



BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

June 2019



A young boy in the neighborhood whose dad was on a business trip sat in his yard as father-and-son teams hit the front yards to pitch and hit the baseball, he felt alone. Not to be outdone, however, he took his bat and ball to the old familiar spot in the front yard and started his own game. With a chipper spirit, he threw the ball into the air and swung with all his might. The bat cut only air, and a watching neighbor boy yelled, "Strike one!" The lad hastily retrieved the ball, threw it into the air and swung again. "Strike two!" echoed from across the way. With a tinge of fear and a ton of resolve, he flipped the ball for the final swing. "Strike three, you're out!" screamed the unwanted umpire, along with the cruel words, "You're a lousy hitter!" The undaunted boy sucked up his chest, marched over to the fence and yelled back, "I'm not a lousy hitter; I'm a great pitcher! I just struck myself out!"

Do we choose to harbor bad news or trumpet good news? As the people of God we are charged with the glorious call to be bearers of good news as we move further in to our celebration this anniversary year. Our question to ourselves must be how will we show ourselves to be children of God? How do we plan on shining forth as beacons of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the power of living as people of the resurrection?

Many years ago I sent one of the kids into the garden to weed it. Not being the "outdoor" kid, by the time he was done as many young flowers as weeds were on the burn pile. We all like to think we know weeds when we see them but do we? In nature, the distinction between what is a "weed" and what is a useful, valuable plant is less clear than we may think.

Dandelions in the yard are offensive but a field of dandelions can be quite beautiful. Ivy scaling your brick chimney threatens the stability of the mortar. But ivy carefully trained up a trellis adds beauty and value to your home. Fungus and lichens are just mushy, mossy undergrowth. But as the necessary soil for the rare and delicate calypso orchid, they are a rich growing medium. In nature, you can never quite tell what might issue from a weed. The same is true in the garden of humanity as well.

We are indeed a diverse fellowship. We have people from many different backgrounds and careers. We have people whose families have been here from the beginning and some from diverse church backgrounds and some having never been involved in a church until this one.

The glorious good news is this. Jesus died for us all. The diversity within our walls gives us the perfect opportunity to practice God's call for us all to love one another with the love with which we are loved by God. Doing so within our walls gives us the opportunity to better do so without. Deep within all of us there are times when we are "lousy hitters", and "great Pitchers", the question becomes when you encounter someone new or different which will you choose to see?

Food for thought...Pastor Todd

Father's Day



Sunday ~ June 16th

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Nancy Mory ~ 06/01

Joe Burgess ~ 06/03

Elizabeth Holt ~ 06/03

Grayson Dietz ~ 06/04

Betty Jane Foard ~ 06/05

Donita Dietz ~ 06/07

Bill Pullen ~ 06/07

Garrett Lowe ~ 06/09

Sam DiBastiani ~ 06/10

Scott Henderson ~ 06/10

Sam Fielder ~ 06/13

Allen Eberwein ~ 06/14

Dawson Jones ~ 06/15

Wanda Edie ~ 06/20

Heather Yeung ~ 06/20

Mackenzie Saneman ~ 06/24

Keeghan Sachs ~ 06/25

Chuck & Kelley Saneman
June 1st

Robert & Cathy Kirkwood
June 5th

George & Pat Denbow
June 13th

Bruce & Carolyn Mattheiss
June 15th

John & Hazel Adair
June 17th

David & Melissa Dick
June 17th

Jack & Betty Rogers
June 17th

John & Sandy Louderback
June 18th

Craig & Carmie Messenger
June 19th

Kirk & Anne Jones
June 24th

David & Gail Thomas
June 25th

Dick & Ruth Walker
June 25th

David & Jessica Sambor
June 27th

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, 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.

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.

Into the Church Triumphant:

William "Bill" Greene
April 14, 2019

Dorothy "Dot" Gemmill
May 11, 2019

AND THEY
Lived Happily
EVER AFTER

On behalf of all of us at Bethel Church, we would like to congratulate John and Rita Cairnes on their union of holy matrimony on Saturday, May 18, 2019. We wish you both a life full of love, laughter and happiness.

