



BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

November 2019



Read the following Scripture two or three times.

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Meditation (Meditatio)

After the reading, take some time to reflect:

What word or words in this passage caught your attention? What in this passage comforted you? What in this passage challenged you? If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Prayer (Oratio)

Read the Scripture passage again. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation (Contemplatio):

Read the Scripture passage again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me? Prepare the way of the Lord. How do I share my faith with others, through word and deed? What can I do this week to help others encounter Christ?

How often do I seek forgiveness from those I have wronged? How often do I seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance? Do I make time each day to acknowledge my sinfulness and ask God's grace to help me do better? What events or places make me most aware of God's majesty and power? Do I rely on God's grace or expect to do it all on my own?

Food for Thought ... Pastor Todd

Daylight Savings



Don't forget to turn
your clocks
BACK
1-Hour on
November 3rd

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Birthday!

Carmie Messenger ~ 11/02

Christian Sachs ~ 11/02

Margie Fielder ~ 11/03

Colbee Mattheiss ~ 11/03

Bruce Mattheiss ~ 11/04

Dennis Kirkwood ~ 11/05

Gail Lowe ~ 11/11

Joseph Comaty ~ 11/12

Thomas Mason ~ 11/13

Dan Scott ~ 11/13

Malcolm Daughton ~ 11/14

Sean Dietz ~ 11/14

Debbie Calary ~ 11/20

Laurie Falkner ~ 11/20

Dave Kirshner ~ 11/24

Dylan Sambor ~ 11/27

Betty Rogers ~ 11/28

Albert Troyer ~ 11/28



Tom & Marilyn O'Neill
November 2nd

Brian & Lisa Calary
November 5th

Allen & Ginny Eberwein
November 8th

Nelson & Nancy Berigtold
November 11th

John & Barbara Shaul
November 24th

Mo & Ruth Howard
November 25th



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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.

Rev. Bruce and Barbara Barstow, former pastor at Bethel and his wife.

Dan Kelleher, brother-in-law of Jack and Betty Rogers.

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.

Hazel Liff, friend of Andi & Ron Holmes.

The Griffiths Family, friends of Don Scott.

Jim Freel, friend of Dan & Mary Beth Scott.

Kim Rutledge, wife of Jim Rutledge, friend of Dan & Mary Beth Scott.

The Wilson Family and The Comer Family.

Linda Rodarmel, cousin of Marsha Brooks.

Tricia Allen, friend of Melissa Dick.

Tiffany Crouse, sister of Melissa Dick.

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



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kind and generous donation to the Fuel Fund. We truly value you all !! I would like to personally thank you for your recent contribution to our organization in the amount of \$500.

Sincerely,
Debbie Brown
Chief Development Officer
Fuel Fund of Maryland

Dear Friends,

Please know that your gift of \$500 for Disaster Relief blesses those who walk the hard road toward recovery, letting them know they are not alone, helping them to find hope in the midst of chaos, and making real the promise of Pentecost.

In Christ's Peace,
Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus
Director
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



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

Gretchen Shanklin
4561 Shanklin Drive
White Hall, MD 21161

I'm sure she would love to receive a note letting her know that you are thinking of her and are wishing her well.

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 meet on **November 7th and 21st at 7:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. A continental breakfast is provided. 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@b@aol.com



BETHEL CROSS STITCHERS

The Bethel Cross Stitchers will meet on **November 6th and 20th 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.

Cross Stitch Heaven

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



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.

November 12th
is the next meeting.



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

New Addition to the Bethel Family



On Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 5:09 a.m., little miss Rhiannon Shea Thomson was brought into the world. Andrew and Jennifer Thomson are the proud parents of this 7 lb. 10½ oz. little princess.

Please be sure to send your warm wishes and congratulations to these very blessed parents ...

Andrew and Jennifer Thomson
65 Falls Road
Airville, PA 17302

Best wishes for a happy, healthy life together ♥

Perry Point Medical Center

On behalf of the Mission Committee, thankyou to all who made donations to the Perry Point VA Medial Center.

On Monday, October 22st, Barbara Thompson, Nancy Cowman, Carol Hays, and Nancy Mory visited the long term patients. Our gifts were greatly appreciated as was our visit. We also presented the Center with a \$500 check for recreational needs for the patients.



