



BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

July 2019



When Jesus utters the words to love those who persecute you, in the sixth chapter of Luke the text leaves us no wiggle room. He demands that we be bearers of the grace we have received from him through our faith in him.

In spite of our sin the scripture teaches us of a loving God that loves us unconditionally. The unconditional love, forgiveness, and redemption that Jesus shows to us, and then demands of us, are central to the faith. It helps us to grow in our relationship to God and in our relationship to others. It transforms us just as it did Peter when in the scripture Jesus gives him an opportunity to declare his love three times in order to offer redemption for a three time denial. As a result he was empowered to feed and tend the flock of the shepherd.

Having a heart that knows how to forgive helps us to more clearly see the risen Christ at work as when he commissions us as he did Peter to follow him. To be able to forgive in love & not dwell on feelings of hurt or anger, or revulsion or pride does bring a reward. That reward is joy pure unadulterated honest joy. For when we can love somebody through, not despite, but through the enmity that they have caused us we truly begin to love them as God loves us.

As human beings our sin puts us directly in enmity with God. It separates us from the very God who breathed life into each and every one of us. Does God choose to keep us at arms length? Does he choose to maintain that separation we foster when we sin? The good news is no. God loves us through our sin. God forgives us of our sin, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The joy in loving ones enemy, the joy of forgiving those who have persecuted you, is in part the joy of our own salvation. In the merciful acts that we do for others we begin to emulate what God has so mercifully done for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

That moment when you stood before God, whenever it was, wherever it was, whatever you were doing, and you realized that you were a sinner and needed forgiveness and you gave your heart to the lord, at that very moment he reached down and placed within you a peace and a joy that nobody can ever take away: it's your gift from God. It is this joy we celebrate, when we unselfishly love and forgive others that have hurt us in the same way Jesus Christ unselfishly loved us, and through his sacrifice, forgave us. Food for thought...Pastor Todd

Vacation Bible School



July 25th
5:30-8:00 p.m.

July 26th
5:30-8:00 p.m.

July 27th
9am - 1pm

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Wiley Rutledge ~ 07/02

Nate Clayton ~ 07/07

Marsha Brooks ~ 07/08

Norma Kirkwood ~ 07/08

Kara Rowley ~ 07/11

Sandy Hughes ~ 07/14

Carol Morrow ~ 07/14

Kirk Jones ~ 07/15

David Wiley ~ 07/17

Erika Horn ~ 07/18

Tyler Sambor ~ 07/19

Jarrett Wiley ~ 07/19

Greg Burgess ~ 07/23

Jessica Sambor ~ 07/23

MaryLee Swift ~ 07/27

Jacob Wiley ~ 07/27

Kirsten DiBastiani ~ 07/30

Patrick Campbell ~ 07/31

Dan & Mary Beth Scott
July 1st

Gary & Gail Lowe
July 2nd

Tom & MaryLee Swift
July 27th

Dennis & Jean Kirkwood
July 29th



2019 Per Capita

Please be sure to submit your
Per Capita fee of
\$35.73
by the end of the year



Our Office Professional,
Melissa Dick, is a Notary.
If you are in need of having
documents notarized, please call
Melissa to set up an appointment.
This is a **FREE** service to
the members of Bethel.

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 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.

The Wilson Family and The Comer Family.

Into the Church Triumphant:

Leonora Rose
June 14, 2019



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 ...

Betty Jane Foard
9657 Belair Road
Apt. #1238
Nottingham, MD 21236

Won't you send her a note or card showing her that you are thinking of her and are wishing her well.



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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 **July 4th and 17th 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



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

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 kirstenfitzsimmons@hotmail.com

BETHEL CROSS STITCHERS

The Bethel Cross Stitchers will meet on **July 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 10:00 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.



Member News

The Jarrettsville Lions Club held its 70th charter night which is a celebration of the founding of the club. At this meeting, Lions are recognized for their efforts providing service to the community.

