



# BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

May 2019



Henry Nouwen Wrote, “When we honestly ask ourselves which people in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it’s those who, instead of giving advice, solutions or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand.”

So often we want to look at the challenges of other people, the difficult situations, the hurt people may be going through, and offer our opinion on what should or could be done instead of entering their lives at the point of struggle and seeking to share the burden. The same can be said for the church or other organizations we belong to. It is easy to have and share our opinions yet only when people see us working alongside them is it then truly possible for us to help with advice, solutions, or healing. Our opinions begin to mean more to us that the people standing aside us seeking simply to love God and serve him just as we do.

For almost 50 years now we have been transitioning from a world defined by Christendom to a post-modern world. More than any other time in our history the world needs to know what it is to understand the peace, love, and acceptance offered in the person of Jesus Christ. As the church of Jesus Christ, it is our job to practice that peace, love and acceptance with each other and in turn show it to the world

This is the whole reason for the incarnation (God with us) and the resurrection, (God never leaving us). Through our faith in Christ as Lord we have a God who chooses to be with us always, to work along side us through the presence of the Holy Spirit, and to lift our burdens. If God has done this for us may we have the strength to do it for each other and for others.

Food for Thought ..... Pastor Todd

Summer  
Worship  
Hours  
will begin on  
May 26<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 a.m.



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Tony Saneman ~ 05/01

Melissa Rangel ~ 05/02

Don Scott ~ 05/03

Brandon Smithson ~ 05/03

Jane Turner ~ 05/04

Zachary Saneman ~ 05/07

Marcanne Saneman ~ 05/11

Shannon Swinscoe ~ 05/11

Marta Kastner ~ 05/13

Lynne DiBastiani ~ 05/17

Eddie Calary ~ 05/20

Tanya Mattheiss ~ 05/20

Jennifer Thomson ~ 05/22

Ginny Eberwein ~ 05/22

Amy Kauffman ~ 05/23

Mary Ellen Reeves ~ 05/23

Pat Denbow ~ 05/27

Barbara Thompson ~ 05/27

Rebecca Comaty ~ 05/29

Mark DiBastiani ~ 05/29

James Nystrom ~ 05/31



Ron & Andi Holmes

May 1<sup>st</sup>

Garry & Martha Smithson

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

George & Mary Ellen Reeves

May 5<sup>th</sup>

Frank & Sandy Hughes

May 6<sup>th</sup>

Blair & Tanya Mattheiss

May 9<sup>th</sup>

Scott & Jennifer Henderson

May 12<sup>th</sup>

Travis & Chrissie Galliher

May 17<sup>th</sup>

Jack & Nancy Mory

May 24<sup>th</sup>



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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.

The Coughenour and Kirchner Families.

Ben Weston, friend of Nancy Mory.

Mary Dillard, friend of Tom & MaryLee Swift.

***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***

Thank  
you 

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation to the North Harford High School 2019 Senior Class Baccalaureate Service. Your generosity will allow us to gather as a school community and reflect on the labors of the past, the accomplishments of the present, and the possibilities of the future for our graduating seniors. The service is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th at 3:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Please come and share in the blessing of our graduating Seniors.

Sincerely,  
Karina Jackson  
Chair, NHHS Baccalaureate Service

Dear Bethel Church,

Thank you for your kind and generous donation of \$500 to the Fuel Fund of Maryland. We truly value and greatly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Brown  
Director of Development  
Fuel Fund of Maryland

Upcoming  
EVENTS

Sunday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Eugene Bay Guest Minister
Sunday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Elder Claudia Scarborough Highland Presbyterian Church Guest Liturgist
Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Day & Graduates Day
Sunday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Recognition Sunday U.S. Armed Forces Jim Butcher Guest Liturgist Son of former Bethel Minister Rev. Dr. J. Russell Butcher (1943-1948)

# 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 **May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](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 [kirstenfitzsimmonsmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:kirstenfitzsimmonsmusic@hotmail.com)



## BETHEL CROSS STITCHERS

The Bethel Cross Stitchers will meet on **May 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</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 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 10:00 a.m. in the Foyer of the CE Building to share your love for God as well as your knowledge of the Bible.

