



BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

October 2019



A cute modern-day parable ...

There was once a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money, and he wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So, he

began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel hears his plea and appears to him, "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you."

The man implores the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules.

The man continued to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappears and informs the man that God has decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathers his largest suitcase and fills it with pure gold bars and places it beside his bed.

Soon afterward, the man dies and shows up at the Gates of Heaven to greet St. Peter. Seeing the suitcase, Peter says, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!"

But the man explains to him that he has permission and asks him to verify his story with the Lord. Sure enough, St. Peter checks and comes back saying, "You're right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."

Peter opens the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaims, "You brought pavement?!!!"

May we always be reminded that the things and situations that we get so worked up about have little or no meaning in heaven, you can't take it with you refers to much more than material wealth! We all tend at times to cling to bitterness, self-righteousness, feelings of entitlement, unwillingness to forgive, and the list goes on. The man in the story was burdened by his wealth. Most often however we are burdened by things much more self-destructive!

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:19-23. Food for thought.

Food for Thought ... Pastor Todd

Heritage Sunday

October 13th

Guest Minister
Rev. Dr. Richard Sheffield

Ebenezer and Time Capsule Dedication

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Patricia Kirchner ~ 10/01

Ann Ragonese ~ 10/02

Larry Kastner ~ 10/03

Sue Hinkley ~ 10/05

Hannah Burgess ~ 10/06

Karen Nystrom ~ 10/06

Dorothy Goldstein ~ 10/08

Nancy Alexander ~ 10/09

Garry Smithson ~ 10/09

Todd Smith ~ 10/12

Eric Benson ~ 10/15

Janet Henderson ~ 10/15

Martha Ann Smithson ~ 10/15

Rebecca Burgess ~ 10/16

Laurie Falkner ~ 10/16

Jeanne Heinze ~ 10/17

Angela Kirchner ~ 10/17

Craig Kirkwood ~ 10/19

Ada Koepper ~ 10/20

Brian Calary ~ 10/23

Samantha Fielder ~ 10/24

Savannah Shaul ~ 10/24

Douglas Smith III ~ 10/24

Joseph Ostrowski ~ 10/25

Marianna Putnam ~ 10/30



Robert & Sarah Scott
October 3rd

Davidson & Tracey Pullen
October 5th

Sean & Jennifer Dietz
October 6th

James & Karen Nystrom
October 14th

Eddie & Debbie Calary, Jr.
October 18th

John & Marcanne Saneman
October 19th



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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, Jerry Wiley, Dorothy Goldstein, and George Reeves.

Bruce Snyder, friend of the Morrors 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.

Hazel Liff, friend of Andi & Ron Holmes.

The Griffiths Family, friends of Don Scott.

The Wilson Family and The Comer Family.

Chrissie Galliher for the loss of her grandfather.

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 gggalowe@aol.com



Tylor Sambor, one of our own teen members, has reached the pinnacle of scouting. His most generous Eagle Scout Project - Swings & Fire Pit - was gifted to our Church. The outstanding achievement of reaching Eagle Scout rank was celebrated at Bethel Church on Saturday, September 7th. The event was attended by over 50 friends and family. His parents, David and Jessica Sambor, hosted a reception in the Fellowship Hall then a dinner at their home.

All of us at Bethel extend our most heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Tyler and his family.



Our featured Bethel Member to receive our **Shower of Cards** of support, encouragement, love and laughter will be ...

Ada Koepper
3139 White Hall Road
White Hall, MD 21161

I'm sure she would love to receive a birthday card (October 20th) or a note letting her know that you are thinking of her and are wishing her well.



Celebrating The Horn Family

Bob is the "energizer bunny" of Bethel. His activities and contributions include: serving on the Finance Committee which he has chaired for five years; four terms on Session; two terms on Trustees, president for three years; Pastor Nominating Committee; Breakfast Bunch founder and facilitator; teacher of the Adult Sunday School class; and a member of the Committee to celebrate Bethel's 250th anniversary. He arranges the annual Bethel night out at the Ironbirds Stadium for interested members. Bob began the annual Spaghetti Dinner serving in all capacities while wife, Susie, provides entertainment with, Rudy, her Karaoke partner. He is also an active member of the Jarrettsville Lions Club.

Parma, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland is where he grew up until he left to attend Ohio State University graduating with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Following graduation from OSU, he took a job with a company in Cleveland. He met Susie at the office where they both worked. An office romance soon ensued.

Susie grew up in a Catholic family and continues to follow her Catholic faith. The two married in Susie's home church and agreed to raise their children as Catholics. Susie was employed by United Airlines for 22 years as a Flight Attendant as well as a Supervisor of Inflight Services. Susie has a passion for animals and has worked with the United States Humane Society after Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi and the SPCA in Houston after Hurricane Harvey. One of Susie's favorite charities is the Building Homes for Heroes Foundation who gifts mortgage-free homes to disabled veterans. She makes and sells live Christmas wreaths and donates proceeds to this charity. She is also involved with the laying of wreaths to decorate the graves of our heroes during the holidays.