PENTECOST
"WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?"



We encourage all members to **WEAR RED** on Pentecost Sunday ~ June 9th to represent the tongues of fire that came down as a visual representation of the Holy Spirit.



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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 **June 6th and 20th 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



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 **June 4th and 18th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Foyer of the CE Building.

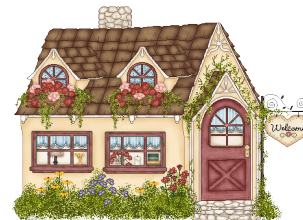


If you would like to enjoy the fellowship of other Christian women while learning a craft, we welcome you join in on the fun.

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.



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 **June 11th**.





Celebrating Sam & Marsha Brooks

Sam and Marsha Brooks grew up in Baltimore just a few miles apart. They attended the same elementary school, Junior High and High schools but they never met until Sam was a Senior and Marsha was a Junior at Northern High School. They met each other at Gino's when they were introduced to each other by Sam's best friend who just happened to have been Marsha's "6th grade boyfriend!" Marsha and Sam started dating after High School.

Marsha went to the University of Baltimore for her teaching degree in History. Sam worked at a bank until he was drafted into the Army in 1970 and served in Germany. They got married in 1972 at Aisquith Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. Marsha graduated from college in 1973 and taught in Baltimore City. That same year Sam got a new job at BGE.

While Sam was in the military, he purchased property in Harford County, so in 1975 they moved into their new home in Jarrettsville. Marsha became a member of Bethel in 1975 and Sam joined officially a few years later. In 1976 their daughter Shelley was born and in 1979 Andy arrived on the scene. Both Shelley and Andy are married respectively to Bob and Cristin. Sam and Marsha have six grandchildren with another granddaughter arriving in July. All six grandchildren are Shelley's: Zachary, Marlee, Ceiri, Elias, Levi, Isaac and #7! Being a grandparent is wonderful!!

Sam and Marsha have served in many capacities at Bethel and both have been Deacons and Elders. Sam has also been a Trustee, Mission Committee, choir softball team, youth group, Boy Scouts liaison. Marsha has been a Sunday School teacher, Women's Association, organized the Craft Bazaar, taught and directed VBS, helped to organize the 1st 70s luncheon with the Deacons. She recently was on the PNC, and is presently on the Personnel Committee, and CAROT.

Sam retired from BGE and Marsha retired from teaching in Harford County in 2013. They like to go to their home in SC for the winters; no more snow, ice or cold for them. They chose SC because they have friends there and they used to vacation there when the children were young.

Both of them like to travel and they have visited Europe six times. They are members of AARP and have done some traveling with this group. Since retiring Sam has enjoyed learning to play a guitar and Marsha has really gotten into shelling. They like to go to different restaurants with friends and family. Babysitting their grandchildren is always a pleasant experience for them.

From all of us at Bethel, thank you for being such an intricate part of our church with your dedication and love with everything you do here at Bethel and in your home lives.

Church Events

Children's Day Celebration

Sunday, May 19th marked our annual Children's Day and Graduates Day at Bethel Church. We gathered to celebrate all the accomplishments the children and young adults have made throughout the year in Sunday School as well as honoring those who are graduating from High School and College. We hope you had the opportunity to join us for this joyous occasion and wish all of these incredible children and young adults a successful year ahead !



Church Events

Bethel Cross Stitchers

The Bethel Cross Stitchers presented a beautiful representation of their handy work to the congregation on **Sunday, April 28th**. These lovely women have dedicated their time and love of cross stitching and faithfulness in the most endearing way. Please be sure to take the time to admire their talents.



Left to Right: Dot Gemmill, Ruth Walker, Donna Jones, Nancy Berigtold, and Gail Lowe.

Blue Ribbon 4-H Club



Left to Right: Becky Burgess, Hannah Burgess, Joey Burgess, Caleigh McCann, Mekenzie McCann, James Ortt and Christopher Ortt.

Jane Burgess heads the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club at Bethel Church and these incredible individuals spent their afternoon planting flowers around the front of the church to enhance our landscaping. We hope you have the chance to walk our path to see the beautiful flowers that were planted. Thank You for your kindness and generosity !