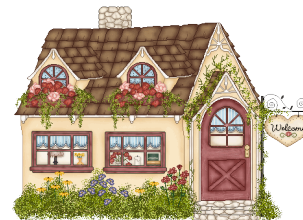
The next meeting will be held on **May 14<sup>th</sup>.**



## 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.







# *Celebrating Jack & Nancy Mory*

Nancy was raised in Towson and Glen Arm, Baltimore County. She moved to Monkton in 1974 when she started to attend Bethel and joined the church in 1975. She has served as Elder for nine years, Moderator of the Deacons serving nine years, active Choir Member, Chair of the Mission Committee, serves on the Chancel Committee, Secretary/Treasurer of the Cemetery Committee, and various other committees through the years. She has a B.A. in Human Services and a M.A. in Management obtained at the University of Notre Dame.

Nancy is a Daughter of the American Revolution and has learned through her family lineage connections to Bethel. She is related to several of the Bethel members. Her Grandparents, Clarence and Anna Anderson, were married at Bethel in 1914 and Jack and Nancy were married in 1986 at Bethel by Rev. Tom Sweet. Some of the notable relations are Thomas Hope, Jr. and Sr., Richard Hope, and James Hope. A log cabin sanctuary was constructed on land donated by Thomas Hope and the beginnings of a stayed congregation took hold. She is proud of her heritage and has a great passion for her church and church family.

Nancy has worked at Western Electric, AT&T, Lucent, and Alcatel-Lucent where the company name changed four times. She worked there for 36 years with various jobs and her last job was as a Business Acquisition Manager. She met her husband while she was working for Lucent Technologies and they moved to Madonna Manor where they have resided for 32 years. She then moved on to selling new homes as a Sales Manager for NVHomes, Toll Brothers, and Gemcraft.

Jack was raised in Southwest Baltimore City where his parents owned a family restaurant and bar, Mory's Hilltop Bar. Jack learned how to cook seafood and assist in running the family business. He attended Cardinal Gibbons High School and Catonsville Community College earning an Associate Degree in Electronics Technology. He also had worked for Lucent and Tyco Electronics as a Sales Manager selling Power equipment for the Mid-Atlantic States and Canada. Since retirement, Jack has been serving as a Volunteer at Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company for nine years. He is currently serving as Chief of EMS.

Jack and Nancy enjoy travelling together and frequent the Royal Caribbean cruise liners. They have enjoyed many trips throughout the U.S., Hawaii, England, and Alaska through the years. They enjoy Wendy, the Westie, who is a delight and the love of their life. Nancy enjoys playing Pickleball, golfing, yoga, and walking. Jack enjoys going with Nancy to the New Freedom Armory target shooting, and he used to be active with the Baltimore Amateur Radio Club. They enjoy evening rides in the Summer in their convertible.

Bethel is truly blessed to have such a loving, caring and devoted couple as part of their family.

# Church Events

## Spaghetti Dinner

The Bethel Men's Organization hosted a wonderful Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 30, 2019. The food was incredible and the entertainment was spectacular! We hope you were able to attend this fun filled evening but in case you missed it, here are some highlights of the evening's festivities ...





# Church Events

## *Easter Festivities*

As we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 21st, we all were blessed to have Rev. Todd Smith at the pulpit for our services. Our morning was inspired by a wonderful message of hope, love and new beginnings that carried throughout the day as we celebrated over a delicious meal organized by David and Gail Thomas followed by our annual Easter Egg Hunt the Christian Education Committee organized for all the children of Bethel Church and any visiting guests. May your year be blessed with new beginnings and we hope you had the opportunity to join us.





# Church Events

## Children's Day & Graduation Day



Christian Education Committee will be celebrating

***The Children of Bethel  
Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
during Worship Service***

Please be sure to join us as we will recognize all the Sunday School Students as well as any student graduating from high school and college

The Deacons of Bethel are partnering with the Jarrettsville Lions Club to host our Spring Flea Market on ...

**Saturday — June 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.**

Rain Date — June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Spaces are \$15 each



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





# Church Events

## *Guests to Our Service*

In celebration of Bethel's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we had the pleasure of having Rev. Richard Anderson as our guest minister on Sunday, April 7, 2019. It was wonderful to see him and hear his message after 52 years. We also received greetings from the Havre de Grace Presbyterian Church from Elder Patricia Allingham on Sunday, April 28, 2019 as she was our guest liturgist. We greatly appreciate both of our guests coming out and celebrating with us during our worship services.



