



BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

April 2019



Did you know that the Easter season lasts all the way until Pentecost? As we reflect on the Easter message it is a time for us to look at Jesus as a living vital part of our lives. The risen Christ longs to be in relationship to you just as deeply as he did the disciples. The Christ who knows us knows our deepest personal anguish, our greatest personal joys, and our deepest personal thoughts.

The Christ who knows us understands our humanity from the moment of birth to the moment of death. The Christ who knows us offers us the life-giving power of God. The Christ who knows us offers us a future is full of promise and possibility. Easter is a call not only to celebrate the good news, but to now be the good news.

We are called to receive mercy, and give it in return. We are called to accept forgiveness, and to forgive. We are called to be loved, and to love one another unconditionally. We are called to be reconciled to God and to reconcile with others. Through Christ we are accepted by God and we are called to accept others.

The Christ who knows us, knows us intimately. God knows us so intimately that we indeed may try to run and hide from God; however, just like Peter in the final chapter of John's Gospel, God will find us, forgive us and call us to serve. Through Jesus Christ God refuses to give up or call it quits in regards to his children even when we feel we can't go on. It is the Easter season and we are called to live every moment with all of the joy, commitment, courage, hope, faith, love, praise and enthusiasm we can summon and display. Through that relationship we draw the strength we need to share God's love with others.

Remember the promise: The promise of Easter! Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Believe in me, hang on to me, and you will never die. From birth to death I will never leave you." In all of life's anguish, that sometimes causes us to believe that there are parts of us that have died, Christ's promise is sure, "You too will one day rise to live, laugh and love again." Remember that promise and dry your tears. He is alive! He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Food for Thought
Pastor Todd



Easter Sunday Schedule



- 7:30 am Early Service
- 8:30 am Easter Breakfast
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 1:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt

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Alyssa Kauffman ~ 04/03

Leonora Rose ~ 04/03

Charles Saneman ~ 04/05

Maurice Baldwin ~ 04/07

Justin Comer ~ 04/08

Carrie Thomas ~ 04/10

Craig Messenger ~ 04/13

Anne Jones ~ 04/14

Blair Mattheiss ~ 04/14

Judy Baldwin ~ 04/20

Stephen Kauffman ~ 04/21

Michael Scott ~ 04/22

Ron Holmes ~ 04/24

Emma Clayton ~ 04/25

Ted McRee ~ 04/26

Bailey Saneman ~ 04/26

Polly Winskowski ~ 04/26

Corbin Rowley ~ 04/28

William Greene ~ 04/29



George & Nancy Cowman
April 4th

Michael & Nancy Alexander
April 5th



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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, Leonora Rose, Jerry Wiley, Dorothy Goldstein, Dot Gemmill, and George Reeves.

Bruce Snyder, friend of the Morrrows 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.

Sophia Roseau, friend of Gail Thomas.

Louise Lassiter, sister-in-law of Barbara Thompson.

Mick Caggese, friend of Barbara Thompson

The Coughenour and Kirchner Families.

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 Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$500 to Young Life . We greatly appreciate the support you have given us.

Thank You,
Young Life Organization

Dear Bethel,

On behalf of the Presbytery and our Ministry Group, I want to thank you for your gift to Shared Ministry Giving for \$2,100. We continue to be grateful for your congregation, your pastor, and the ways in which we can partner in ministry together.

In Christ's Service,
Kimberly Secrist Ashby
Susquehanna Parish Ministry Group

Dear Bethel Church,

Your generosity enables our residents to move from struggles to success—thank you !We appreciate your kind donation of \$500. Thank you for the wonderful blessing God provides for the poor though your generosity and we thank you for being part of our mission.

With Gratitude,
Liz Tutino, Exec. Director
Welcome One Emergency Shelter

Dear Friends in Christ,

Know that your Covenant Church gift of \$500 is both appreciated and well stewarded. The Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center thanks you for your support in our ministry.

In Christ,
Rev. Clayton Rascoe, Exec. Director
Massanetta Springs Camp

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 **April 4th and 18th 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 ... hornsrb@aol.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 kirstenfitzsimmonsmusic@hotmail.com



BETHEL CROSS STITCHERS

The Bethel Cross Stitchers will meet on **April 3rd and 17th 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.

MARY'S CIRCLE

We welcome you to join the Women of Bethel on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Foyer of the CE Building to share your love for God as well as your knowledge of the Bible.

