

BPC REVIEW



Some thoughts on God’s love as they come to us from pastor Max Lucado’s pen:

God’s love does not hinge on yours. The abundance of your love does not increase his. The lack of your love does not diminish his. Your goodness does not enhance his love, nor does your weakness dilute it. What Moses said to Israel is what God says to us:

“The LORD did not choose you and lavish his love on you because you were larger or greater than other nations, for you were the smallest of all nations! It was simply because the LORD loves you.” (Deut. 7:7-8 NLT)

God loves you simply because he has chosen to do so. He loves you when you don’t feel lovely. He loves you when no one else loves you. Others may abandon you, divorce you, and ignore you, but God will love you. Always. No matter what.

This is his sentiment: “I’ll call nobodies and make them somebodies; I’ll call the unloved and make them beloved.” (Rom. 9:25 MSG). This is his promise. “I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With un-failing love, I have drawn you to myself. (Jer. 31:3 NLT).

Our love depends on the receiver of the love. Let a thousand people pass before us, and we will not feel the same about each. Our love will be regulated by their appearance, by their personalities. Even when we find a few people we like, our feelings will fluctuate.

How they treat us will affect how we love them. The receiver regulates our love. Not so with the love of God. You have a deep aquifer of love from which to draw. Don’t forget, love is a fruit. Step into the orchard of God’s work, and what is the first fruit you see? “Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” Love is a fruit of the Spirit of God. “The Spirit produces the fruit.

When we love in this way, we give others a chance to view the abundant love of God and we also get a glimpse of God’s eternal love for us!! A glimpse of heaven.

Finally, the moment! Can you envision it? Heaven! We’re about to enter His presence! We don’t deserve it. We haven’t earned it. We may even surprise the angels. Angels are making the music. The music is like none we’ve ever heard. Suddenly, silence. Now, light—blinding light—as the Maestro steps into view. Soon, we will walk with Him, talk with Him, and worship as He leads. Soon God, the Author of Life and Composer of Hope, will speak our name—a name so mysterious and full o promise that only He knows it. It is our name—a new name—a name totally our own to be ours alone for all the days we spend in Heaven....our highest hope. It’s the end of the journey. It’s the beginning of eternal life. It’s the moment you don’t want to miss. Food for thought ... Pastor Todd

Daylight Savings Time Begins !



Don’t forge to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour on **March 8th**

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Happy Anniversary

Sandy Louderback ~ 03/02

John Louderback ~ 03/03

Tom Swift ~ 03/03

Leo Fowler ~ 03/05

Lillian Skidmore ~ 03/05

Jason Troyer ~ 03/07

Melissa Krawczyk ~ 03/09

Marie Newcomer ~ 03/11

Danielle Saneman ~ 03/11

Mary Rutledge ~ 03/12

Carolyn Mattheiss ~ 03/13

Sam Brooks ~ 03/15

Christine Horn ~ 03/15

Jennifer Dietz ~ 03/17

Thomas Messenger ~ 03/18

Catherine Smith ~ 03/20

Andi Holmes ~ 03/22

Frank Hughes ~ 03/22

Chrissie Galliher ~ 03/24

Barbara Mitchell ~ 03/24

Allen Henderson ~ 03/25

Patricia Troyer ~ 03/26

Jane Burgess ~ 03/30

Steve Kauffman ~ 03/31

Mark & Lynne DiBastiani
March 7th

Allen & Janet Henderson
March 12th

Wiley & Mary Rutledge
March 13th



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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:

Prayer Concerns

Gretchen Shanklin, Billy Gross, Dorothy Goldstein, George Reeves, Jerry Wiley, Carolyn Mattheiss, Shirlee Nystrom, Sandy Hughes, and John Louderback.

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, nephew of Sandy Hughes.

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 Families of Marsha Brooks.

Jean Mattheiss, sister of Bruce Mattheiss.

Leah Ridenour, friend of Gail Thomas.

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 ggalowe@aol.com



To All My Friends and Second Family at Bethel,

I don't have enough words to thank all of you for the outpouring of prayers, kind thoughts, visits, cards, and phone calls, etc. All have contributed to my healing and kept me smiling. I am hoping to have a spring in my step soon. As a congregation, you are wonderful !

Thank You,
Shirlee Nystrom

To Bethel Church,

Thank you for sending the generous gift cards for a North Bend Elementary School family in need.