### *Rev. Richard Anderson*

Guest Minister on Sunday, April 7, 2019  
Bethel Pastor from 1962-1967  
Retired to North Carolina

### *Elder Patricia Allingham*

Guest Liturgist on Sunday, April 28, 2019  
Clerk of Session  
Have de Grace Presbyterian Church



# Recognizing Our Community

You are invited,

As we continue Bethel's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, affirming our faith and trust in God in our professions and in daily living, we have arrived at the 5<sup>th</sup> month of recognizing the livelihoods of yet another portion of our congregation and of our community.

**Sunday, May 26, 2019, during our 9:30 a.m. Worship Service**, we will recognize the hard work and service of those serving our country in the **Military Services**, men and women who gave their lives to defend and protect and those who presently serve to assure security for the citizens of our United States of America, taking their faith to the forefront as they serve.

Be sure to worship with us and help recognize the faithful service of those in the Military Services: **Air Force, Army, Marines, National Guard, and Navy.**

We give thanks to our Lord for the many varied forms of service He has blessed and encouraged throughout these many years.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

Rev. Todd D. Smith  
Minister

Ruth Walker  
Committee Member





# Moments in Time

As we continue to celebrate our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bethel Presbyterian Church, this is the **May** installment of our *Trip Down Memory Lane*. Happy Reading !!

## Bethel Presbyterian Church — 1861-1880

This time period includes the Civil War but the books by Laura Cairnes and Anna Lee Kirkwood Smith state that there is no mention of it in church records. This is surprising, given that Maryland was a border state and our area had much conflict within itself and great hostility between Union and Confederate sympathizers. This separated neighbors and divided families and it must have had an effect on Bethel but those, at the time, did not see fit to mention it. Bethel survived intact and the congregation must be given much credit for that. It is known that the guns at Gettysburg were so loud that they could be heard in northern Harford County.

In 1861 a church was built at North Bend and was considered a "preaching station" of Bethel. The Bethel pastor was in charge of both and elders elected at each were considered elders at both churches. The North Bend people were, according to Laura Cairnes, "members of Bethel, worshipping at North Bend".

Presbyterians have always considered education very important so in 1863 "Bethel Common School" was built. This is sometimes referred to as "Bethel Academy". The pastor and succeeding pastors taught at the school in addition to their pastoral duties. It is believed that the school stood somewhere in the present cemetery.

In 1868 the first reed organ was bought. It is said that this was done over a lot of objection by the more conservative members of the congregation. Does this sound just a little familiar?

## Nation's History — 1861-1880

- 1861 Civil War (1861-1865)
  - Richard Gatling invented Gatlin Gun
- 1863 Birdsill Holly, Jr., invented the hydraulic water system and fire hydrant in New York
- 1864 Maryland abolishes slavery
- 1865 Abraham Lincoln assassinated
- 1866 Alfred Nobel invented dynamite and later bequeathed his fortune to institute the Nobel Prize.
- 1868 Memorial Day is observed for the first time in the U.S.
- 1869 The American Museum of Natural History is founded
  - Cincinnati Red Stockings open the baseball season with the first fully professional baseball team
  - Jesse James commits his first bank robbery in Missouri
- 1870 Hiram Revels becomes first African American elected to the U.S. Senate
  - Standard Oil Company formed by John D. Rockefeller
- 1871 Great Chicago Fire
- 1872 Yellowstone National Park created
- 1873 Panic of 1873 - financial crisis that triggered a depression in North America that lasted until 1879
  - Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis receive patent for denim jeans
- 1875 First Kentucky Derby Race with Aristides as winner
  - National League of Baseball founded
- 1876 Battle of Little Bighorn
  - John Hopkins University is founded in Baltimore
  - Alexander Graham Bell receives patent on telephone
  - Francis Julius LeMoyne builds first crematorium
- 1877 First Westminster Kennel Dog Show opens in New York
  - Thomas Edison invents the phonograph
  - First publication of the Washington Post
- 1879 Salvation Army is established
  - First artificial ice rink is opened in Madison Square Garden
- 1880 Thomas Edison established the Edison Illuminating Co. pioneering electric power through power plants

# 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*



We sure to mark your calendars because you do not want to miss Bethel's Annual Church Picnic on ...

**Sunday**  
**July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**at 1:00 p.m.**  
at Clear Meadow Farm

We ask that each family bring a large side dish or dessert to share. Please contact **Melissa Dick** in the Church Office at **410-692-5282** to let us know how many people will be attending with you.