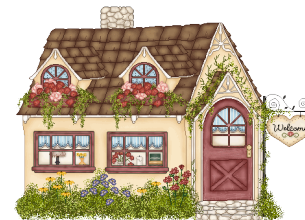
The next meeting will be held on **April 9th.**



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

Confirmation Ceremony

In keeping with our theme of "Celebration", we are pleased to announce the addition of the following members to the Bethel Family

Hannah Burgess
Samuel DiBastiani
Samantha Fielder
Dawson Jones
Corbin Rowley
Tyler Sambor



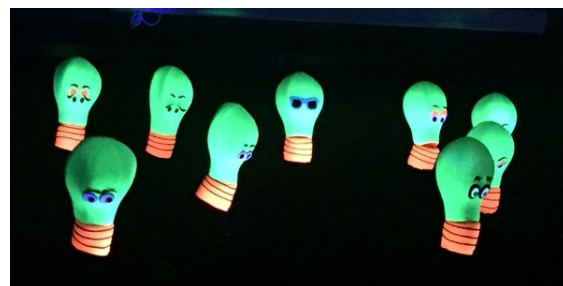
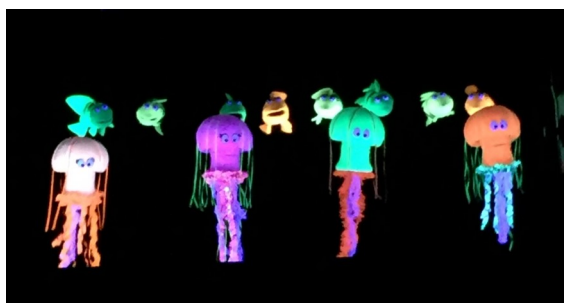
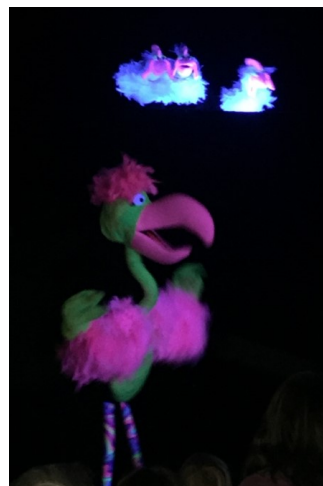
We want to congratulate our newest members on the completion of their Confirmation and welcome them as official members of Bethel Church.



Church Events

Puppet Show

We had the pleasure of having the Yadah Ministries perform for us on Saturday, March 16th. We had over 20 children attend and it was an amazing show. Please enjoy some of the snapshots taken at the event.



Church Events

Guests to Our Service

As we continue to celebrate our 250th Anniversary, we have invited guest ministers and liturgists to join us in our worship services. We were blessed to have the following guests participate in our services:



David McKenzie

On Sunday, February 24th, Mr. McKenzie was our guest liturgist. He is the son of Rev. Dr. C. Stewart McKenzie who served Bethel from 1935 until 1942.



Elder Keith Reagan

On Sunday, March 10th, Mr. Reagan was our guest liturgist. He is the Clerk of Session at Christ Our King Presbyterian Church in Bel Air.



Rev. Mary Gaut

On Sunday, March 24th and 31st, Rev. Gaut was our guest minister. She is the current Deputy Stated Clerk for the Baltimore of Presbytery and was our Interim Pastor from 1994-1995.

Church Events



spring cleanup

Please be advised that the Cemetery Committee would like all the winter holiday decorations and/or flowers to be removed from the headstones by ...

Sunday ~ April 7th

As the committee will be getting ready for the spring season as well as the Easter Holiday

You can either take your decorations/flowers home with you or you can use the church dumpster for disposal



In planning for the Easter Celebration, the Christian Education Committee is looking for donations of small items (i.e. pencils, stickers, erasers, chocolate coins, etc.) and individually wrapped candy (i.e. Snickers, Milky Ways, small bags of M&Ms, Twix, Kit Kats, Smarties, etc.) for our Easter Egg Hunt.

Donations can be brought to the Hospitality Hour each Sunday and placed in the specified box no later than **April 14th**.

Thank you for your continued support of our programs for our children !!

Church Events



Celebrating Holy Week and Easter Sunday



We will be decorating the Sanctuary for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. If you would like to recognize a loved one or friend, please be sure to look for the information form in your Sunday Bulletins through Lent to have your sentiment listed in our bulletin.

**Candlelight
Worship
April 18, 2019**

**Maundy
Thursday**



The Maundy Thursday Candlelight Service will be held on April 18th. Please join us for the soup and bread supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by the worship service at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Melissa Dick in the Church Office at 410-692-5282 by **April 14th** with your attendance number for the supper.