Church Events

Flea Market & Bake Sale

Bethel is partnering with the Jarrettsville Lions Club to host our Spring Flea Market on ...

Saturday — June 15th at 8:00 a.m.

Rain Date — June 22nd

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 to reserve your space.

Bethel's Deacons will also be hosting a Bake Sale during the Flea Market and are in need of your help.

If you would like to donate a delicious treat such as

Wrapped Brownies

Wrapped Cookies

Wrapped Homemade Candy

Cupcakes, Cakes or Pies

Homemade Canned Jams, Jellies or Pickles

Please be sure to contact **Gail Lowe** - **443-567-0150**

Your items will need to be labeled if they contain peanuts or peanut butter

Thank you for your help and support !!



Church Events

Guests to Our Service

In celebration of Bethel's 250th Anniversary, we had the pleasure of having Rev. Dr. Eugene Bay, retired pastor and native Bethel son, as our guest minister on Sunday, May 5, 2019. We also had another visit from a son of one of Bethel's previous minister, Jim Butcher. His father, Rev. Dr. J. Russell Butcher served Bethel from 1943 until 1948. What a wonderful coming home month for all of us at Bethel with these two gentlemen sharing stories of their time at Bethel.



Rev. Dr. Eugene Bay

Guest Minister on Sunday, May 5, 2019
Retired minister and native son of Bethel



Jim Butcher

Guest Liturgist on Sunday, May 26, 2019
Son of former Bethel Minister
Rev. Dr. J. Russell Butcher
Served Bethel from 1943 to 1948



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 21st
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



Jarrettsville Lions Club will be hosting their annual

CARNIVAL

June 3rd through June 8th

Be sure to come out and enjoy an evening of fun, rides & delicious food with the whole family !

Jarrettsville Lions Club is hosting a

Flea Market

June 15th ... 8am — 2pm

Stop by after you've visited
Bethel Church's Flea Market



It's that time of year to be thinking about

Vacation Bible School at Bethel Presbyterian Church

Please be sure to mark your calendars for

July 25th, 26th and 27th

Register your children online at ...

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/b3dbcb>



Recognizing Our Community

You are invited,

We are already into our 6th month of celebrating Bethel's 250th anniversary. One of the ways we have been celebrating, is to recognize **how we serve God** in our daily lives through our chosen occupations and services in our community and in our congregation. So far, each month, (January through May), we've honored the services of agriculture, health professions, vocational trades and occupations, home arts and domestic services, and those serving in the military.

Sunday, June 23rd, during our 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, we will recognize the work and service of those in **FINANCIAL SERVICES**: Bankers and Tellers, Stock Brokers, Senior Financial Advisors, Accountants, Income Tax Preparers, those in Insurance and our very own Church Treasurers (past and present).

Be sure to worship with us June 23rd, as we honor those in financial services.

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



World of Finance



Moments in Time

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

Bethel Presbyterian Church — 1881-1900

This time period was a very active one. In 1884 the Women's Missionary Society was formed. Also, that year, the first known cemetery book lists an 8 x 8 plot as costing \$10.00. In 1887 the Bethel Mite Society was formed for "cultivation of Christian friendship and improvement of church property" The pew rent system was begun in 1889, no record of the cost can be found. In 1889 it is recorded that the Session decided to use "unfermented wine" at communion. The Christian Endeavor Society and the Evening Star Mission Band were formed for the Bethel youth in 1891. The first sexton's house was built in 1896.

It had long been felt that a larger sanctuary was needed and after much planning it was begun, the last service in the old building being 4/23/1887. The present church was built and the first service was held 10/17/1888. The cost of the building and furniture was \$10, 211.48 with the stained-glass windows costing an additional \$752.00. The stone, sand and lumber were hauled by the farmers by horse and wagon. Most of the carving of the pews, which are still in place today, was done by the then pastor, William Stull. It is significant to note that all bills were paid in full at the time of completion. During the interim period services were held at 3 different locations depending on availability, the Bethel Academy, Jarrettsville M.E. church and McKendree church.