Sincerely,
North Bend Elementary School Faculty & Staff

Dear Friends,

We are most grateful for valued friends like you who support our mission of service to our neighbors through more than 80 programs at 200 sites in Baltimore City and 9 counties across Maryland. Your gift of \$400 to Anna's House enables people in need and who week services of our programs to feel a sense of welcome relief.

On behalf of the men, women and children assisted by Catholic Charities, I thank you for your support!

With gratitude,
Erin Bolles
Chief Development Officer
Catholic Charities

Dear Friends at Bethel,

On behalf of Christ Our King Presbyterian Church, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$1,000 to our 2019 Giving Boxes Project. In these difficult economic times, many people struggle just to have food on their tables. Your generous contribution went directly to help those in need to have a complete Thanksgiving dinner as well as other nutritious food items. We are pleased to report that our 2019 Giving Boxes Project distributed food to over 1,200 families in Harford County, Baltimore City and surrounding areas.

In Christ's Service,
Marlene Butler
Missions & Outreach
Christ Our King Presbyterian Church

Bethel's Board of Deacons



“As we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people and especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:10

A wise woman one said, “Many hands make light work.”

The Board of Deacons consists of members of Bethel, elected by the congregation and ordained by the church. Our mission and purpose are to serve and care for the congregation and those in need in the community. The Deacons of Bethel desire to shine the light of Christ to all.

Communion is prepared by the Deacons each month as we come to the table and share the meal of Christ.

We reach out to those in our care through cards, phone calls and visits. Any needed support is offered whether it be a meal, a ride or just an ear or shoulder and we encourage the assistance of the whole congregation by listing those in need of prayer or aid in the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter.

In the past, the Deacons have sponsored 70's luncheons, All Saints Day celebrations, a Bake-Sale table at the Flea Market with homemade canned and baked goods, the Giving Tree at Christmas to support the children in need in our community, and most recently homemade soup, delivered to members of the congregation and the community.

Our amazing Deacons have been given many gifts and talents. During our time of fellowship, the 1st Monday of each month, we look for opportunities to use these gifts and talents as we care for those around us. Please share with us suggestions or areas of need so we can be the hands of Christ.

Bethel's current Board of Deacons:

Jane Burgess, Sue Hinkley, Jessica Sambor, MaryLee Swift, Sandy Louderback, Barbara Shaul, Terri Schwarz, Barbara Thompson, Janet Henderson, Marilyn Bradford, and Lynda McRee.

Church Groups

CHURCH FLOWERS

Interested in donating flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday mornings? Please feel free to call Betty Rogers at 410-692-6579.

Please be sure to let us know if your donation is in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an anniversary or for a birthday or for a friend.



BETHEL CROSS STITCHERS

The Bethel Cross Stitchers will be meeting on **March 4th & 18th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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 **March 10th** in the Foyer of the CE Building.

THE BREAKFAST BUNCH

The group will continue their series on Isaiah. They will meet on **March 5th and 19th 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



Bethel Chancel Choir has rehearsals every **Sunday at 12:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. We would love to have you join our choir. Please feel free to sit in on a rehearsal and lend your voice for our Worship Service each Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact our Music Director, Kirsten Fitzsimmons, via email at ...

kirstenfitzsimmons@hot.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 News



During the Advent Season, the Sunday School students of Bethel Church started a Reverse Advent List to help those in need in our Community. Each day, the students asked for a specific item be brought to church. The non-perishable food items were then taken to Mason Dixon Community Services by Ruth Walker and Carol Morrow. We are very proud of the efforts that were made by our Sunday School students and everyone at Bethel who were able to participate. The food items we were able to deliver weighed ... 400 lbs. !! Way to go Bethel !!

Bethel Sunday School Clothing Closet Volunteer Day

The Sunday School Students and their families will be volunteering their time at the Highland Presbyterian Church Clothing Closet on ...

March 29th from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The clothing they have been collecting throughout the month of February will be donated to help families in our community.

If you are a Sunday School student and want to sign up to help, please contact Bethel's Christian Education Director,

Chrissie Galliher at 443-807-2367.

EVERY CHILD can help ... so sign up today !

Church News

On behalf of the congregation at Bethel Church, we would like to congratulate Jan and Tara Berlage on the Baptism of their son, Jan Robel Berlage, on Sunday, February 23, 2020. Welcome to the Bethel Family !