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Corn on the Cob & Beverages will be supplied by Bethel Presbyterian Church



# Community Events



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](http://deercreekchorale.org) and purchase your tickets through their website.

Towson High School

69 Cedar Avenue

Towson, MD 21286



Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company

**Friday ~ May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Tickets Cost \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door

Call 443-392-4255 for more information

Doors open at 6:00 pm.



Norrisville United Methodist Church

**Saturday ~ May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

Spring B-B-Que

# Session Summary

The Session held a regular meeting on April 11, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Jack Carlson. devotion led by Elder Dennis Kirkwood, who also led us in prayer.

## CLERK'S REPORT

Approved March 21, 2019 session minute

Communion held March 3, 2019 by intention

Polly Winskowski will be attending Clerk's meeting on April 27, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church, Bel Air, Md.

Approved Jane Burgess's 4-H Blue Ribbon Club to plant flowers around church again this spring.

Trustees – AARP confirmed that Trustees will not take down tables or set up chairs for their meetings.

New Epson projector is now in use. Purchase of plaque to be mounted at the rear of the church recognizing the gift of the new projector to Bethel given by Mary Lee and Tom Swift.

Deacons – Card shower for Mr. Bill Gross along with short video in April, will have card shower for Dorothy Goldstein in May and Betty Jane Foard in June.

Yard Sale approved for Sat. June 15, 2019.

Education – Seder Dinner for Sunday School students 4/14/19 Palm Sunday.

Mother's Day – 5/12/19 – Guest minister Rev. Eugene Bay, retired and Bethel's native son w/ communion.

New date - May 11, 2019 at 3 p.m. presentation from 96 year old W W II veteran, Mr. Harold Billows in the CE auditorium.

SBC TASK FORCE – 300 additional booklets have been ordered for those who no longer live in the area but would be interested in receiving our information.

Need any appropriate materials to put in time capsule.

Cemetery tours will begin in May and will run until October on the first Sun. of each month after Hospitality Hour.

Aug. 17, 2017 Event in Aug. to be named "Bethel's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Fair", more information to follow.

Finance and Stewardship – PNC Bank is closing its Jarrettsville Office on May 17, 2019. Bethel needs to have a local branch for Sunday deposits so have asked BB&T and Jarrettsville Savings to present their capabilities to the Finance Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Carlson.






Respectfully submitted,  
Polly S. Winskowski  
Clerk of Session



# 2019

# MAY

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Eugene Bay 11:30 Hospitality Hour 11:50 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00 Blue Ribbon 4-H Club	29	30	01 9:00 Bethel Cross Stitchers	02 4:30 pm DCC/DCYC Rehearsals  National Day of Prayer	03 <b>DCC Rehearsal</b> 4:30-9:30	04 Scout Crew #265 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
05 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Eugene Bay 11:30 Hospitality Hour 11:50 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00 Blue Ribbon 4-H Club	06 7:00 Deacons Meeting	07 6:00 DCC End of Year Party 7:00 Trustees Meeting	08	09 7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 4:30 pm DCYC Rehearsals 7:00 pm Finance Meeting	10	11 Memorial Service William "Billy" Greene 11:00 a.m.
12  9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Guest - Claudia Scarborough 11:30 Hospitality Hour 1:00 Scout Troop #809	13 10:00 AARP Blanketeers 4:00 Mission Committee 7:00 Worship & Music	14 10:30 Mary's Circle 2:00 SBC Task Force 6:30 Bridge Group 6:30 CE Meeting	15 9:00 Bethel Cross Stitchers	16 4:30 pm DCYC Rehearsals 7:00 pm Session Meeting	17	18  John & Rita's Wedding
19  9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour 11:50 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 1:00 AARP Monthly Meeting 7:00 Admin & Personnel Mtg.	21 6:00 DCC Board Meeting 6:30 Bridge Group	22	23 7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 4:30 pm DCYC Rehearsals NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY	24	25
26 <b>Summer Hours Begin</b> 9:30 Worship Service Guest - Jim Butcher Recognition of Military 10:50 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27  memorial DAY OFFICE CLOSED	28 6:30 Bridge Group	29 <i>Melissa is on Vacation</i>	30 <i>Melissa is on Vacation</i>	31 <i>Melissa is on Vacation</i>	01