This year, The Lions Club is proud to award a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion **Carol Morrow**. Lion Carol has been an active Lion since joining the club. She has served on the board of directors, is our liaison between the club and the Mason Dixon Food Bank. She collects can goods at every meeting and makes sure they are delivered to Mason Dixon.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award was started by Lions Clubs International Foundation in 1973. With a \$1,000.00 donation to the foundation outstanding Lions and citizens are recognized for their good works. Since 1968, the Lions Clubs International Foundation has awarded more than 1 billion dollars through 14,000 grants focused on vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian programs.

The Jarrettsville Lions are proud to welcome Lion Carol into the group of Melvin Jones Fellows.

Congratulations Carol!



ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

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Lt. Col. USMC, Thomas L. Nystrom, Ret.,
will be interred with full military honors at
Arlington National Cemetery on
Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
All interested are invited.

Please be sure to report to the Arlington National Cemetery
Administration Building 45 minutes prior to the service.

If you are planning to attend the service, please be sure to contact
Shirlee Nystrom no later than **July 7th**

443-912-8496 ... shirlee1936@gmail.com

Church Events

Guests to Our Service

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through our 250th Anniversary Celebratory Year. We had the pleasure of having the Honorable Lauren Arikan, Maryland House of Delegates, District 7, and Honorable Susan McComas, Maryland House of Delegates, District 34B, as our liturgists on Sunday, June 2nd. We also were blessed to have the extraordinarily talented Cara Fleck Plewinski, harpist, as our guest musician on Sunday, Jun 9th. Cara gave he Children's Lesson and captivated the children (and adults) with a lesson on how the harp works and what the string colors represent. What an amazing gift she shared with all of us.



Laura Arikan

Maryland State Delegate
District 7

Susan McComas

Maryland State Delegate
District 34B

From Left: Bob Horn, Hon. Susan McComas, Jane Turner, Pastor Todd, Polly Winskowski, Hon. Laura Arikan, and Janet Henderson

Cara Fleck Plewinski
Harpist

Teaching the Children's Lesson on
Sunday, June 9, 2019



Church Events

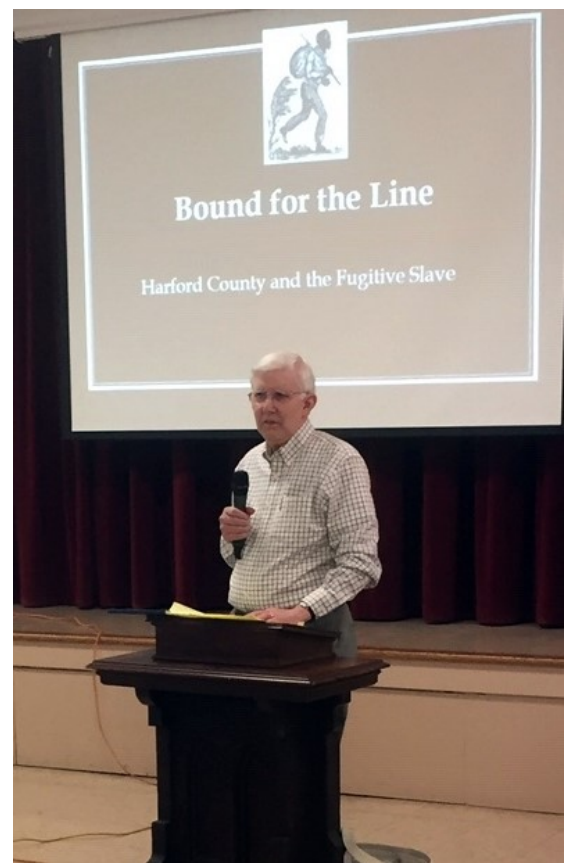
North Bend Church & Cemetery

Sunday, June 23rd - Bethel Church members were taken on a trip back in time on the North Bend Church and Cemetery Tour. Debbie Bowers arranged for a tour of the church and cemetery for Bethel in celebration of our 250th Anniversary. Some of our members even dressed in period clothing to give the full affect of the tour. We hope you were able to attend this amazing tour.



