



BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

September 2019



Read Matthew 15:10

Jesus is locked in one of his many debates he had with the religious leaders of the day. He is struggling in this text with the Pharisees in particular. Jesus was informed by his disciples that the Pharisees were not happy by the rebuke they had received at his hand. He basically tells them the Pharisee's had elevated tradition above law and had become arrogant in their attitudes.

In what ways is it tempting if not easy to elevate tradition over truth? How hard as Christians do we have to work to not allow "our understanding" of faith to depart from the teachings of Christ.

When Peter asks Jesus to explain himself Jesus gives us the first "tongue piercing" aspect of the scriptures. It is clear Jesus talks about that which comes out of the mouth through the heart can come in one of two ways. He gets right to the point by communicating to the multitudes that what the Pharisees are spewing comes from the heart of man and not the heart of God. The heart of man is not at all pure and when guided by that heart our words and actions tend to be skewed. When filtered through the heart of God we put others first and we desire that who we are and what we do is measured in our love for God. It compels us to love others.

What type of bad decisions do we make in the way we treat others when we let our actions and words be guided by the temporal? What does it mean to train ourselves to have our thoughts and actions be shaped by the heart of God?

Food for Thought ...
Pastor Todd

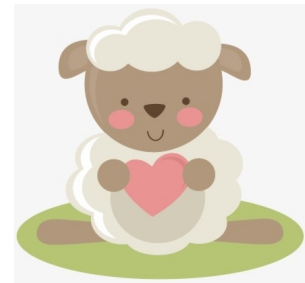
Fall Service Hours

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School
September 15th

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service
September 1st



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Reilly Saneman ~ 09/05

Doris Lytle ~ 09/08

Nelson Berigtold ~ 09/09

Zachary Clayton ~ 09/12

George Reeves ~ 09/12

Bob Horn ~ 09/15

Dave Hinkley ~ 09/16

Bruce Mattheiss ~ 09/18

Chuck Saneman ~ 09/18

Nancy Berigtold ~ 09/20

Kathleen Fowler ~ 09/22

Christopher Mitchell ~ 09/23

David Thomas ~ 09/24

David Amos ~ 09/26

Michael Schwarz ~ 09/27

Keith Comer ~ 09/28

Kathleen Clayton ~ 09/29

Gretchen Shanklin ~ 09/30



Eric & Wendy Edie
September 2nd

Anthony & Deborah Saneman
September 16th

David & Sherry Kirchner
September 24th



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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.

Hazel Liff, friend of Andi & Ron Holmes.

The Griffiths Family, friends of Don Scott.

The Wilson Family and The Comer Family.

Chrissie Galliher for the loss of her grandfather.

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



Dear Friends,

In the July Newsletter, I was selected to receive messages at my home at Brightview Perry Hall.

All of the kindness and caring I received is deeply appreciated.

Love in Christ,
Betty Jane Foard



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

Doris Lytle
4671 Liberty Hill Road
Fries, VA 24330

I'm sure she would love to receive a birthday card (September 8th) or a note letting her know that you are thinking of her and are wishing her well.

Medical Equipment

If you are in need of a wheelchair, crutches, cane or possibly a shower chair, please contact

Melissa Dick in the Church Office at
410-692-5282

to arrange pick up for one of these **FREE** items to borrow for as long as you need.



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 **September 5th and 19th 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 ... **hornsrbb@aol.com**



BETHEL CROSS STITCHERS

The Bethel Cross Stitchers will meet on **September 4th and 18th 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 12:00 p.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

Wellness Assessment Seminar

Rebecca Smith from the Broadmead Community in Hunt Valley will be joining us on ...

Sunday ~ September 22nd
After Hospitality Hour

to give **FREE** Wellness Assessments in the Fellowship Hall that will take about 20-25 min. and will look at balance, upper and lower body strength and flexibility, dynamic balance, and aerobic endurance.

Your physical health is just as important as your spiritual wellbeing !
Join us and get assessed for a healthier, better YOU !



Bethel's Time Capsule

*Samuel placed a stone and named it Ebenezer,
to be reminded of God's help in defeating the Philistines.*

1 Samuel 7:12

Bethel will be placing our Ebenezer stone ... Our Rock of Faith and Remembrance ... to remind us who we serve. You may have noticed the foundation for that stone has been placed.

On **Sunday, October 13th**, we plan to seal a filled time capsule within the stone. This capsule is to be opened and contents revealed to Bethel's congregation in the year 2069.