Easter Sunday Breakfast

Gail and David Thomas will be hosting the Easter Sunday Breakfast on **Sunday, April 21st at 8:30 a.m.** Please be sure to look for the information form in your Sunday Bulletins through Lent. We would greatly appreciate any volunteers to help with setting up for the breakfast and cleaning up afterwards.



Recognizing Our Community

You are invited,

Continuing in Bethel's 250th Anniversary Celebration, we choose, this month, to recognize those of our community and congregation who engage in **Home Arts and Domestic Services**.

Be sure to attend our worship service on **Sunday April 28, 10:30 am** as we plan to recognize the following professions: The homemaker (domestic engineer), the seamstress/tailor, the home decorator and interior designer, those in day care for children and those in day care for the elderly, as well as those engaged in elder care, providing a comfortable environment for their clients.

We give thanks to our LORD 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 continue to celebrate our 250th Anniversary of Bethel Presbyterian Church, this is the **April** installment of our *Trip Down Memory Lane*. Enjoy your walk back in time.

Bethel Presbyterian Church — 1841-1860

The year 1855 seems to have been a very busy year for Bethel, that date being the only one for which any real history can be found. In that year, Bethel was reincorporated under the name, "The Trustees of Bethel Church and Congregation of Harford County". Records do not tell us why this was deemed necessary. We can assume that either the original document was lost or perhaps that the trustees were not aware of its existence. We have a copy of this document, beautifully handwritten in the old style of the time. That document is still valid and has had only one amendment added, that of changing the date of the annual meeting.

That year, also, the Sunday School was begun, although no details about it can be found, including the number of children involved. This was also the year that Bethel acquired its first manse. Four acres were bought from Ruth Cathcart for \$250.00 and a manse built on the property. Prior to this, pastors had to provide their own housing. It is also reported that in 1855 Bethel became self-supporting, refusing any further help from Presbytery.

Nation's History — 1841-1860

- 1841 William Henry Harrison was elected President but died 32 days after taking office from pneumonia. John Tyler became President after Harrison's death.
- 1845 James K. Polk is elected President
Alexander Cartwright invented modern sport of baseball
U.S. Naval Academy founded
Frederick Douglas published *Narrative of the Life of an American Slave*
Elias Howe invents sewing machine
- 1846-1848 Mexican-American War
- 1848 Gold Rush begins in California
German immigrants begin to arrive in the U.S. due to their poor economy
- 1849 Zachary Taylor was elected President
Underground Railroad - Harriet Tubman helps 300 fleeing slaves to the North
- 1850 Millard Fillmore became President after Taylor's death
- 1851 James King invents first washing machine
- 1852 Harriet Beecher publishes *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
Loyola College in Baltimore opens its doors to students
Know-Nothing party was founded
- 1853 Franklin Pierce was elected President
Levis Strauss & Co. founded
German immigrant, Henry Steinway, establishes Steinway & Sons piano making company
- 1855 Mount Sinai Hospital in New York is established
- 1857 James Buchanan is elected President
First elevator, invented by Elisha Otis, is installed in New York
- 1860 Daniel Hess patented the "carpet sweeper" also known as the vacuum

Session Summary

The Session held a regular meeting on March 21, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Ray Meute, Jr. devotion led by Carol Morrow and granddaughters, who also led us in prayer.

CLERK'S REPORT

Approved Feb. 21, 2019 session minutes

Approved special session minutes of March 3, 2019

Communion held March 3, 2019 by pew

Approved by email to have Elder Ron Lee for Palm Sunday service in the absence of Pastor Todd

Letter from Fairview U M C with a request from Bettie Clark to be transferred to Bethel P. C.

Moved and seconded to send NHHS PTSA \$200 for Baccalaureate service on May 19, 2019. Carries.

Moved and seconded for vacation request for Melissa Dick for May 29th & 30th 2019. Carries

Mission – Elder Carol Morrow reported on the following decisions.

Provide \$500 to Young Life Harford Co.

Provide \$500 to the Presbytery of Balto. for Disaster Relief for families affected by tornadoes.

Worship & Music – Everything in working order with dates for the Wed. Lenten services.

Dates to remember for the Easter season.

Apr. 3 - Bethel's turn to supply soup, bread for service

Apr. 14 – Palm Sunday

Apr. 18- Maundy Thurs. soup dinner & worship service

Apr. 21 – Easter Sunday – Sunrise service, breakfast, regular service

Finance & Stewardship – The committee has requested each employee to submit an expense report with receipt for all purchases made with our church's credit cards.