James Chrismer

Sunday, June 23rd - We had the please of having James Chrismer of the Historical Society of Harford County lecture on the Civil War and Harford County. We greatly appreciate Mr. Chrismer spending the afternoon with all of us at Bethel. We hope you had the opportunity to hear the history of Harford County.



Church Events



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

Vacation Bible School

Please join the Christian Education Committee in our summer Vacation Bible School event



July 25th
5:30-8:00 p.m.

July 26th
5:30-8:00 p.m.

July 27th
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Please go to our website ... www.bethel-md.org to register your child/children online !

Church Events



SEE YOU AT THE BALLPARK!



BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AT LEIDOS FIELD AT RIPKEN STADIUM

Thursday, August 8th ~ Aberdeen IronBirds vs. Staten Island Yankees

Come be part of -the Bethel Presbyterian Church group at Leidos Field at Ripken Stadium, and see the IronBirds take on the Yankees!! Enjoy the game from behind home plate in our Extra Innings Café and indulge in a delicious pre-game Buffet.

Gate Time is 7:05 p.m. Buffet begins at 6:00 p.m.

EACH PERSON WILL RECEIVE:

- Admission to the game
- FREE parking
- FREE First Pitch Program
- All-You-Can-Eat Italian Kitchen Buffet that includes grilled chicken breast, smoked beef brisket, grilled hot dogs, red roasted potatoes, mixed vegetable medley, garden salad, dinner rolls, cookies and brownies, and fountain drinks.

TICKETS ARE LIMITED !!

Cost per person is \$35 per person

Carpooling can be arranged.

To get your tickets for this fantastic event, please contact Bob Horn at 443-807-0563 or email him at hornsrb@aol.com



Saturday
August 17th
12:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

Join us for this AMAZING celebration of Bethel's 250th Anniversary ... there's something for everyone !!

Moon Bounce ∞ Face Painting ∞ Balloon Artist

LIVE Musical Entertainment ∞ **LIVE** Dance Performances ∞ **FIREWORKS !!**

Historical Cemetery and Sanctuary Tours **ALL FREE - ALL DAY**

Food will be available to purchase throughout the day

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.

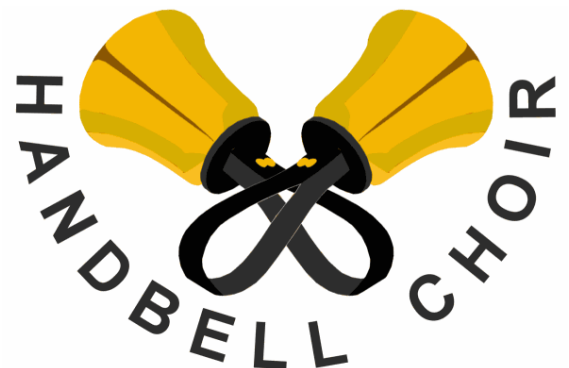
Join us on the first Sunday of each month starting in May through October after Worship Service.

Private tours upon request



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 !



Community Events



2019 Town of Bel Air Summer Concert Series

William A. Humbert Amphitheater @ Shamrock Park

(Behind Town Hall - 39 N. Hickory Ave., Bel Air, MD - Hickory Ave. & Lee St.)

The rain location is Bel Air High School Auditorium.

Please call (410) 803-9784 for rain/heat info. 2 hours before the concert.

From: 7:00 p.m. To: 8:15 p.m. - FREE Admission

Sun. 6/02	Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra (Opioid Awareness Concert)
Sun. 6/09	Bel Air Community Chorus
Sun. 6/16	Bel Air Community Band
Sun. 6/23	Baltimore Symphonic Band
Sun. 6/30	Navy Country Current
Wed. 7/03	Trinidad and Tobago Baltimore Steel Orchestra
Sun. 7/07	Bel Air Community Band Jazz Ensemble
Wed. 7/10	The Colliders
Sun. 7/14	Blues in the Night Big Band
Wed. 7/17	Intermuse Music Festival featuring The Borowsky Family
Sun. 7/21	Fast Eddie and The Slowpokes
Wed. 7/24	Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition
Sun. 7/28	U.S. Navy Band 'The Cruisers'
Wed. 7/31	Ain't Misbehavin' Big Band
Sun. 8/04	Upper Chesapeake Chorus
Wed. 8/07	Harford Youth Jazz Ensemble
Sun. 8/11	Juliet Lloyd
Wed. 8/14	Sounding Brass
Sun. 8/18	229 th Maryland National Guard Band

Concerts are sponsored by the Town of Bel Air through the Bel Air Recreation Committee.