Nation's History — 1881-1900

- 1881 James A. Garfield is elected President then was assassinated by Charles Julius Guiteau at the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad Station
Clara Baron founder of Red Cross
- 1882 Schuyler Wheeler invented the electric fan
- 1883 Brooklyn Bridge opens
- 1884 Eight-hour work day first proclaimed by Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions in the U.S.
William LeBaron Jenney built the first skyscraper
George Eastman invented the first roll film
- 1885 Washington Monument is completed

Sylvanus F. Bowser invented automobile fuel pump
- 1886 Enoch Pratt Library opens in Baltimore

Statue of Liberty was dedicated
- 1888 National Geographic Society was founded
Frank Brownell invented Kodak Camera for George Eastman
- 1889 Wall Street Journal is established in New York
- 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre
Yosemite National Park established
- 1891 Basketball invented by Dr. James Naismith, a teacher at the YMCA Training School in Massachusetts

Baltimore Crisis - Two Naval sailors were killed in Chile
- 1892 John Froelich invented first gasoline powered tractor
- 1893 Panic of 1893 - economic depression that lasted until 1897
Nabisco introduces Cream of Wheat

George Washington Gale Ferris creates first Ferris Wheel
- 1895 George Herman Ruth was born
- 1896 H.L. Smith takes first x-ray photograph
John Philip Sousa composes "The Stars and Stripes Forever"
- 1887 John McDermott wins first Boston Marathon
Boston Subway opens
- 1898 USS Maine explodes in Havana, Cuba precipitating the Spanish-American War

The Treaty of Paris is signed ending the Spanish-American War
Edwin Prescott patents first roller coaster

Session Summary

The Session held a regular meeting on May 16, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Todd Smith. devotion led by Elder Margie Fielder, who also led us in prayer.

CLERK'S REPORT

Approved April 11, 2019 session minutes.

Communion held May 5, 2019 by pews, not by intinction as stated.

Request from member Jessica Sambor for use of the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Saturday June 29, 2019 from 2 – 6 p.m. to hold her son Tyler's Eagle Scout ceremony. App'd. by consensus.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

DC Chorale new letter of agreement – given to Finance Committee for review for any additional information. After review return to DC Chorale for their approval.

Use of Facility scheduling meeting spaces – If a change of night needs rescheduled, please let Melissa know of changes, so not to have duplicate scheduling on a particular evening.

Pastor Todd visited several shut-ins.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - discussion of Lake House renter's late payment situation. Bob Horn has been in communication with renter to pay the amount in arrears. Moved and seconded if the way be clear for these payments, we go ahead and approve.

MISSION - An unanimous decision to contribute to the following organization:

\$1000 Pentecost special offering.

SBC TASK FORCE – Elder Dennis Kirkwood gave the committee up-to-date ideas that are taken place. Cemetery Tours will begin May 19th. Dennis went over changes in the revised booklet of events with the committee.



The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Todd.

Respectfully submitted,
Polly S. Winskowski
Clerk of Session

2019

JUNE

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
9:30 Worship Service Guest Liturgist Hon. Lauren Arfkan House of Del., Distr. 7 10:30 Hospitality Hour 10:50 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 Deacons Meeting	7:00 Trustees Meeting	9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers 7:00 pm 4 H Fashion Review	7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 4:30 pm DCCY Rehearsals		Scout Crew #265 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service Guest Musician - Cara Fleck Plewinski 10:30 Hospitality Hour 1:00 Scout Troop #809 6:00 Blue Ribbon 4-H Club	10:00 AARP Blanketeers 4:00 Mission Committee 7:00 Worship & Music	10:30 Mary's Circle 2:00 SBC Task Force 6:30 Bridge Group	9:00 Bethel Cross Stitchers 7:00 Cemetary Committee	4:30 pm DCCY Rehearsals 7:00 pm Finance Meeting 7:00 pm DCC Board Meeting	14	 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
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9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Hospitality Hour 1:30 North Bend Cemetary Tour 3:00 James Chrismar Harf. Co, Historical Soc. Presentation	1:00 AARP Monthly Meeting 7:00 Admin & Personnel Mtg	6:30 Bridge Group	26	27	28	29
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