What message do you want to give to the folks who will be opening that capsule 50 years from now? Think about the most important message, portion of history, favorite mementos, etc. you want to share with Bethel's future congregation. It should share our faith, our personality, our missions, who we are at this moment in time, and how we are serving God today. What technology is in use in 2019 that helps us carry out our mission. Do you have photos to share, a note you wrote, ideas you wish to make known, or a small memento that has meaning to you and tell why it has meaning.

Talk about it. Give it lots of thought. Share your ideas with the Sesquicentennial (SBC) Committee members.

When the 2069 Bethel congregation opens that time capsule, we want them to know how we serve God. We want them to know it takes all parts of the body working together.

As it is written in Romans 12:5---So it is with Christ's body, we are all parts of His body, and each of us has different works to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others. (NLT)

Church Events

Guests to Our Service

As we continue to celebrate Bethel's 250th Anniversary, we had a few special guests at our pulpit in August. Rev. Thomas Sweet was our guest minister on Sunday, August 4th and Connie Richardson, our previous Music Director, as our guest liturgist on August 18th. The North Bend Church opened their doors to us for our Worship Service on Sunday, August 25th. We hope you had the opportunity to reconnect with some old friends of Bethel and visit the satellite church Bethel helped create some years ago.



Rev. Thomas Sweet

Bethel Past Minister — 1984-1994
Sunday, August 4, 2019



Connie Richardson

Bethel Music Director — 1984-1996
Sunday, August 18, 2019



Bethel Worship Service at North Bend Church

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Church Events

Sunday School



Our Christian Education Committee is eager to begin this year's Sunday School Program. Please be sure to tell your family and friends about the fantastic program we have here at Bethel under the skillful guidance of our Youth Director, Chrissie Galliher.

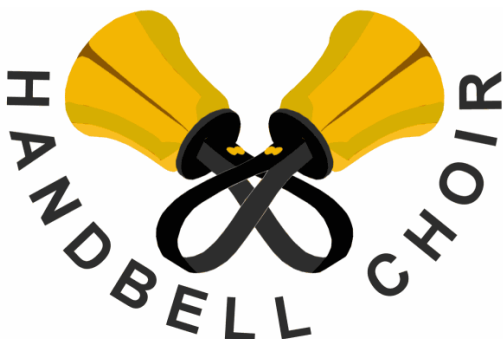
Registration

Sunday ~ September 8th at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School Program

Sunday ~ September 15th at 9:00 a.m.

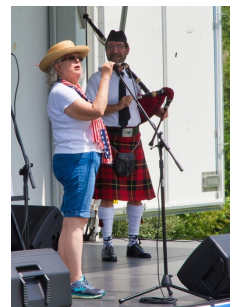
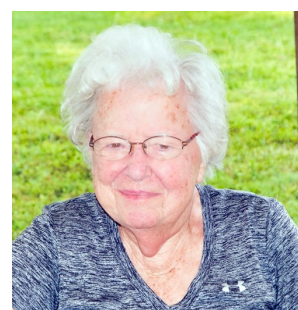
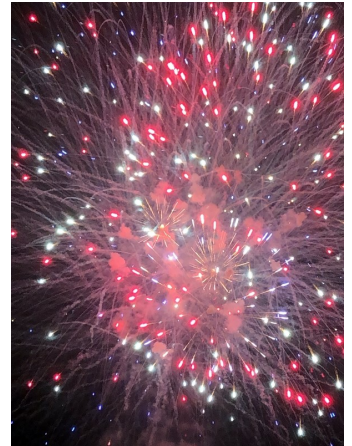
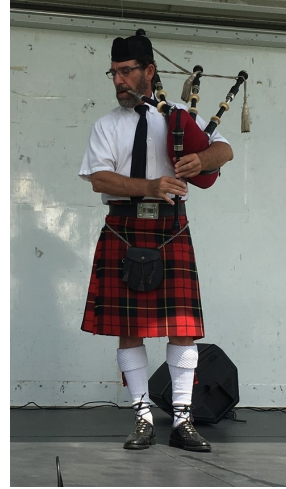
Doug Washburn from the Historical Society of Harford County will be giving a presentation on **Sunday, September 8th at 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel Church. The topic of his discussion will be *On the Road to Jarrettsville, a History of Our Local Area*. We hope that you will be able to 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's Community

Outreach ... Preservation ... Relationships ... Community ... Faith in God ... all words to describe Bethel Presbyterian Church and our commitment to each other. We had the extreme privilege of being able to connect and reach out to our community with our 250th Community Fair Celebration on Saturday, August 17th. It is our mission to invite any and all to join us in worship and fellowship and forge a bond with those who want to know the glory of God and share in His message that we are all one and all are loved by Jesus. What better way than to celebrate together with music, food and fun festivities with our children who are the future of Bethel. We hope you enjoy some of the snapshots taken throughout the day. To see more photos, go to bethel-md.org