Recognizing Our Community

Join us,

As we continue our celebration of the 250th Anniversary year at Bethel, we plan to recognize yet another group of occupations that focuses on legal services. Bethel's congregation has a varied list of professions, each one providing an opportunity to serve God. Each one allowing us to carry our faith out into the community. We sing: They will know we are Christians by our love and within our occupations, we are able to practice those words.

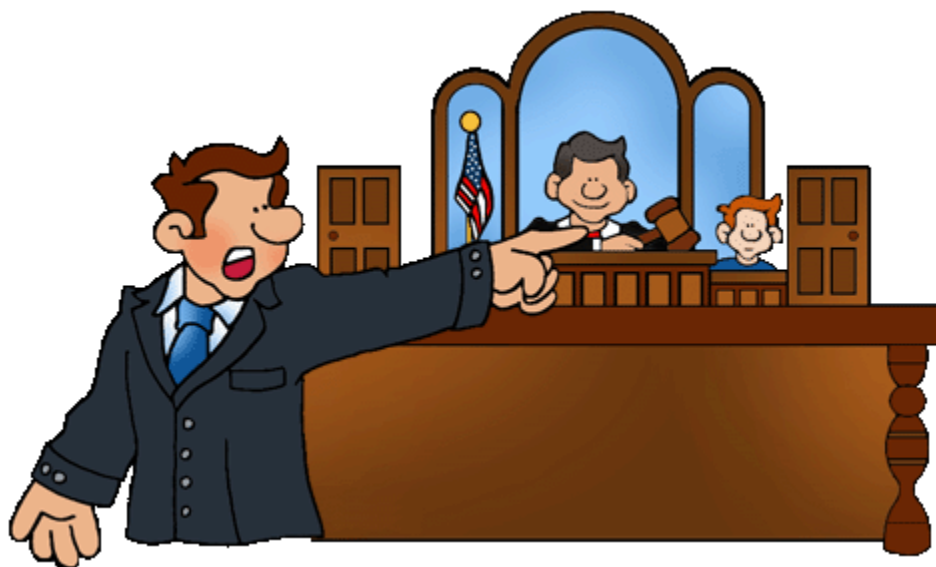
Sunday, July 14, 2019, during our 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, we will recognize the diligent work and service of those who are in **Legal Services**: Those who help sort out and practice the laws of our country- Lawyers, Judges, Paralegals, Notary Publics, Register of Wills and persons that serve on the jury when called to do so.

We give thanks to our LORD for the varied forms of service He blesses and encourages 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 to celebrate our 250th Anniversary of Bethel Presbyterian Church, this is the **July** installment of our ***Trip Down Memory Lane***. Happy Reading !!

Bethel History - 1901-1920

After such a busy previous 20-year period, it seems things settled down a bit at Bethel, although members remained very active, the church's average attendance is recorded as 200, the Sunday School lists 266 enrollment and the Christian Endeavor Society records an average attendance of 80. In 1903, the old manse, which still stands across the road from the Brick House, was built at a cost of \$3,500.00. In 1919, the pew rent system was replaced.

