



BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

February 2019



Son of God.”

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the

With boldness Peter steps out of the boat to walk on water with Christ. It is in the midst of dangerous and stormy waters. Quite often when our faith is strong, we take a bold step but when the winds of life buffet us it causes us to doubt and question.

Peters anxiety is at the heart of his faltering. Our anxiety is the same. Life is uncertain and even though we seek to meet all of life’s challenges with a bold faith as humans our faith often falters. We often see the words “you of little faith” as a scathing rebuke of Peter when what it really is, is an acknowledgement of the human condition and an assurance that when we falter Jesus is present. The word in Greek is Oglipistos.

Oligos little/partial

Pisteu faith

Because we are human our faith is not a perfected one. We will falter, doubt, and become anxious. We will do, say, and think things that fall short of God’s intention for us and we may begin to sink but Peter’s example to us is a model of what our response should be in times of distress.

When he cried out his eyes were focused on Christ and Jesus reached out to him immediately and caught him. Our trust in him is never a mistake and all life’s challenges, walking on water in this case, are possible. When we waiver in the midst of those challenges he catches us too if we but only reach out to him! Jesus offers the same redemptive hand and loving fellowship. He understands our shortcomings and fears and meets us in love.

Food for thought.... Peace be with you,
Pastor Todd.

Community Service
Ebenezer UMC
Fallston



Dinner at 6:00 pm
Service at 7:00 pm

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Birthdays of the Month

Jacob Holt ~ 02/02

Audrey Dick ~ 02/04

Jordan Comer ~ 02/05

Susan Wyatt ~ 02/05

Sarah Wiley ~ 02/06

Wendy Benson ~ 02/07

Daniel McRee ~ 02/07

Travis Galliher ~ 02/10

George Cowman ~ 02/11

Ben DiBastiani ~ 02/12

Gail Thomas ~ 02/16

Gregory Thomas ~ 02/16

Shirlee Nystrom ~ 02/17

Shelby Jones ~ 02/20

Jessica Messenger ~ 02/22

Lindsay Saneman ~ 02/22

Gary Lowe ~ 02/23

Kelley Saneman ~ 02/23

Sarah Fielder ~ 02/24

Ruth Walker ~ 02/24

Jack Mory ~ 02/26



Keith & Kristin Comer
February 14th

David & Sue Hinkley
February 16th

Eric & Wendy Benson
February 27th



2020 Per Capita

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Per Capita fee of **\$35.73**
by the end of the year



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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:

Gretchen Shanklin, Billy Gross, Jack Shaul, Jerry Wiley, Dorothy Goldstein, George Reeves, Carolyn Mattheiss, Sam Brooks, Barbara Thompson, John Louderback, Shirlee Nystrom and Sandy Hughes.

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.

Gail Kimble, niece of Tom & MaryLee Swift.

Hazel Liff, friend of Andi & Ron Holmes.

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.

The families of Don and Sarah Scott.

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

Thank You



Dear Bethel Church,

On behalf of the Fuel Fund of Maryland, I would like to personally thank you for your contribution to our organization.

Sincerely,
Debbie Brown
Chief Development Officer
Fuel Fund of Maryland

Dear Bethel Church,

Thank you very much for your generous donation in the amount of \$400 to The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region's Sprouts Film and Arts Festival. We have been providing services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families since 1953.

We sincerely appreciate your generosity on behalf of all of us at The Arc.

Sincerely,
Shawn Kros
Chief Executive Officer



Card Shower for February

Showing our support and love to our Bethel Family is a wonderful way of helping ease the pain of being sick or from having surgery. Our February Card Shower is for:

**Shirlee Nystrom
4000 Houcks Road
Monkton, MD 21111**

We would love to shower Shirlee with cards of support, encouragement, love, and our warm wishes for a speedy recovery from her recent hip surgery.



Celebrating Terri Schwarz

Terri Schwarz has been a member of Bethel for about 6 years. The fellowship and friendships among the church members and true sense of community made it an easy decision for her to join.

Terri grew up in southern Baltimore County in the Essex area. Her parents both were from the panhandle of West Virginia so she spent a lot of time there on her grandparents' farms. She developed a love of the country and animals. Terri went to Kenwood High School and then to Towson University where she obtained her Master's degree in Education. She even student taught in the classroom right next door to Sandy Louderback! Terri went on to teach first and second grades at Sussex Elementary School for 32 years. It was the same school she attended as a child. Terri retired in June and is thoroughly enjoying gardening and looking for antiques for her home. She also enjoys learning about the history of our area.