In 1980, Bob joined McCormick and moved to Baltimore where as Engineering Manager for the Food Service Division he gained experience making mayonnaise. Seeing a need for that expertise, the company moved Bob and his family to Mexico City where the company had a business venture. After eight years, they returned to the Baltimore office and bought their house on Furnace Road. Bob visited several churches in the area before joining Bethel which he chose because of the friendliness of the congregation. He continued to travel to Mexico and Latin America on business until retiring in 2017.

The family consists of daughters Erika Fortson, her husband Craig and their daughter Madelynn age six who live in Houston, Texas and Christine Theodosakos, husband Nick and daughter Renee, who is 4, who live in Jacksonville, MD, just down the road.

Favorite vacation spots include any beach in Mexico and their place in Ocean City along with a yearly ski trip to Colorado.

Our very sincere thanks to Bob for his dedication and generous service to Bethel.

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.



BETHEL CROSS STITCHERS

The Bethel Cross Stitchers will meet on **October 2nd and 16th 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.

October 8th is the next meeting.



THE BREAKFAST BUNCH

The Men's Bible Study Group will begin a new series on Solomon. They will meet on **October 3rd 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 ...

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 12:00 p.m. or you can contact our Music Director, Kirsten Fitzsimmons via email at kirstenfitzsimmonsmusic@hotmail.com



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

Bethel Celebration Hand Bell Choir

On Sunday, September 15th, we had the extreme pleasure of having former Hand Bell Choir Director, Nancy Rose, lead an alumni of ringers for a celebratory performance during our Worship Service. She was able to convince past ringers to join us from as far away as Vermont, Massachusetts and the Eastern Shore to be with us and ring once more at Bethel. There were a total of 27 ringers! What an incredible sound that resonated throughout Bethel. We ended our day with a delicious luncheon the Women's Association provided for all to enjoy together. We are so appreciative of the time and commitment of all the ringers and especially to Nancy ... our hearts are filled with love and joy!



Church Events

Guests to Our Service

Continuing with our 250th Anniversary Celebratory Year, we had quite a few special guests in September to our pulpit as well as sharing musical talents during our Worship Services. We are blessed and grateful to each individual who shared their time with us. We hope you had the opportunity to join us and share in the teachings they gave each Sunday and hopefully were moved by the sounds of music that filled our Sanctuary. We thank you all for celebrating with us.



Lou Ann Rau
Fallston Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 1, 2019



Rev. Vicki Kennedy
Bethel Associate Pastor
1997-2000
Sunday, September 8, 2019



Rev. David Harris
Pulpit Supply
Sunday, September 15, 2019



Caroline Haar
Music Guest - Soloist
Sunday, September 1, 2019



Doug Washburn
Historical Society of Harford County
Sunday, September 8, 2019

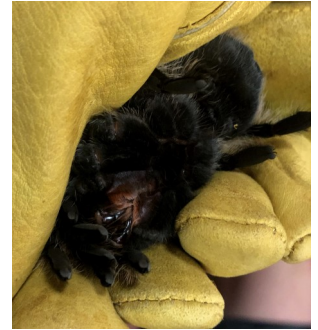
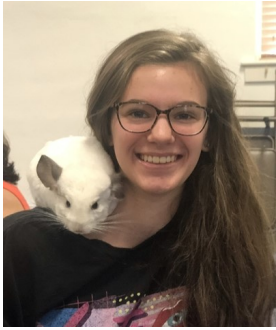


Brad Rineholt
Music Guest - Soloist
Sunday, September 8, 2019

Church Events

Super Cool Sunday School

On Sunday, September 15th, our Christian Education Team Leaders began this year's Sunday School program with a fun filled morning with some super cool friends from Wildlife Adventures ! What an amazing way to start of the year learning all about some of God's incredible creations ... thank you for sharing your knowledge with our children .



Sunday School Stain Glass Window

Our Sunday School children have been hard at work designing a very special stain glass window to be displayed in the CE Building Second Floor window. Local Glass Artist, Danny Simpson, put those creative designs into a beautiful piece of stain glass artwork for all to enjoy for years to come. Please be sure to stop by Noah's Ark and see the window in all its beauty.



Church Events

Sunday School Fall Festival

Sunday School Students will be celebrating the Fall Season with a bonfire at our fire pit on ...

Sunday, October 6th
4-6:00 p.m.

Please join us for a fun filled evening of pizza, fellowship, games, crafts and a whole lot s'more !