Nation's History - 1901-1920

- 1901 William McKinley was assassinated by Leon F. Czolgosz
Theodore Roosevelt appointed President after McKinley's assassination
- 1902 Texaco is founded
- 1903 Production of Ford Model A begins
First successful flight by The Wright Brothers
- 1904 The Great Fire of Baltimore destroys 1,500 buildings in 30 hours
Las Vegas is founded
- 1905 San Francisco Earthquake
Kellogg's debuts Corn Flakes cereal
- 1906 Henry Ford introduced the Ford Model T
- 1909 William Howard Taft elected President
NAACP was founded
Wilbert Wright conducts flight training for military aviators at College Park
- 1910 Boy Scout Association was founded
Halley's Comet
- 1911 Isaac E. Emerson built the Bromo-Seltzer Tower in Baltimore
- 1912 Nabisco introduced the Oreo cookie
Titanic struck an iceberg killing over 1,500 passengers and crew
- 1913 Woodrow Wilson elected President
First crossword puzzle was published in the New York Times
First automobile assembly line for the Ford Model T opened in Michigan
Fred W. Wolf, Jr. invents the first home-used electric refrigerator
- 1914-1918 World War I
Panama Canal completed
- 1916 Jeannette Rankin first woman elected to Congress
The first Piggly-Wiggly is opened in Tennessee
- 1917 Aberdeen Proving Ground established
- 1918 U.S. formally adopts daylight savings standard
- 1919 Theodore Roosevelt died
Charles Strite invents first pop-up toaster
- 1920 Women get the right to vote

Session Summary

The Session held a regular meeting on June 20, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Todd Smith. devotion led by Pastor Todd, who also led us in prayer.

CLERK'S REPORT

Approved May 16, 2019 session minutes.

Communion held June 2, 2019 by intinction.

Moved and seconded to not have session meetings July or August. Carries.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Pastor Todd visited shut-ins in hospital, and at home. Officiated at the funerals of Bill Greene, Dot Gemmill and Leonora Rose.

Elder Kirk Jones, session member, will be the liaison to Trustees.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PERSONNEL

The committee will begin their annual review for each staff member.

EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School will be held July 25, 26, & 27, 2019.

CARE & REACH OUT

Church Picnic will be held Sunday July 21, 2019 at Clear Meadow Farm at 1 p.m. Help is needed to set up and clean up, see John Cairnes.

MISSION

An unanimous decision made to the following:

\$500 to Presbytery Disaster Fund Relief

\$250 to buy 8x8 brick engraved Bethel Presbyterian Church 1769-2019 for support of Oncology problems and emotional support (H.O.P.E.).

S B C Task Force – Upcoming Events – August 17, 2019 Bethel's 250th Anniversary Community Fair. Dennis told of hand-made copper time capsule that will go into the Ebenezer and the location for it. Will have craft table, Boy Scout Walking Trail, Cemetery Tours, History Museum of Artifacts, Sanctuary/Sunday School Classroom Tours, Children's Activities, Food, and Drinks. Musical performers, lastly fireworks display.


The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Todd.

Respectfully submitted,
Polly S. Winskowski
Clerk of Session

2019

JULY

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
9:30 Worship Service Guest Minister Rev. Dr. Stephen Milton Churchville Presb. Church 10:30 Hospitality Hour		6:30 Bridge Group	9:00 Bethel Cross Stitchers	 7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch OFFICE IS CLOSED		
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
9:30 Worship Service Guest Minister Rev. Dr. Stephen Milton Churchville Presb. Church 10:30 Hospitality Hour		6:30 Bridge Group	Tom Nystrom Service Arlington Cemetary 1:00 p.m.	7:00 pm DCC Board Meeting		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30 Worship Service Guest Liturgist - Good Shepherd Presb. Church 10:30 Hospitality Hour 1:00 Scout Troop #809 6:00 Blue Ribbon 4-H Club		6:30 Bridge Group	9:00 Bethel Cross Stitchers	7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch		4-H Fashion Review 8 am - 12 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Membership Sunday 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Hospitality Hour 1:00 Bethel Annual 		6:30 Bridge Group	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY	 5:30-8:00 p.m.	 5:30-8:00 p.m.	 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
9:30 Worship Service Guest Liturgist - Elder Sandy Lloyd Churchville Pres. Church 10:30 Hospitality Hour		6:30 Bridge Group				