Church Events

Ebenezer Dedication

On Sunday, October 13th, Bethel celebrated the Dedication of the Ebenezer with guest minister Rev. Dr. Richard Sheffield. We honored the family members who are ancestors of the Founding Families. What a joyous day to be able to reflect on those who settled here and began this house of worship. We thank them for their faithfulness to God and to this community. Our Christian Education Director, Chrissie Galliher, lead the Children's Lesson on one of the stain glass windows. Our day ended with a wonderful luncheon provided by the SBC Committee and a book signing with Rev. Dr. Sheffield. We hope you had the opportunity to be part of such a momentous occasion.



Church Events

All Saints' Day Worship Service

Please join us for the *All Saints' Day Worship Service* honoring all those who have entered into the Church Triumphant on ...

Sunday ~ November 3rd

The following individuals will be acknowledged during our Service:

William Wiley	November 15, 2018
Marvel Winskowski	December 2, 2018
Bruce Young	January 14, 2019
William Greene, Jr.	April 14, 2019
Dorothy Gemmill	May 11, 2019
Leonora Rose	June 14, 2019

The Deacons will be providing a delicious luncheon for all to enjoy immediately following the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.

Trustees Clean-Up Event

The Board of Trustees & Boy Scouts will be having a Clean-Up Day on

Saturday ~ November 9th

If you are able to volunteer to help our Trustee Members and Boy Scouts clean up around the church, please contact Gary Lowe, President of the Board of Trustees, at gary_lowe@pmagroup.com



Church Events



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



Harvest Home Sunday

In this season of harvest and plenty, please share
with those who are less fortunate by bringing in
non-perishable food items to the Sanctuary on ...



Sunday ~ November 17th



to be delivered to the Mason Dixon Community Services
food pantry for distribution to needy families in our area.

Won't you be the helping hand a family needs during
the season of Thanksgiving.

Church Events



Boy Scout Brunch



In recognition of Bethel's 250th Anniversary, the Boy Scouts will be hosting a Sunday Brunch for our congregation on

Sunday ~ November 24th

Please be sure to join us for a delicious feast prepared by the Boy Scouts and their Families immediately following Worship Service

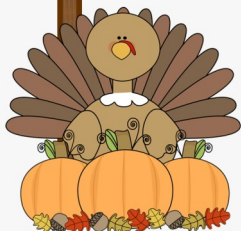


Thanksgiving Family Dinner

Sunday School and Youth Group Families please join us for a family dinner on ...

**Tuesday, November 26th
at 6:00 p.m.**

We are
Thankful for
YOU!



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

Hope to see you there !



Church Events

Advent Luncheon

The Christian Education Committee would like to invite you to attend our Advent Luncheon on ...

Sunday ~ December 1st

Immediately following Worship Service, join us for an afternoon of Caroling, Fellowship, and an Advent Devotion.

Please be sure to reserve your place at the luncheon by calling Melissa Dick in the Church Office at 410-692-5282 or email her at melissadick@bethel-md.org

Christmas Poinsettias



The most wonderful time of the year is approaching and we invite you to share your memories with us by acknowledging a loved one or friend with a donation for the poinsettia decorations we provide each year to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas.

Please be sure to contact Melissa Dick in the Church Office at 410-692-5282 or email her at melissadick@bethel-md.org if you would like to make a donation.

Donation forms will be available in your Sunday bulletins soon.

Community Events

The Giving Boxes

Christ Our King Presbyterian Church will be packing boxes for Thanksgiving meals for families in need in our community.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please report on ...



**Saturday ~ November 23rd
9:00 a.m.**



With your help, the 1200 boxes will be filled with food by noon and loaded on to trucks, ready for distribution to families throughout Maryland on Monday of Thanksgiving week.

Christ Our King Presbyterian Church
10 Lexington Road
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

Candlelight Christmas Service

Historic North Bend Church

**Saturday ~ December 7th
5:00 p.m.**



The perfect start for the Holiday season! Enjoy an early evening entertainment with musical talent and a few surprises, 19th century style! Hear our 1880's organ played by Lancaster County resident Mark Herr of the International Reed Organ Society plus soloists and other musical talent. See North Bend with all its oil lamps lit, and candles too. It is a wonderful evening, beginning at 5 pm to allow for your dinner plans afterward. Costumes optional. Admission by donation at the door. Proceeds benefit restoration at North Bend. For more information, please contact Debbie Bowers at 410 913-8979 or bowerspub@hotmail.com.

Recognizing Our Community

Join Us,

Our occupations and how we carry them out, affirms our faith.