One of Terri's biggest loves is horses. She started riding as a young child and showed her Thoroughbreds in both Harford and Baltimore Counties in jumper classes and Dressage. She still enjoys trail riding and would like to volunteer in a therapeutic riding program some day. Lots of time is spent caring for her animals including goats, chickens, cats and dogs.

Terri has enjoyed getting to spend more time with Bethel since retiring. She has recently become a Deacon and serves on the Administrative and Personnel Committee and the Cemetery Committee. She attends Mary's Circle and you may have noticed she is part of the cemetery tours!

We are thrilled and blessed to have Terri as part of our Bethel Family and look forward to seeing her again this spring as a Bethel Cemetery Player.

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 **February 5th and 19th 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

Women of all ages ... join us in Bethel's Foyer the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Discussion topics are based on Joyce Meyer's book "20 Ways to Make Every Day Better". How do we cope in our world today? Come, share in this hour of encouragement and enlightenment as we search through Bible verses together. If you would like to learn more about this group, please contact Ruth Walker at 410-692-2224 or email at ... ruth.walker341@gmail.com

The next meeting will be held on **February 11th**.



THE BREAKFAST BUNCH

The Bethel Men's Bible Study Group will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on **February 6th and 20th at 7:00 a.m.** A continental breakfast will be 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 hornsrbb@aol.com



CHANCEL CHOIR

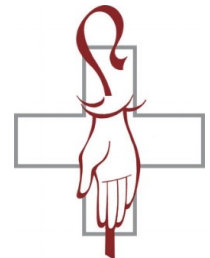
If you love to sing and would like to be part of the Bethel Chancel Choir, we ask that you come to rehearsals held on Sundays at 11:50 a.m. or you can contact our Music Director, Kirsten Fitzsimmons via email at kirstenfitzsimmonsmusic@hotmail.com



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

Boy Scouts Sunday

The Boy Scout Troops that Bethel Church charters will be participating in our Worship Service on ...

Sunday ~ February 2nd

We greatly appreciate the service and dedication they provide to the church throughout the year.

Please be sure to join us for this special occasion to learn more about their organization



**Time to Clean Out YOUR Closet
February 2nd thru March 1st**

Bethel Sunday School Students are helping the Highland Presbyterian Church – Clothes Closet

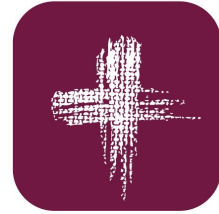
Bring in your CLEAN unwanted clothing in a trash bag or handled bag and our Sunday School Students will deliver these much-needed articles of clothing

You can drop off your donations in the Foyer of the CE Building

If you have any questions, please contact
Christian Education Director - [Chrissie Galliher](mailto:chrissiegirl24@gmail.com)
443-807-2367 or chrissiegirl24@gmail.com

Church Events

Community Lenten Services Schedule



Lent Service 1 Wed., March 4, 2020
Dinner: 6:00p.m.
Service: 6:45 p.m.

Ayres Chapel United Methodist Church
3046 Ayres Chapel Road
White Hall, MD 21161

***Rev. Todd Smith providing the service
Bethel will provide Bread & Soup***

Lent Service 2 Wed., March 11, 2020
Dinner: 6:00p.m.
Service: 6:45 p.m.

Ayres Chapel United Methodist Church
3046 Ayres Chapel Road
White Hall, MD 21161

Lent Service 3 Wed., March 18, 2020
Dinner: 6:00p.m.
Service: 6:45 p.m.

Ayres Chapel United Methodist Church
3046 Ayres Chapel Road
White Hall, MD 21161

Lent Service 4 Wed., March 25, 2020
Dinner: 6:00p.m.
Service: 6:45 p.m.

Ayres Chapel United Methodist Church
3046 Ayres Chapel Road
White Hall, MD 21161

Lent Service 5 Wed., April 1, 2020
Dinner: 6:00p.m.
Service: 6:45 p.m.

Ayres Chapel United Methodist Church
3046 Ayres Chapel Road
White Hall, MD 21161



John and Rita Cairnes have opened their home up to those interested in attending a new Bible Study Group. The meetings will be held at their home located at 1670 Jarrettsville Road in Jarrettsville, MD. The group will meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Here is the February schedule:

February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th ~ 7:00 p.m.

Church Events

The Maryland State Boychoir

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Church Events



Bethel Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday ~ March 28th

5:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for this fun filled event !!