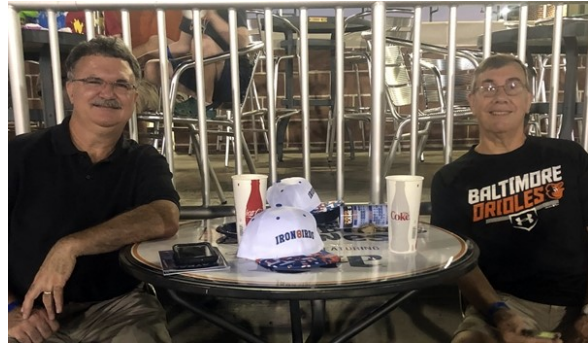


Fair Celebration



Play Ball !!

Baseball, hotdogs and good friends ... that is what the Annual Bethel Church Ironbirds Night Out at the Ballpark is all about. Thank You to Bob Horn for organizing this event every year and to all the Bethel members who came out and enjoyed an evening together watching our very own Aberdeen Ironbirds.



Recognizing Our Community

Join Us,

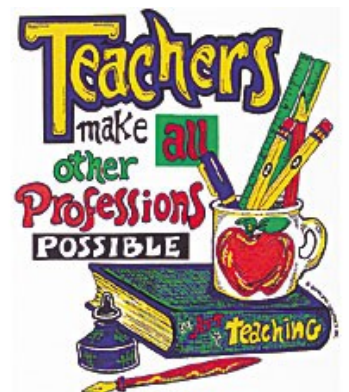
Each month of this anniversary year, Bethel has been recognizing a profession of our members and of the community. In this 9th month, the Sesquicentennial Committee chooses to recognize those in the **Educational Profession**. These professionals include: Director of Education, Librarian, School Principal, Teachers of English, Mathematics, Sciences, History, Music, Art, Physical Education, Counselor, Foreign Languages, Language Arts, Technical Skills, and Many, Many, More.

Won't you join us as we worship together on **Sunday, September 22nd at 10:30 a.m.**, giving thanks to our Lord for the skills and abilities of the teaching professionals and for the varied forms of service He has blessed and encouraged throughout the years.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

Rev. Todd D. Smith
Minister

Ruth Walker
Committee Member



Moments in Time

As we continue with our celebratory year of Bethel's 250th Anniversary, please enjoy the **September** installment of our *Trip Down Memory Lane*. Happy Reading !!

Bethel History - 1941-1960

In 1944, a celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the church was held. Anna Lee Kirkwood Smith writes that a "number of historical treasures was assembled for display by Herbert Cairnes". After this it was decided that an Historical Committee should be formed for the purpose of collecting and caring for these and any future records. The committee bought a display case as a memorial to past Session members and a file safe. These afforded a permanent storage place. As part of the celebration Laura Cairnes wrote and directed an historical pageant entitled, "Through the Years", the roles, of course, being played by church members. A copy of the manuscript survives.

In order to expand the space for Sunday School classes, a basement was dug under the side room and pulpit in 1945. Please note that it was dug **BY HAND** by the men of the church. A picture exists of the men standing with their shovels and includes a very young Tom Swift kneeling in the front row.

In 1947, the name Women's Missionary Society was changed to the Women's Association to reflect the changing times and the broadening of the work by women in the church.

Bethel had been experiencing growing pains for some time including an especially large Sunday School, so it was decided to build a Christian Education building which was completed in 1952. 400 tons of stone were hauled from Rock Ridge by the men of the church, this time by truck, not by horse and wagon as had been done for the building of the sanctuary.

What was then called the Sexton's house was built in 1955, Sexton being the title used for the man who maintained the buildings and grounds. This is now the office and called simply, the Brick House.

As a reflection of the changing times, in the 1950s, Bethel elected its first 2 women elders, Anna Lee Kirkwood Smith and Kathleen Bay. These ladies served the church very faithfully and were the role models for the many women who have followed them onto the Session.

