22nd

Recognition of the Education Professionals

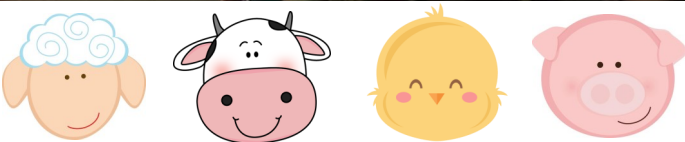
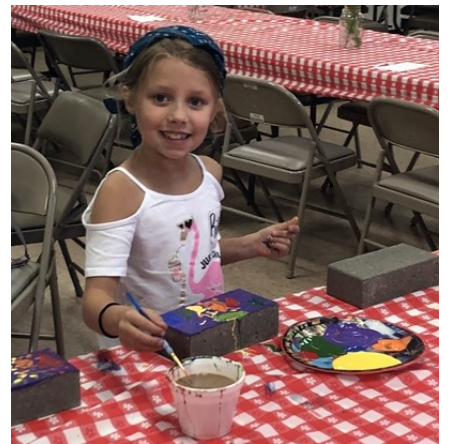
September 29th

Guest Liturgist—Diane Appel
Former Bethel Creative Arts Director

Vacation Bible School

Yeeee Haw ... Bethel Church's Vacation Bible School was one rip roaring, toe tappin', fun havin' time with all our youngins. As you can see, we really transformed our Fellowship Hall into a Harford County farm scape for all to enjoy. We hope all these little farmers had a great time 'cuz we sure did ! We were super excited to have 32 children in attendance this year. Giving a shout out to all the volunteers who helped put together this incredible experience for the little ones especially Chrissie Galliher, our Christian Education Director, who always goes that extra mile to make each and every child feel special and welcomed. Can't wait to see what you do next year !





Recognizing Our Community

Join us,

We continue Bethel's 250th Anniversary celebration as we recognize the ways that we affirm our faith and stewardship in the various occupations of our members and of our community. Our livelihoods tell others who we are, what we believe and what is important to us. Our faith is reflected in how we do our jobs.

On **Sunday, August 11, 2019**, during the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, we plan to recognize the services of those in **RETAIL OCCUPATIONS**, the actively employed and the retired.

Be sure to worship with us as we recognize the Retail Occupations: Auto Sales, Cashiers, Cosmetics, General Merchandising, Convenience Stores, Car and Bike Detailing, Fuel Deliveries for automotive and home use, Service Station Attendants, Restaurant and Fast Food Services, and Salesmen, especially Bible salesmen.

We give thanks to our LORD for the varied forms of service He blesses and encourages throughout the years.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

Rev. Todd D. Smith
Minister

Ruth Walker
Committee Member



Moments in Time

We are through half of our celebratory year of Bethel's 250th Anniversary , Please enjoy the **August** installment of our ***Trip Down Memory Lane***. Happy Reading !!

Bethel History - 1921-1940

In 1927, William McElroy was installed, at the age of 70, and became the oldest pastor to serve Bethel. He was described as "very vigorous and could wear down the average youngster during a day's hunting", according to the book by Anna Lee Kirkwood Smith. Later he broke his leg while tending to his cow, developed a blood clot and died 10 days later.

In 1926, the first pipe organ was bought and installed. In 1933, more land was purchased, and a fence erected around the cemetery and the road stoned. In 1934, Westminster Fellowship was begun and was open to anyone in their teen years.

After Stewart McKenzie was installed as pastor in 1935, he became instrumental in organizing and leading the first Boy Scout troop at Bethel. The sponsorship of a troop continues to the present day. In 1940 Mr. McKenzie also started the Schooner Club, a group for young married couples, the name reflecting couples "embarking on the sea of matrimony." Mrs. Smith also says many of the members of the club stated that while participating in the club's many worthwhile projects they received training in leadership and it aided much in their spiritual life. In 1944-48, the club published a church newsletter, The Bethel Log, copies of which are in the church archives. The Schooner Club remained in existence until very recently.

A celebration was held in 1938 to mark the 50th anniversary of the building of the new church. This is also the year that Laura Cairnes wrote her book about the history of Bethel.