The Bethel Men's Organization will be hosting an evening of delicious food and entertainment with Karaoke Music by Susie Horn

Adults — \$8

Children 12 and Under — \$5

Take-out will be available



Having Breakfast

at Bethel

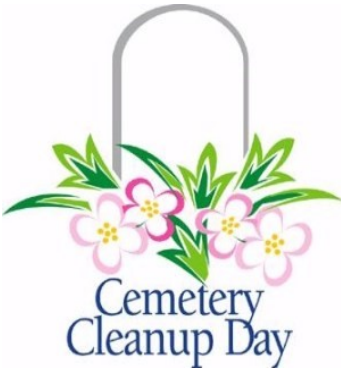
Sunday ~ April 12, 2020

at 8:30 a.m.

We welcome you to join us in celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with a delicious breakfast in the Fellowship Hall after our Morning Worship Service

Please look for the sign-up insert in your Sunday bulletin beginning March 1st

Church Events



The Cemetery Committee would like for any flowers, wreaths, and any decorations from the Christmas Season to be removed by **March 22nd** in preparation for the Easter Holiday and Spring Season. Please be sure to take your flowers or decorations from the cemetery home with you or feel free to use the dumpster to dispose of unwanted arrangements. Thank You !!

Bethel Presbyterian Church will be offering
New Members Classes on ...

Sunday, May 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 10th at 9:00 a.m.



The sign-up sheet will be located on the podium in the Sabbath Room by the door. Please feel free to sign up.

Classes will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

Date of receiving new members to be determined during these classes.

Attendance of the classes is not required but encouraged.



We are partnering with the Jarrettsville Lions Club to host our Spring Flea Market on ...

Saturday — June 13th at 8:00 a.m.

Rain Date — June 20th

Spaces are \$15 each

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

Community Events



Mason Dixon Community Services, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that provides assistance to low-income residents of Harford and York Counties. They provide help with clothing, food and government subsidies. If you or someone you know needs some support, please contact their Maryland Office at 410-452-9025 or go to their website www.mason-dixon.org

Norrisville United Methodist Church Mission Breakfast

Saturday, February 15th

Snow Date—February 22nd

7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.



Deer Creek Chorale Chamber Choir
St. James Episcopal Church
3100 Monkton Road ~ Monkton, MD
Sunday, February 23rd ~ 3:00 p.m.

Concert is FREE

Jarrettsville VFC Bull, Oyster & Shrimp Roast

Saturday, March 14th

Snow Date—February 22nd

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

\$50 per person

For Tickets call Larry 410-937-6877



Session Summary

The Session held a regular meeting on January 16, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Todd Smith, devotion led by Ruling Elder Sherry Kirchner who also led us in prayer.

Clerk's Report per Rev. Todd Smith

Approved November 21st, 2019 session meeting minutes.

Communion held Sunday November 1, 2019 in pew, December 24, 2019 in pew and January 5, 2020 by Intinction.

Pulpit Supply is needed for June 7, 2020 as Pastor Todd will be vacationing after his wedding.

Moderator's Report

Professional Development Week for Pastor Todd was discussed. He will be working on 2 Kings 4:1-7 for study.

Maryland State Boychoir advertising with Armstrong Cable was discussed. The cost will be \$75. The funds will come from the Evangelism/Special Events line item in the budget. Appd.

Lenten Services will be held at Ayres Chapel United Methodist Church. Bethel is assigned Wednesday, March 4, 2020 to bring the bread and soup and Pastor Todd will do the service.

Habitat for Humanity project would entail Bethel building a wall for a home that would be built in either Harford County or Cecil County. We will inquire within our community if there is an interest for participation. Pastor Todd and Elder Rita Cairnes will coordinate these efforts. Consensus to move forward with this project was yes.

Sunday Service overhead PowerPoint presentations need individuals to operate the laptop. Session members agreed to help with this task. Melissa will put together a schedule.

Director of Christian Education, Chrissie Galliher, has made an appeal to have more people of Bethel involved with the CE Committee. She is need of teachers and help with the Nursery. Asking for suggestions on how to get more participation.

The Lake House and Manse will be under contract with a property management firm to initiate the selection for possible tenants.

Pastor Todd announced that he and his fiancé will be hosting an Open House at Bethel Church to get to know each other and get to meet her family.

Trustees: Nothing to report

Deacons: Deacons will be preparing soups for our shut-ins. It was questioned if they need supplies or donations. Card Shower will be for Bruce Barstow for the month of January. John Louderback had knee surgery. Pastor Todd will call him.

Administration & Personnel:

Marsha Brooks and Shirlee Nystrom will be co-chairing the committee. Marsha will be out of town for the next three months and Shirlee has agreed to moderate the meetings in her absence.