Card Shower for March

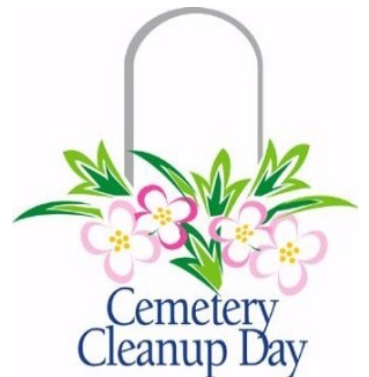


Showing our support and love to our Bethel Family is a wonderful way of helping ease the pain of being sick or from having a surgery. Our March Card Shower Recipient is :

Jane Turner
4315 Harford Creamery Road
White Hall, MD 21161

We would love to shower Jane with cards of support, or encouragement, or love, or just a friendly note to say hello.

The Cemetery Committee would like for 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. Thank You !!



Church Events

Boy Scouts Sunday

What a pleasure it was to have the Boy Scouts and their families with us at Bethel Church on Sunday, February 2, 2020. Throughout the year, these young men help our Board of Trustees with clean up days in the spring and fall as well as participating in events we host. We would like to thank the following young men for their participation in our service as well as ushering for the day ... Zach Drake, Jonas Mihal and Nate Roberson were our liturgists and Sam Price, Daniel Barlow and Christopher Ortt were our ushers. A beautiful (and delicious) Hospitality Hour luncheon was provided by the families of the Scouts and everyone at Bethel thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the refreshments. Thank you for all your hard work, your dedication to Bethel, and for sharing in our Worship Service.



Church Events

Community Lenten Services Ayres Chapel United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 4 th	Soup and Bread Dinner Worship Service Hosted By: Bethel Presbyterian Church Pastor: Rev. Todd Smith	6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11 th	Soup and Bread Dinner Worship Service	6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18 th	Soup and Bread Dinner Worship Service	6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 25 th	Soup and Bread Dinner Worship Service	6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1 st	Soup and Bread Dinner Worship Service	6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.



Spaghetti Dinner

Mark your calendars for a fun filled evening hosted by the Bethel Men's Association that will include delicious Italian cuisine, music and singing, fellowship with great friends and family. We would love to see you all on ...

March 28th ~ 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Adults Meals—\$8.00

Children 12 & Under—\$5.00

Take-out will be available

Church Events

Easter Egg Hunt



In planning for the Easter Celebration, the Christian Education Committee is looking for donations of small items (i.e. pencils, stickers, erasers, chocolate coins, etc.) and individually wrapped candy (i.e. Fun Size Snickers, Milky Ways, Twix, Kit Kats, small bags of M&Ms, Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, etc.) for our Easter Egg Hunt.

Donations can be brought to the Hospitality Hour each Sunday and placed in the specified box no later than **Sunday, April 5th**.

**Candlelight
Worship
April 9, 2020**



**Maundy
Thursday**

The Maundy Thursday Candlelight Service will be held on April 9th. Please join us for the soup and bread supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by the worship service at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Melissa Dick in the Church Office at 410-692-5282 by **Thursday, April 2nd** with your attendance number for the supper.

Church Events



Celebrating Holy Week and Easter Sunday



We will be decorating the Sanctuary for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. If you would like to recognize a loved one or friend, please be sure to look for the information form in your Sunday Bulletins through Lent to have your sentiment listed in our bulletin.



**Having Breakfast
at Bethel**
**Sunday ~ April 12th
at 8:30 a.m.**

Rita Cairnes and Carmie Messenger will be hosting the Easter Sunday Breakfast that will feature homemade casseroles, assorted Danish, coffee, milk and juice. Please be sure to look for the information form in your Sunday Bulletins through Lent. We would greatly appreciate any volunteers to help with cleaning up after the breakfast as well as donating a casserole. Recipes and pans will be provided to you.

A gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing** enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

For those wishing to give, envelopes for One Great Hour of Sharing can be found in your box of envelopes, in your Sunday bulletin. Or in the back of the Sanctuary.



Thank you for your support during this Easter holiday !

Church Events



Does “*Jarrettsville, The Novel*” written by Cornelia Nixon interest you ?

Have a desire to participate in our Cemetery Tours ?

Join the Bethel Cemetery Players !

Special Tour

Sunday ~ April 19, 2020 at 12:15 p.m.

Reenactment performed in the Sanctuary if it rains

Please contact Donna Jones via email at donnajones921@gmail.com
with any questions or interest in being a Bethel Cemetery Player

Monthly tours will be held on the first Sunday of each month
beginning in May at 12:15 p.m.