Please RSVP to **Chrissie Galliher**
via calling / texting / emailing
Cell Phone: 443-807-2367
chrissiegirl24@gmail.com



Ice Cream Devotional
Sunday ~ November 10th

Join us during Hospitality Hour in Mr. Bob's Classroom
for Ice Cream Sundaes & Thoughtful Devotional
for the Thanksgiving Season

All we ask is that you bring a few canned goods or
non-perishable foods as we discuss mission and
how little actions can bring big reactions !



For Ages 5 and Up



Recognizing Our Community

Join Us,

As part of our monthly celebration during this 250th year, we will be recognizing the work of those in **GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**. Many occupations overlap so that you find the physician volunteering as a fireman, or the farmer is also a teacher, the homemaker is a librarian, the civil engineer is a Boy Scout leader, etc.; however, we all serve one God. We all have much to be thankful for.

Be sure to worship with us and bring a guest on **October 20, 2019 @ 10:30AM** as we recognize the services of the: Firemen, Paramedics, Policemen, Politicians, Administrative Assistants, Receptionists, Secretaries, Office Managers, Homemakers' Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H Clubs, Recreation Councils, Public Libraries, Mason Dixon Community Center, Lions Club and others of government and community services.

Join us in giving thanks to our Lord for all the varied services 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



Bethel's Time Capsule

*Samuel placed a stone and named it Ebenezer,
to be reminded of God's help in defeating the Philistines.*

1 Samuel 7:12

Bethel will be placing our Ebenezer stone ... Our Rock of Faith and Remembrance ... to remind us who we serve. You may have noticed the foundation for that stone has been placed.

On **Sunday, October 13th**, we plan to seal a filled time capsule within the stone. This capsule is to be opened and contents revealed to Bethel's congregation in the year 2069.

What message do you want to give to the folks who will be opening that capsule 50 years from now? Think about the most important message, portion of history, favorite mementos, etc. you want to share with Bethel's future congregation. It should share our faith, our personality, our missions, who we are at this moment in time, and how we are serving God today. What technology is in use in 2019 that helps us carry out our mission. Do you have photos to share, a note you wrote, ideas you wish to make known, or a small memento that has meaning to you and tell why it has meaning.

Talk about it. Give it lots of thought. Share your ideas with the Sesquibicentennial (SBC) Committee members.

When the 2069 Bethel congregation opens that time capsule, we want them to know how we serve God. We want them to know it takes all parts of the body working together.

As it is written in Romans 12:5---So it is with Christ's body, we are all parts of His body, and each of us has different works to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others. (NLT)

Moments in Time

As we continue with our celebratory year of Bethel's 250th Anniversary, please enjoy the **October** installment of our *Trip Down Memory Lane*. Happy Reading !!

Bethel History - 1961-1980

In 1961, Bethel's pastor was Johannis Mol, a native of the Netherlands who had emigrated to Australia after the World War II. During the war, he had been a Nazi prisoner of war for having been part of the Dutch resistance. While serving Bethel, he also earned a Doctorate in Philosophy from Columbia University in New York, specializing in the impact religion played in the adjustment of immigrants. This seems to be a particularly fitting topic for Bethel.

1962 saw the ordination of Eugene Bay. He had been a member of Bethel all his life and was the son of Walter and Kathleen Bay. Both his parents were very active members including being on the Session, Mrs. Bay being one of the first two women elders, and Eugene is the only known 'home grown' pastor Bethel has ever produced. He is now retired and visited Bethel in May of 2019 for our Sesquicentennial celebration.

The celebration of the 200th anniversary of Bethel was held in 1969. It was at this time that Anna Lee Kirkwood Smith wrote her book of Bethel history. On the cover is a very fitting quote from Ecclesiastes 1:4, "One generation passeth away and another generation cometh but the earth abideth forever." In this year, also, the present manse was built, the old one being sold to a Bethel family.

A handbell choir was started in 1977 using borrowed bells from Highland Presbyterian Church. The wife of the then pastor, Brenda Grauer, started, trained and directed the choir, which was later taken over by MaryLee Kegley Swift (1983-1989) and Nancy Smith Rose directed the youth hand bell ringers (1986-2006) and then later the adult hand bell ringers (1990-2006). A set of 3 octave bells was bought in 1979.

Nation's History - 1961-1980

- 1961 U.S. Figure Skating Team killed in plane crash near Belgium
- 1963 President Kennedy is assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald in Texas
Lyndon B. Johnson becomes President
Alcatraz is officially closed
Civil Rights March in Washington D.C.
- 1964 Beatlemania hits the U.S.