During this eleventh month of our celebration year, we plan to recognize the **ENGINEERING AND SCIENCES PROFESSIONALS** of our congregation and community. Those with engineering and sciences degrees are behind almost everything that has been built and explored. There are chemical engineers, mechanical engineers, electrical engineers, civil engineers, structural engineers, engineers of the locomotive and then the pilots of an airplane as well as scientists of all facets of life like DNA specialists, blood splatter analysts, researchers and many more.

Invite your friends and families to join us in worship as we give thanks to our Lord for guiding those in the fields of engineering and the sciences on **Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 10:30AM.**

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 has placed the Ebenezer Stone ... Our Rock of Faith and Remembrance ... in the front of the church in the garden. We will be collecting items for the Time Capsule until the end of the year. We encourage everyone to bring a little something ... memento, photograph, newspaper clipping, coins, a piece of your history, a note to your future Bethel members ... that will show the members of Bethel's 2069 congregation what Bethel was about and how we joined together as a unified, spiritually bond family in all things. Stop by the Church Office with your contribution to the Time Capsule.

Moments in Time

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

Bethel History - 1981-2000

In 1987, the present organ was bought and the following year a celebration was held for the 100th anniversary of the building of the present sanctuary.

The big project for this time was the building of the foyer, in 1992, which connects the church and the education building. This had been a long felt need for both easier access between buildings and the inconvenience caused by bad weather. David Thomas was the capable chairman of the project. The foyer is now much used for meetings, hospitality hours and as a setting for cases displaying historical artifacts.

Mission trips were begun during this time by Bob Dennison and many Bethel youth and adults participated in these. These included both domestic and foreign trips and involved a lot of hard manual labor which was well rewarded by the gratitude of the receivers. Spaghetti dinners were held annually featuring chef Bob Horn and his able crew, the profits of which went to support the mission trips.

Creative Arts Director, Diane Appel, designed and produced a Noah's Ark theme covering the hallway in the Education building. It features animals from every continent, and some are even 3 dimensional. Diane also produced and directed several plays, held at Bethel and featuring Bethel members, including many youths as the cast. These were well attended by both the church members and the community.

Habitat for Humanity became a presence in Harford County and many Bethel members donated time and labor to the building of houses. In addition, the church contributed money toward the expenses.

The Deacons began an annual luncheon, free of charge and open to anyone 70 and older as a thank you for their faithful service over the years. In addition to food, entertainment was also provided. These have been well received and attended.

Nation's History - 1981-2000

- 1981 National Aquarium in Baltimore opened
First space shuttle launched from Cape Canaveral
 - 1982 IBM introduces the personal computer
Vietnam Veterans Memorial opened in Washington, D.C. that holds more than 58,000 names of fallen soldiers and those missing in action
 - 1983 Orioles defeat Phillies to win the World Series
Soft bifocal contact lenses were invented
Sally Ride becomes first woman astronaut to travel into space
 - 1985 Ft. McHenry Tunnel opened
Windows program invented by Microsoft
Live Aid Concert – 17-hr live concert aired to raise funds for famine relief in Africa
 - 1986 Fuji introduces first disposable camera
Hand Across America – 5 million people create a human chain across U.S.
 - 1988 Baltimorean, John Waters, released film based in Baltimore – Hairspray
Cellular phones were invented
Ray Fuller invents Prozac
 - 1989 Exxon Valdez Crash spilling 11 million gallons of oil extending 45 miles
High-definition television was invented
Berlin Wall comes down
- 1990-91 Gulf War**
- 1990 Tim Berners-Lee creates the world wide web
Hubble Telescope placed into orbit
 - 1992 Oriole Park at Camden Yards opened
 - 1993 World Trade Center bombed by Islamic Terrorists
Waco Texas Massacre
Beanie Babies craze begins
 - 1994 Sony PlayStation hit the market
 - 1995 Oklahoma City bombing by Timothy McVeigh killing 168 people
Korean War Memorial opens in Washington, D.C.
Cal Ripken, Jr. plays his 2131 consecutive game
 - 1996 First cloned mammal in Scotland – Dolly, sheep
 - 1998 Google is launched
 - 2000 Montgomery Ward closes after 128 years

Session Summary

The Session held a regular meeting on October 17, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Todd Smith devotion led by Ruling Elder Marcia Brooks who also led us in prayer.