Nation's History - 1941-1960

- 1941 Japanese attack Pearl Harbor
- 1944 Normandy Invasion – D-Day
GI Bill of Rights signed into law giving benefits to Veterans
- 1945 Harry S. Truman becomes President after FDR's death from a cerebral hemorrhage
Bombing of Hiroshima
Baltimore Sun journalist, Philip Wagner, opens Boordy Vineyards
- 1946 Percy Spencer invents the microwave oven
- 1947 Jackie Robinson first African American to play baseball for the Brooklyn Dodgers
Misty of Chincoteague written by Marguerite Henry – a children's book based on a true story about the roaming horses on Assateague Island

- 1948 McDonald's franchise begins

1950-1953 Korean War

- 1951 I Love Lucy airs
- 1952 Eastbound Chesapeake Bay Bridge opens
Dr. Jonas Salik develops polio vaccine
Sony introduces first pocket-sized radio
- 1953 Dwight D. Eisenhower is elected President
First color television goes on sale
- 1954 *Brown vs. Board of Education* Supreme Court case that outlawed segregation in schools
- 1955 Disneyland opens in California
- 1956 Bette Nesmith Graham invented "Mistake Out" later renamed, Liquid Paper but better known as White Out
- 1957 American physicist Gordon Gould invents the laser
Baltimore Harbor Tunnel opened
- 1958 Richard Knerr and Arthur "Spud" Melin invent the Hula Hoop

1959-1975 Vietnam War

- 1959 Daytona 500 runs its first race with Lee Petty taking first checkered flag
- 1960 Fifty Star Flag is debuted in Pennsylvania

Community Events

Silent Film Show Fundraiser

**BUSTER KEATON SILENT FILM SHOWING
HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 14TH — 7:00 P.M.**



Don't miss this delightful fundraiser for Historic North Bend Church, taking place at Highland on Sept. 14. This showing of the hilarious Buster Keaton silent film "Steamboat Bill Jr." will be accompanied by renowned organist, Michael Britt, music director at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. You have to experience it to believe how funny Keaton's productions were, and still are today! Buster Keaton was a celebrated film director, actor and comedian of the 1920's. This film is among his greatest accomplishments. A steamboat owner's son returns home from college to help with the ailing business and hilarious disappointments and calamities ensue. The film contains Keaton's most famous stunt in which he survives unscathed the collapse of a building facade. The show begins at 7:00 PM in the Highland sanctuary. Admission is by donation at the door and refreshments will be for sale. Highland Church is located at 701 Highland Rd. in Street. For more information, email Debbie Bowers at bowerspub@hotmail.com. Come out to support Historic North Bend. You will love this entertainment! See you there!



Rev. Melissa McDade and Nancy Rose are working diligently to make this year's Sunflower Sales a success but they need our help ! They are looking for vases or mason jars donations. They are also in need of baked good items donated to help with their sales.

Please call Melissa Dick in the Church Office at 410-692-5282 for specific instructions on the donation of baked goods.



Thank you for your support and help with this greatly needed community outreach program ♥

For more information, please contact
Pastor Melissa McDade at 410-459-0894.

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SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01  Blessing of the Backpacks 10:30 Worship Service Guest Liturgist - Lou Ann Rau - Fallston PC 11:30 Hospitality Hour	02  LABOR DAY OFFICE IS CLOSED	03 2:00 SBC Task Force Meeting 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 Trustees - CO 7:00 Admin. & Personnel - F	04 9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers	05 9:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 5:00 pm DCYC Registration	06 <i>Todd on Vacation</i>	07 Scouts Crew #265 11:00-1:00 Private Event 1 pm Sanctuary 3 pm Fellowship Hall
08 Sunday School Registration 9:30 Registration in Foyer 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Vicki Kennedy 11:30 Hospitality Hour 3:00 Doug Washburn Lecture	09 10:00 AARP Blanketeers 1:00 AARP Board Meeting 4:00 Mission Meeting 7:00 Worship & Music - CO 7:00 Deacons - FH <i>Todd on Vacation</i>	10 10:00 Mary's Circle 6:00 DCC Registration Night 6:30 Bridge Group	11 9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers 7:00 pm Care & Reach Out Team 7:00 pm Cemetery Committee <i>Todd on Vacation</i>	12 5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals	13 Hand Bell Choir Set-Up Day <i>Todd on Vacation</i>	14 Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 9am - 5pm <i>Todd on Vacation</i>
15 Sunday School Begins! 9:00 SS Registration 10:30 Worship Service Rev. David Harris Hand Bell Choir 11:30 Hospitality Hour	16 <i>Todd on Vacation</i>	17 6:00 DCC Registration Night 6:30 Bridge Group	18 9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers	19 9:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals 7:00 pm Session	20 Private Event Set-up Day	21 Private Event Fellowship Hall All Day
22 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour 12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 1:00 Wellness Assessments	23 12:00 AARP Meeting <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY</i>	24 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsal	25	26 5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals	27	28
29 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Brows of Harmony Guest Liturgist - Diane Appel 11:30 Hospitality Hour	30	01	02	03	04	05

FH = Fellowship Hall

CO = Church Office

F = Foyer