1965-1975 Vietnam War

- 1965 Kevlar is developed by Dupont scientist Stephanie Louise Kwolek
- 1966 Orioles defeat Dodgers in World Series
Medicare begins for citizens over 65
- 1967 Thurgood Marshall becomes first African American Supreme Court Judge
Texas Instruments Jack Kilby, Jerry Merryman and James Van Tassel invented the first handheld calculator
- 1968 Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated
Robert K. Kennedy is assassinated
- 1971 Colts defeat Dallas Cowboys in Super Bowl
Ray Tomlinson created the first electronic mailing device – Email
A ban on television advertisements of cigarettes goes into effect in the US
Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL opens
- 1972 Watergate beings
Atari invented first video game – Pong
M*A*S*H airs
- 1973 Westbound Chesapeake Bay Bridge opened
BIC introduces first disposable lighter
Martin Copper invents first portable phone
Secretariat wins Triple Crown
- 1974 President Richard Nixon resigns to avoid impeachment
Art Fry invented Post-it Notes
- 1975 Wheel of Fortune airs
- 1976 U.S. celebrate its Bicentennial
The inkjet printer was invented
Muppet Show airs
- 1978 *Raymond Damadian* constructed the first full-body human MRI scanner
- 1979 Three Mile Accident in Middletown, PA
Iraq Hostage Crisis
- 1980 Baltimore Inner Harbor also knowns as "Harbor Place" opened

Session Summary

The Session held a regular meeting on Sept 19, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Todd Smith. devotion led by Ruling Elder Robert Horn who also led us in prayer.

CLERK'S REPORT

Approved June 20, 2019 session meeting
Approved Aug. 11, 2019 Special Session minutes with one correction
Communion held Sunday Sept. 1st in pew
Nominating Committee – Co-Chair Marsha Brooks, and Nancy Alexander.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

A request from David and Nancy Rose on purchasing land from Bethel. The session will be looking at plans to sell. It was discussed and session will take request under advisement.

Pastor Todd's vacation schedule was discussed.

Administration and Personnel to reduce members on the three boards. They will come to session with proposal at October session meeting.

Nursery – Moved and seconded to have one of the following: Jessica Sambor, Krysta Batchelor, and Melissa Dick as nursery attendants for Sunday services.

Rita Cairnes will do background check for Sunday School and Youth Groups.

MISSION

A unanimous decision to:
Provide \$1,000 to the Presbytery Disaster Relief Fund.
Provide \$500 to Perry Point Medical Center for recreational support
Provide \$500 to Harford Fuel Fund of Md

Treasurer Report

Operating Income – YTD (July): \$188,474 +44,180 vs PY
Includes Offerings and Other Income
and \$48,376 transferred from Reserves
Operating Expense – YTD (July): \$173,824 +20,602 vs PY
Includes Personnel, Programs, and Trustees

Operating Surplus (Deficit) \$14,650 – excludes investment and restricted expenses;

Status of Investment accounts

A balance of \$68,141 was reported in the Restricted Accounts as of 7/31/2019. However, it was decided that a more in-depth review of the Restricted Funds is required. This will be performed by B. Horn over the next several months.

A balance of \$1,079,018 was in the investment accounts as of 7/31/2019.

SBC Task Force – The Ebenezer Time Capsule – The Time Capsule was discussed for receiving items, letters, photos, trinkets to be placed in the capsule.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Polly S. Winskowski
Clerk of Session

2019 OCTOBER

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Baptism of Owen Seiler 11:30 Hospitality Hour 12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 4:00 Fall Festival at Fire Pit	30 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 Trustees Meeting	01 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsal 7:00 CE Meeting	02 9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers 2:00 SBC Task Force Meeting	03 9:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 5:00 pm DCYC Registration	04	05 Scouts Crew #265 11:00-1:00
06 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Baptism of Owen Seiler 11:30 Hospitality Hour 12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 4:00 Fall Festival at Fire Pit	07 7:00 Deacons	08 10:00 Mary's Circle 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsal Office Closed	09 7:00 pm Care & Reach Out Team	10 5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals	11	12
13 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 W.S. - Rev. Dr. Sheffield 11:30 Hospitality Hour 12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 1:30 Cub Scouts #809 6:00 Blue Ribbon 4H Club	14 10:00 AARP Blanketeers 1:00 AARP Board Meeting 4:00 Mission Meeting 7:00 Worship & Music - CO	15 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsal 7:00 CE Meeting	16 9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers	17 9:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals 7:00 pm Session	18	19
20 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Recognition of Prof. Gov't & Comm. Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour 12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	21 Perry Point Donation Delivery 12:00 AARP Meeting NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY	22 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsal	23	24 5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals	25	26
27 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Guest Liturgist - Gill Jones 11:30 Hospitality Hour 12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	28 6:00 Staff Meeting - F 7:00 Admin & Personnel - CO	29 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsal	30	31 Happy Halloween 	01	02

FH = Fellowship Hall

CO = Church Office

F = Foyer