Church Events



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

BETHEL FLEA MARKET

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 - 410-692-5282 or by
email at melissadick@bethel-md.org
to reserve your space.



Session Summary

The Session held a regular meeting on February 20, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Todd Smith devotion led by Ruling Elder Margie Fielder who also led us in prayer.

Clerk's Report

Approved January 16, 2020 session minutes.

Communion held Sunday February 2, 2020 by intention.

Approved the Baptism of Jan and Tara Berlage's son, Jan Robel Berlage, on Sunday February 23, 2020. By consensus.

Approved the Baptism of Drew and Heather (Saneman) Poole's son, Jack Andrew Poole, on March 29, 2020. By consensus.

Approved Melissa Dick requesting March 5, April 15 and April 16, 2020 for vacation days.

Moderator's Report

In Care & Reach Report – correction to delete sentence in that paragraph.

Pastor Todd reported of his hospital visits, home visitations, taught Sunday School, and taught a Bible Study.

Pastor Todd and his fiancé will have an Open House for all on March 29, 2020.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chrissie reported on activities that will take place March, April (Easter).

New nursery subs were listed.

Looking ahead – V B S – July 23, 24, 25, 2020.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL – N/R

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

The committee did a full review of 2019 income and expenses, finalized the budget and Terms of Call for Pastor Todd.

CARE & REACH OUT TEAM

Bethel Events – flea market June 13, 2020,

Talked about having various events: Ice cream social, monthly movie nights

Easter Breakfast - Sunday, April 12, 2020

MISSION COMMITTEE

Unanimous decision made for the following:

Thanksgiving Giving Boxes project - \$1,000.

Massanetta Springs, VA. Camp \$500..

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Todd at 8:05 p.m.


Respectfully submitted:

Polly S. Winskowski, Clerk of Session

2020

MARCH

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>01</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour 12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 4:00 MD State Boychoir</p>	<p>02</p> <p>7:00 Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>03</p> <p>6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsals 7:00 Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>04</p> <p>9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers Community Lenten Service Ayres Chapel Church <i>(Bethel Hosting)</i> Dinner 6:00 pm Service 6:45 pm</p>	<p>05</p> <p>7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals</p> <p><i>Melissa on Vacation</i></p>	<p>06</p> <p><i>Melissa on Vacation</i></p>	<p>07</p> <p>Venturing Crew #265 11:00 am - 2:00 pm</p>
<p>08</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour 12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 1:00 Scouts Meeting 6:00 Blue Ribbon 4-H Club</p>	<p>09</p> <p>10:00 am AARP Blanketeers 1:00 pm AARP Board Meeting 4:00 pm Mission Committee 7:00 pm Worship & Music</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 am Mary's Circle 6:30 pm Bridge Group 7:00 pm DCC Rehearsals</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 Care & Reach Out Team</p> <p>Community Lenten Service Ayres Chapel Church Dinner 6:00 pm Service 6:45 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals 7:00 pm Deer Creek Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Finance Meeting - SSC</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Claudia Scarborough Highland Presentation Hospitality Hour 11:30 12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 CE Committee Meeting 7:00 DCC Rehearsals</p> <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsals</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers</p> <p>Community Lenten Service Ayres Chapel Church Dinner 6:00 pm Service 6:45 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals 7:00 pm Session</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour 12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:00 AARP Monthly Meeting 5:30 Staff Meeting 7:00 Admin & Personnel</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsals</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Community Lenten Service Ayres Chapel Church Dinner 6:00 pm Service 6:45 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:00 pm DCYC Rehearsals</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Set-up for Spaghetti Dinner</p>	<p>28</p> <p> Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i> Baptism of Jack Poole Hospitality Hour 11:30 12:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsals</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 DCC Rehearsals</p>	<p>01</p> <p>Community Lenten Service Ayres Chapel Church Dinner 6:00 pm Service 6:45 pm</p>	<p>02</p> <p>BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS - CLOTHING CLOSET VOLUNTEER DAY SUNDAY - March 29th 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Sunday School students and their families are encouraged to sign-up for this afternoon of volunteering at Highland Presbyterian Church to help with their Clothing Closet Please contact Chrissie Gallher at 443-807-2367 EVERYONE will have a job to do ... let's give back to those who need some support!</p>	<p>03</p>	<p>04</p>