Care and Reach Out Team:

The Cochran Family lost their home and all their belongings in a house fire on December 22, 2019. Elder Rita Cairnes suggested we solicit donations from Bethel to help the family. Melissa will put an insert in the Sunday bulletins to ask for donations. Motion was approved to advertise the family's needs and Rita Cairnes will be the contact person.

A discussion on starting a NEEDY Fund was initiated. A subcommittee would need to be formulated for strategic planning on how to operate and screen potential candidates in need. Finance Committee and Mission Committee could meet to structure the subcommittee. Further discussions will be addressed at the next Session meeting.

There will be a Flea Market in the Spring in conjunction with the Lions Club.

Hospitality Hour was discussed. Suggestions on how to alleviate the same individuals having to supply the refreshments were discussed. Possibility would be to have a three-month sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and people can sign-up for the day of their choosing. Elder Rita Cairnes will take this suggestion back to her committee.

Christian Education:

Acknowledgement of Elder Ruth Walker's participation and organization of the Christmas Eve Early Service with the children.

Finance and Stewardship: Discussed budget issues for 2020. Budget was approved.

Mission: Elder Carol Morrow informed the Session the Mission Committee has agreed to send the Presbytery a donation of \$2,100. She presented an article to the Session on Per Capita and what it entails when you pay your Per Capita portion to the church.

Worship and Music: Microphone will be passed around during the Welcoming on Sundays for announcements.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Todd at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Dick, Office Professional



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Dear Bethel Friends and Family,

It has been a busy past year at Bethel Presbyterian Church. We have just celebrated our past two and a half centuries with continual activities for our congregation and community. We give our God thanks and praise for his continual love and support!

One of our celebrations included cemetery tours that provided a better understanding of the history of our ancestors. Members of Bethel plan to re-enact some of the segments of the book, *Jarrettsville*, by Cornelia Nixon in the Cemetery on April 19. In months to follow, there will be Cemetery tours held on the first Sunday of the month throughout October.

With the oldest marked grave dating to 1777, many generations rest in eternal peace, with their families knowing that the church is committed to perpetual care for their loved ones. We are asking you to consider a fully tax-deductible gift to our Cemetery fund that will offset continued maintenance expenses. Checks in any amount will be greatly appreciated and should be made out to the Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund and mailed to:

*Bethel Presbyterian Church
4135 Norrisville Road
White Hall, MD 21161*

Please include your name and address so that we can acknowledge all gifts via a return letter for your records.

Our Cemetery remains open daily for visits from family and friends. Gravesites remain available for sale for members of the congregation and their families, as we have reserved plenty of space for future generations.

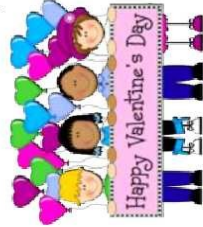

Thanks to the continuing strong support of donors like you, we can keep Bethel the “hidden gem” that it has been and will be for many generations of families and loved ones to come.

Sincerely,

Steve Saneman
Chair, Bethel Cemetery Committee

2020 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
<p>BOY SCOUTS SUNDAY</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>11:30 Congregational Meeting</p> <p>12:00 Hospitality Hour</p> <p>12:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7:00 Deacons Meeting</p> <p>6:30 Bridge Group</p> <p>7:00 DCC Rehearsals</p> <p>7:00 Trustees Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Bible Study - The Cairnes</p>	<p>10:00 am Many's Circle</p> <p>6:30 pm Bridge Group</p> <p>7:00 pm DCC Rehearsals</p> <p>7:00 pm Bible Study - Cairnes</p>	<p>9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers</p> <p>7:00 Care & Reach Out Team</p>	<p>7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch</p> <p>5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals</p>		<p>Venturing Crew #265</p> <p>11:00 am - 2:00 pm</p>
<p>09</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>11:30 Hospitality Hour</p> <p>12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>1:00 Scouts Meeting</p> <p>6:00 Blue Ribbon 4-H Club</p>	<p>1:00 AARP Board Meeting</p> <p>4:00 Mission Committee</p> <p>7:00 Worship & Music</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 Bridge Group</p> <p>7:00 CE Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:00 DCC Rehearsals</p> <p>7:00 Bible Study - The Cairnes</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers</p> <p>6:00 pm Scouts Meeting - CO</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch</p> <p>5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals</p> <p>7:00 pm Session</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
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Clothing Donation Drive - Sunday School Students Project to help Highland Presbyterian Church - Clothes Closet

Bring in your unwanted CLEAN clothes throughout the month of February
 Drop them off in the Foyer of the CE Building in a trash bag OR handled bag
 We thank you for your support and contributions to this worthy cause