



Bethel Presbyterian Review

The Pastor's Corner

When the giant anxieties of life intersect our path, it is easy for us to be overcome by fear and anxiety. Fear can have a paralyzing affect on people. We live in tenuous times. As we emerge from a very difficult year and a half, it is hard not to be scared or worried. It is hard not to let go of our anxiety and to move forward in a strange new normal: to start stepping out into places and activities that we spent so many months avoiding.

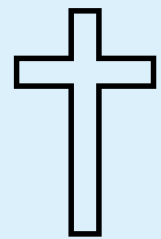
It is more comfortable to stay in the reality of what we have come to know. The truth is, there is wisdom in caution. Finding safety and security in a new normal is difficult. But find it we must. The hope and security we seek is present in the body of Christ. The strength we seek is available to us because his love is more powerful than the strongest fear that could ever be thrown against it. Take comfort from these words from the book of Romans, "35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

As we continue pray for our country and the tensions that come to us from so many angles during this difficult time, we can take heart that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God In Christ Jesus. We need look no farther than the living word of God for examples of persevering in the midst of fear, turmoil, and hardship.

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Paul writes in the eighth chapter of Romans of about pursuing the call and living the faith even in the midst of fear when he says, "for your sake, we are being killed all day long. We are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." In other words he is telling God's people that it's scary out here. We don't know from day to day what our fate will be. But we continue on.

In the midst of fear, these early Christians pressed on. They continued to work, they continued to raise their children, they continued to play, they continued to worship. Why? They were the people of the way. They were the light of the world. They had a call to discipleship even in the midst of the tenuous times in which they lived.

The truth of the matter is, as they were, we are. We, too, are the people of Christ, and our call to the faith is in no way different from theirs. We are called to overcome fear. We are called to fight the good fight, keep the faith, and finish the race, and with the assurance of his presence we will continue to live as a people of hope, a people with a mission: the people of Christ.

I encourage you, as things begin to open up this summer and it becomes safer to do activities you enjoyed but have avoided, step out into this new normal one step at a time as you turn to God and find the "Peace that passes all understanding." As we once again gather to work, play, worship, and enjoy fellowship, by the grace of God he will give us strength, courage and the faith to support one another, our friends and our families as we begin to move ahead!

Through lives lived in faith we will minister, showing to the world that indeed, despite the best efforts of evil to extinguish it, the light of the world will not go out and that ultimately, as the Bible promises, peace and love will emerge victorious! I wish you a blessed and wonderful Summer!!

Food for thought....

Pastor Todd





JULY

Wiley Rutledge 7/2
 Nathaniel Clayton 7/7
 Marsha Brooks 7/8
 Norma Kirkwood 7/8
 Kara Rowley 7/11
 Sandra Hughes 7/14
 Carol Morrow 7/14
 Kirk Jones 7/15
 David Wiley 7/17
 Erika Horn 7/18
 Tyler Sambor 7/19
 Jarrett Wiley 7/19
 Gregory Burgess 7/23
 Jessica Sambor 7/23
 MaryLee Swift 7/27
 Jacob Wiley 7/27
 Kirsten DiBastiani 7/30
 Patrick Campbell 7/31

AUGUST

Marilyn O'Neill 8/2
 Hazel Adair 8/12
 Brandon Calary 8/13
 Jack Rowley 8/16
 Norma Campbell 8/18
 Robert Kirkwood 8/18
 Marilyn Bradford 8/19
 Nancy Cowman 8/22
 Jennifer Henderson 8/22
 Jean Kirkwood 8/23
 Douglas Smith Jr. 8/25
 Beverly Schmidt 8/26
 Marty Nichols 8/28
 Libby Preston 8/28
 Debbie Huster 8/30
 Mary Beth Scott 8/30

JULY

Daniel & Mary Beth Scott 7/1
 Gary & Gail Lowe 7/2
 William & Mary Lee Swift 7/27
 Dennis & Jean Kirkwood 7/29

AUGUST

Maurice & Judy Baldwin 8/2
 Sam & Marsha Brooks 8/5
 Patrick & Norma Campbell 8/8
 Leo & Kathleen Fowler 8/18
 George & Marilyn Bradford 8/30
 Greg & Jane Burgess 8/31
 Ted & Lynda McRee 8/31




Happy Anniversary





Deacon's Update

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

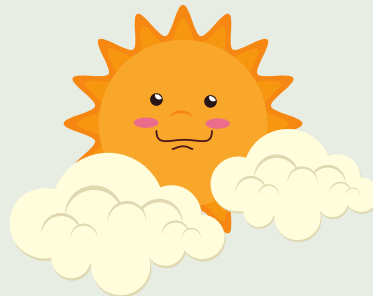
- Ed Calary
- Max Montfort, friend of Tom and MaryLee Swift
- The family of Gail Kimble, niece of Tom & MaryLee Swift
- The Mattheiss Family
- Dorianne Griffey
- Janet Kauffman
- Nancy & Nelson Berigtold
- Martha & Wiley Rutledge
- George Reeves
- Kelly Jarrett Reeves, daughter-in-law of George & Mary Ellen Reeves
- John Louderback
- Brendan Lins, grandson of Ron & Andi Holmes
- Henry Kraft, grandson of Gail & David Thomas
- Frank Clement, friend of Sam & Marsha Brooks
- John Dorn, friend of John and Rita Cairnes
- Beverly Schmidt
- Joe Bradford
- George Cowman
- Betty Rogers
- Howard Eisner
- George Denbow
- Jessica Sambor
- Debbie Dahl, friend of Lisa Robbins



2021 Per Capita

The Per Capita fee for each congregation member for 2021 is **\$36.06**. Please be sure to submit your portion by the end of the year.

Thank you!