Nation's History - 1921-1940

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| 1921 | Earle Dickson invents Band-Aides
First drive-in restaurant established in Dallas, Texas - Kirby's Pig Stand |
| 1923 | President Harding dies from a heart attack
Calvin Coolidge becomes President |
| 1924 | First Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
IBM is founded in New York |
| 1926 | Garage door opener was invented by C.G. Johnson |
| 1927 | "The Jazz Singer" movie opens in the U.S.
marketing the end to silent films |
| 1928 | Electric razor invented by Jacob Schick |
| 1929 | Stock Market crashes
The Great Depression 1929-1939 |
| 1930 | Clarence Birdseye introduces quick-frozen foods to American public
Mickey Mouse comic strip makes its first appearance |
| 1931 | <i>Star Spangled Banner</i> is adopted as U.S. National Anthem |
| 1932 | Lake Placid hosts Winter Olympics
Charles Lindbergh, Jr. is kidnapped
Buck Rogers airs on the radio |
| 1933 | Lone Ranger debuts on the radio
Adolf Hitler comes into power in Germany |
| 1934 | Walters Art Gallery opened in Baltimore
Charles Darrow invents game of Monopoly |
| 1935 | Gottfried Krueger sells first canned beer |

1939-1945 World War II

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| 1938 | First influenza vaccine developed
National Institute of Health (NIH) opened in Bethesda, MD
Nescafe was invented |
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Community Events



2019 Town of Bel Air Summer Concert Series

William A. Humbert Amphitheater @ Shamrock Park

(Behind Town Hall - 39 N. Hickory Ave., Bel Air, MD - Hickory Ave. & Lee St.)

The rain location is Bel Air High School Auditorium.

Please call (410) 803-9784 for rain/heat info. 2 hours before the concert.

From: 7:00 p.m. To: 8:15 p.m. - FREE Admission

Sun. 6/02	Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra (Opioid Awareness Concert)
Sun. 6/09	Bel Air Community Chorus
Sun. 6/16	Bel Air Community Band
Sun. 6/23	Baltimore Symphonic Band
Sun. 6/30	Navy Country Current
Wed. 7/03	Trinidad and Tobago Baltimore Steel Orchestra
Sun. 7/07	Bel Air Community Band Jazz Ensemble
Wed. 7/10	The Colliders
Sun. 7/14	Blues in the Night Big Band
Wed. 7/17	Intermuse Music Festival featuring The Borowsky Family
Sun. 7/21	Fast Eddie and The Slowpokes
Wed. 7/24	Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition
Sun. 7/28	U.S. Navy Band 'The Cruisers'
Wed. 7/31	Ain't Misbehavin' Big Band
Sun. 8/04	Upper Chesapeake Chorus
Wed. 8/07	Harford Youth Jazz Ensemble
Sun. 8/11	Juliet Lloyd
Wed. 8/14	Sounding Brass
Sun. 8/18	229 th Maryland National Guard Band

Concerts are sponsored by the Town of Bel Air through the Bel Air Recreation Committee.

2019

AUGUST

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01 7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch	02	03
04 9:30 Worship Service Guest Minister - Rev. Thomas Sweet 10:30 Hospitality Hour	05	06 2:00 SBC Task Force Meeting 6:30 Bridge Group	07 9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers	08 Ironbirds Game 7:05 p.m.	09	10
11 9:30 Worship Service Recognition Occupations Retail Professionals 10:30 Hospitality Hour	12 1:00 AARP Blanketeers	13 2:00 SBC Task Force Meeting 6:30 Bridge Group	14	15 7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch	16 Community Fair Preparations	17  12:00 pm - 9:00 pm
18 9:30 Worship Service Guest Liturgist - Connie Richardson Bethel Organist - 1984-1996 10:30 Hospitality Hour	19 <i>Melissa on Vacation</i>	20 6:30 Bridge Group <i>Melissa on Vacation</i>	21 9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers <i>Melissa on Vacation</i>	22 5:00 pm DCYC Auditions <i>Melissa on Vacation</i>	23 <i>Melissa on Vacation</i>	24
25 9:30 North Bend Church Worship Service	26 7:00 Administration & Personnel <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY</i>	27 6:30 Bridge Group	28	29	30	31