Christian Education – Confirmation held March 3rd, with coffee hour celebration. Making stained glass design windows to be hung in the foyer, then will hang in the CE wing window.

4/14/19 – Palm Sunday – Seder dinner during S.S.

4/21/19 – Easter w/egg hunt

V B S – July 25, 26, 27 NOT FINALIZED

Mother's Day 5/12/19

Children's Day/Graduate Sunday 5/19

Youth Group – to start late Spring/Summer

SBC Task Force – Elder Dennis Kirkwood gave a recap of what has been accomplished so far, and what the committee is still at work on. The SBC Task Force invited Rev. Richard Anderson and he accepted to be our guest minister on April 7, 2019 and celebrate Holy Communion.



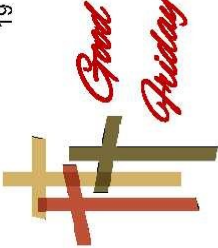

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Meute.

Respectfully submitted,
Polly S. Winskowski
Clerk of Session

2019

APRIL

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01	02	03	04	05	06
	7:00 Deacons Meeting	6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsal 7:00 Trustees Meeting	Lent Service 9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers 6:00 pm Soup & Bread Dinner 6:45 pm Worship Service Bethel Church	7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 4:30 pm DCYC Rehearsals		Scout Crew #265 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Guest Minister Rev. Richard Anderson 11:30 Hospitality Hour 1:00 Sherry Kirchner Event	10:00 AARP Blanketeers 4:00 Mission Committee 7:00 Worship & Music	10:00 Mary's Circle 2:00 SBC Task Force 6:30 Bridge Group	Lent Service 6:00 pm Soup & Bread Dinner 6:45 pm Worship Service Bethel Church	4:30 DCYC Rehearsals 7:00 Cemetery Committee Mtg. 7:00 Session Meeting		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Palm Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 WS - Elder Ron Lee 11:30 Hospitality Hour 1:00 Scout Troop #809 6:00 Blue Ribbon 4-H Club	 Holy Week 7:00 DCC Board Meeting	6:30 Bridge Group 6:30 CE Meeting 7:00 DCC Rehearsal	9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers	 7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 4:30 pm DCYC Rehearsal		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Easter Sunday 7:30 Early Easter Service 8:30 Easter Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 WS - Rev. Todd Smith 11:50 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	 1:00 AARP Monthly Meeting OFFICE IS CLOSED	6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsal		4:30 pm DCYC Rehearsals NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY		
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Elder Patricia Allingham Havre de Grace Presb. 11:30 Hospitality Hour 11:50 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 Admin & Personnel Mtg.	5:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsal				

Community Events

B I N G O

Boy Scout Troop #92 will be hosting a Vera Bradley / Tool Bingo on ...



Friday ~ April 12th at 7:00 p.m



Doors for the Bingo will open at 6:00 p.m.

Advance Ticket Cost — \$20 Door Ticket Cost — \$25 (If available)

To purchase advance tickets, please contact
Erin Ettenhofer at ettenhofer1@gmail.com
Asa Erickson at asa.h.erickson@gmail.com



Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company
3825 Federal Hill Road
Jarrettsville, MD 20184




Spring Bazaar

St. Paul United Methodist Church will be hosting a
Spring Bazaar / Cookie Walk / Sandwich Sale on ...

Saturday ~ April 13th

Stop by and grab a sandwich and some cookies
while you do a little spring shopping

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
2036 Telegraph Road
Pylesville, MD 21132
410-692-6179

Community Events



Norrisville United Methodist Church will be hosting a
Community Tenebrae Service ...

Friday ~ April 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Melissa McDade would like to invite anyone who would like to participate
in the service (i.e. reading, singing or playing an instrument) to email her
thomasjsullivan@hotmail.com

Norrisville United Methodist Church
2811 W. Church Lane
White Hall, MD 21161



The Deer Creek Chorale will be presenting
their spring concert

A Song for Every Child

Sunday ~ May 5th

4:00 p.m.

(Doors open at 3:30 p.m.)

Tickets are on sale now !

Adults - \$20

Seniors (62+) - \$15

Children (6-21) - \$10

You can contact Melissa Dick in the Church Office or you can go online
deercreekchorale.org and purchase your tickets through their website.

Towson High School

69 Cedar Avenue

Towson, MD 21286