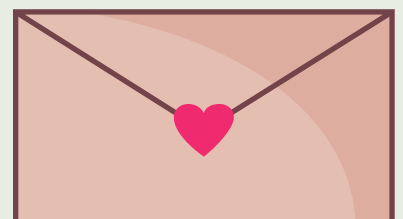
Our featured Bethel Members for July & August are:

Jack & Barbara Shaul
4075 Cox Terrace
Jarrettsville, MD 21015
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Beverly Schmidt
4104 Crown Hill Road
PO Box
Jarrettsville, MD 21015

Shower of Cards

Send a little Sunshine! Each month we select a member (or members) to shower with cards or notes of love, support, encouragement and good cheer!



Bethel Family Life

It was a long time in the making, but Bethel has FINALLY opened back up to serve the congregation and community as we gather for important life events like baptisms, celebrations of life, and more. One of our first "in person" post-Covid events was a beautiful service for Bill Pullen.



We are so grateful to be able to gather safely again in person and share our hearts in fellowship.

Bethel Women's Tea

On June 6th, the Bethel Women kicked things off with a lovely tea for all ages! Delicious treats and lively conversation were enjoyed by all. We had 31 ladies in attendance. If you weren't able to make it, we hope to see you at the next event.

Thanks to all who organized and attended!



Fun & Fellowship





Summer Fun!



Great food, great music & great people!



A wonderful time was had by all who attended the annual Bethel Church Picnic on Sunday, June 27 at beautiful Clear View Farm. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success! Sharing music, food, and laughter in a gorgeous setting is good for the soul!

Bethel members share such wonderful fare at fellowship, potlucks, picnics, and dinners. The Deacons thought it would be fun to share a few recipes each month. If you have a recipe you would like to share, please send it to Lisa@bethel-md.org by the 20th of the month.

To start off, here are 2 ways to use those wonderful home-grown tomatoes!!

Greek Stuffed Tomatoes

Lynda McRee

2 T olive oil
1 onion diced
2 C cooked spinach
2 t dried basil (or chopped fresh basil)
½ C breadcrumbs
1 egg
½ lb feta cheese crumbled
Salt & pepper to taste
6 tomatoes with insides scooped out

Preheat oven to 350. Lightly oil baking dish. In small saucepan heat oil and sauté onion 5 minutes or until translucent. Remove from heat. Combine remaining ingredients (except tomatoes) and add to onion. Stuff filling into tomatoes. Place in baking dish.

Bake 15-20 min. Serve warm.

Servings: 4-6



Tomato Pie

Lynda McRee

Preheat oven: 350

Prebake 9" pie shell
½ cup chopped red or yellow onion
4-5 tomatoes – chopped and drained (remove as much juice as possible)
¼ cup fresh basil – chopped
2 C shredded cheese – cheddar, mozzarella, Gruyere, Monterey Jack or your favorite
½ C mayonnaise
Parmesan cheese

Layer pie shell: Onion, tomatoes, basil salt & pepper to taste

Combine the cheese with the mayonnaise. Spread on top of tomatoes. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

Bake 30 minutes or until lightly brown and bubbly.



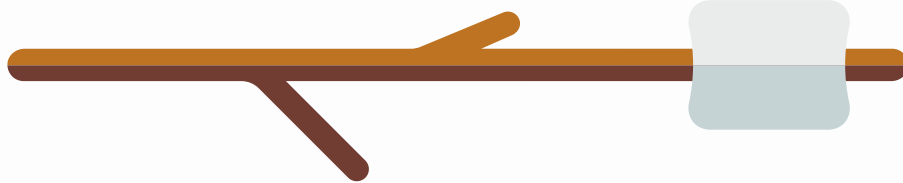
Pause for Poetry

Long Island Sound
Emma Lazarus - 1849-1887

I see it as it looked one afternoon
In August—by a fresh soft breeze o'erblown.
The swiftness of the tide, the light thereon,
A far-off sail, white as a crescent moon.
The shining waters with pale currents strewn,
The quiet fishing-smacks, the Eastern cove,
The semi-circle of its dark, green grove.
The luminous grasses, and the merry sun
In the grave sky; the sparkle far and wide,
Laughter of unseen children, cheerful chirp
Of crickets, and low lisp of rippling tide,
Light summer clouds fantastical as sleep
Changing unnoted while I gazed thereon.
All these fair sounds and sights I made my own.



Poet Emma Lazarus was made posthumously famous for her sonnet, "The New Colossus," which is engraved on the base of the Statue of Liberty.



Fire Pit Fun with Bethel Women's Group!

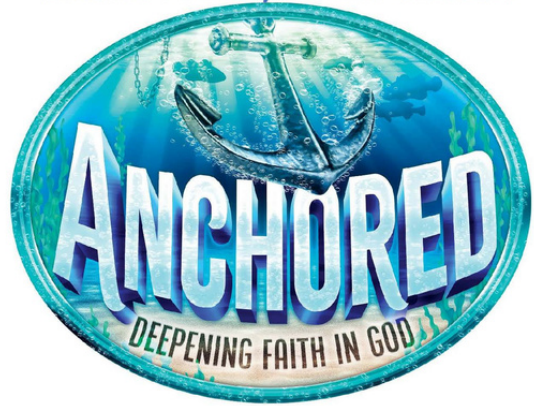
The Bethel Women's group invites you to enjoy an evening around the fire pit with hot dogs, smores, and fellowship!

RSVP to the church office **by July 25th** and let us know if you can sign up to bring hot dogs/condiments/smores supplies or would like to help set up/breakdown **July 31st @ 6:00. Please bring a chair!**



Get Ready for VBS!!!

Bethel Presbyterian Church



July 21st, 22nd, 23rd

5:30-8:00pm



Register today!

(Please fill out a form for each child attending...)

[Click link to register!](#)



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