CLERK'S REPORT

Approved September 19, 2019 session meeting.
Communion held Sunday October 6, 2019 in pew.
Baptism of Owen Seiler, son of Jennifer and Matthew Seiler, approved retroactive.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Vacation change for Pastor Todd – requesting November 7 through November 11, 2019.
Rev. Dr. Richard Sheffield will be our pulpit supply Sunday, November 10, 2019.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL –

Chrissie Galliher annual review was approved. Pastor Todd annual review will be scheduled in October,
The committee was asked by Session to determine a plan for reducing the three elected boards from (12) twelve to (9) nine members beginning 2020. This committee recommends to the session that one person only for next three years be elected for each of the boards. This would allow a gradual reduction and give each board to phrase in the next three years. Moved and seconded to downsize all boards. Motion passed.

CARE AND REACH OUT TEAM

Moved to have a Welcome Packet for visitors on Sunday mornings. Approved as amended a letter to Christian Education committee for final approval, do by email vote.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Went over with committee upcoming events taken place – October and November
11/10/19 - Ice cream devotional
11/3 & 11/17 /19 - Stained glass children's lesson during church service
11/26/19 – Bethel S.S. Family dinner – Tues. 6 – 7:30 p.m.
12/01/19 – Advent luncheon – finalized luncheon
12/15/19 – Caroling/Holiday movie night
12/24/19 – Christmas Eve – skit
Spring Mission – in place of Christmas Child the committee will set up mission day.
Bethel/Chimers Choir – possibility of forming children's chime group.
Need one more nursery attendant for Sunday School.

FINANCE

Treasurer's Report

Operating Income – YTD (August): \$215,422 +28,792 vs PY
Includes Offerings and Other Income
and \$48,376 transferred from Reserves

Operating Expense – YTD (August): \$190,528+17,658 vs PY
Includes Personnel, Programs, and Trustees

Operating Surplus (Deficit) \$24,894 – excludes investment and restricted expenses;

MISSION

\$500 Welcome One Emergency Shelter for their Prescription Plan for the recipients of shelter.
\$500 Habitat for Humanity
Harvest Home on November 17 and Thanksgiving Boxes at Christ our King on Nov. 23, 2019

SBC Task Force

The Ebenezer stone has been installed. Items for time capsule will be collected through the remainder of the year. Celebrated Heritage Sunday, October 13, 2019. Barry Glassman, Harford Co. executive will be our liturgist on November 10, 2019.
Boy Scouts offered to provide Hospitality Hour Brunch on Sunday November 24, 2019 in recognition of 250th anniversary and say thank you for all that has been done for scouting.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC


Advent Luncheon will be Sunday December 1, 2019 after Sunday worship service.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 with prayer by Pastor Todd.

Respectfully submitted,
Polly S. Winskowski
Clerk of Session

2019 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
All Saints' Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Deacons Luncheon	7:00 Deacons 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 Trustees Meeting 7:00 DCC Rehearsal	6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 Trustees Meeting 7:00 DCC Rehearsal	9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers 7:00 pm Nominating Committee	9:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals Pastor Todd is on Vacation	DCYC Fall Retreat 6-8:30 pm	Clean-Up Day 8:30-10:30 am  Scouts Crew #265 10:30-12:00
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 Sunday School 10:30 WS - Rev. Dr. Sheffield 11:30 Hospitality Hour 12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 1:30 Cub Scouts #809 6:00 Blue Ribbon 4H Club	10:00 AARP Blanketeers 1:00 AARP Board Meeting 4:00 Mission Meeting 7:00 Worship & Music Pastor Todd is on Vacation	10:00 Mary's Circle 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsal	2:00 SBC Task Force Meeting 7:00 Care & Reach Out Team	5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals 7:00 pm DCC Board Meeting		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Harvest Home Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Rev. Jack Carlson 11:30 Hospitality Hour 12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12:00 AARP Meeting 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsal 7:00 CE Meeting	6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsal 7:00 CE Meeting	9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers	9:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals 7:00 pm Session		Christ Our King Thanksgiving Boxes 9:00 a.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:45 Hand Bell Rehearsal 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Boy Scout Brunch	12:00 AARP Meeting 7:00 Admin & Personnel	6:00 Thanksgiving Family Dinner 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsal Pastor Todd is on Vacation	Pastor Todd is on Vacation	 Pastor Todd is on Vacation	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY	Pastor Todd is on Vacation

FH = Fellowship Hall CO = Church Office

F = Foyer