

BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

July 2020



We all know the joy that little ones bring to Sunday morning worship. During the children's message or special programs, they are often responsible for bringing about messages of great wisdom from a child's perspective. I think that is why our Lord

valued so much the children around him. Dr. Jim Allen shares with us this tidbit of children's wisdom.

A friend of mine was determined that his children behave in church. He and his wife always brought books and handwork to keep them busy. My friend wanted worship to be a positive experience for their children, but they had to learn to be quiet.

One Sunday, the 5-year-old boy just would not behave. He constantly talked and squirmed. The final straw came when his mother handed him a crayon, and he threw it across the Sanctuary.

His dad picked him up and tossed him across his shoulder and headed up the aisle. The father had his eyes fixed on the back doors, and the little fellow looked at the congregation over his father's shoulder. It was an obvious disturbance, and every eye followed them. Just as they reached the doors in the back of the auditorium, the little fellow called in a loud, clear voice that everyone could hear, "Pray for me."

We rely on the promise that God is faithful to us and that his spirit led community we call the church will be their to aid us in our lives as we seek to grow, mentally, physically, and spiritually. That God and his church will be their to celebrate with us in times of joy, hurt with us in times of sorrow, pray for and comfort us in times of sickness, and support us in times of need. Is it wrong to expect as much. I think not. Jesus Christ has covenanted with us that we will never be left desolate, but through the Holy Spirit his presence will forever be with us.

However, what should we expect from ourselves as we seek to grow spiritually, what do we contribute to God's kingdom here on earth. In what way do we seek spiritual sustenance as we seek to follow God? In other words, what are we seeking as we travel down this twisty and turny road called faith? Are we just seeking earthly comfort and companionship or is there more to discipleship than that?

What is the answer to all these questions? Prayer! Prayer can be a very powerful tool for the Christian. Many times, the times we think of it the most happen when our situations look most bleak. This is a positive thing. I have heard many a doctor say that they believe many times that the only thing that pulled a particular patient through a certain medical crisis was the faith of the patient and that of those surrounding that patient with prayer.

But prayer is also much more than that. It is our opportunity to communicate with God, to be in relationship with our creator, and to sustain ourselves with his Spirit. I often find my most dry times spiritually come when I have gotten away from regular intimate prayer time with God. During this time of unrest in our country, I encourage you all to take the advice of our little friend in the story. Take the time to pray in times of crisis, joy, and as a part of your daily experience of being a child of God.

Food for Thought ...
Pastor Todd

Vacation Bible School



July 23rd
5:30-8:30 p.m.

July 24th
5:30-8:30 p.m.



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Wiley Rutledge ~ 07/02

Nate Clayton ~ 07/07

Marsha Brooks ~ 07/08

Norma Kirkwood ~ 07/08

Kara Rowley ~ 07/11

Sandy Hughes ~ 07/14

Carol Morrow ~ 07/14

Kirk Jones ~ 07/15

David Wiley ~ 07/17

Erika Horn ~ 07/18

Tyler Sambor ~ 07/19

Jarrett Wiley ~ 07/19

Greg Burgess ~ 07/23

Jessica Sambor ~ 07/23

MaryLee Swift ~ 07/27

Jacob Wiley ~ 07/27

Kirsten DiBastiani ~ 07/30

Patrick Campbell ~ 07/31

Dan & Mary Beth Scott
July 1st

Gary & Gail Lowe
July 2nd

Tom & MaryLee Swift
July 27th

Dennis & Jean Kirkwood
July 29th



2020 Per Capita

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



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

DEACON'S UPDATE

We uphold the following members, relatives and friends in our prayers and pray God's healing upon them:

Ongoing Prayers:

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

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

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.

John Dorn, friend of John & Rita Cairnes.

Mary Borrell, aunt of Gail Lowe.

Lisa Comer Wilson.

Doug Nichols, son of Marty Nichols.

Frank Clement, friend of Sam and Marsha Brooks.

Barbara Mitchell's Family.

Jennifer Henderson, daughter-in-law of Allen & Janet Henderson

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 gagalowe@aol.com



Each month we will feature a Bethel member we would like to **Show with Cards** of support, encouragement, love and laughter. This month we are sending our thoughts and prayers to ...

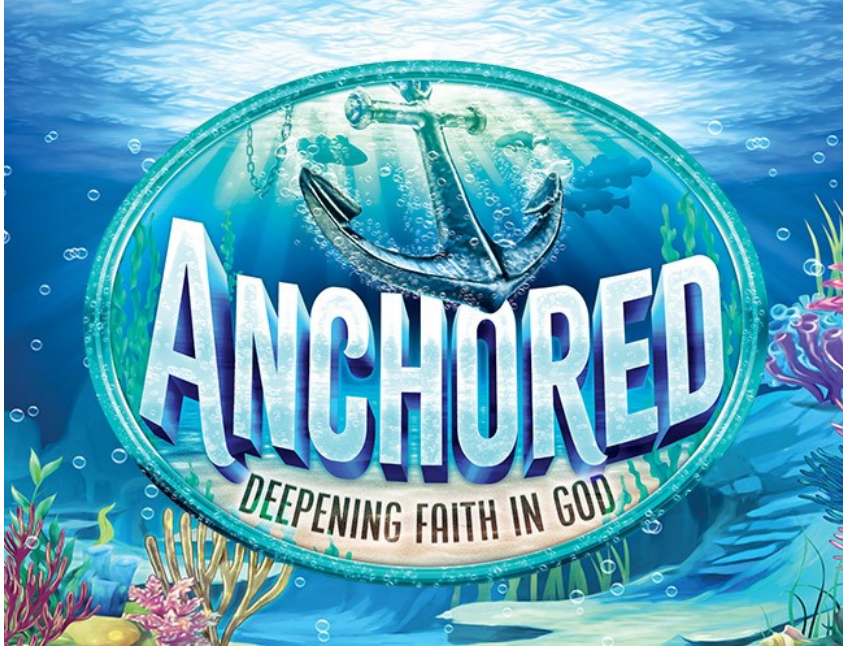
Doris Lytle
306 Luther Drive
Shrewsbury, PA 17361

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



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Church Events



Bethel Vacation Bible School

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic that has altered our ability to be able to have our typical structured Vacation Bible School, we are implementing new ways to be able to learn about Jesus and still have fun!

Our activities will be outside and everyone will be adhering to the guidelines of social distancing while keeping all of your children safe and healthy.

We will not be able to offer a sit-down meal each evening, but instead will be offering a bagged snack that will be enjoyed outside so please bring a beach towel or blanket.

Please join us for a fun adventure under the sea where you will be able to dive into learning how God has faith in you !

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July 24th 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Please go to our website ... www.bethel-md.org
We will have the link for registration on the Home Page

Church Events

Bethel Cemetery Tours

Have you ever wondered who is buried in the Bethel Church Cemetery ? Are you curious to the history behind some of those aging headstones ? Would you like to know where your ancestors have been laid to rest ? We can answer those questions and give you a little history lesson at the same time.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our scheduled tours have been postponed until further notice but if you would a private tour, please call the Church Office at 410-692-5282.



Bethel Live Stream Service



Our Sanctuary is open to all who would like to join us on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. We ask that you call the Church Office at 410-692-5282 to reserve a seat but if you are still not yet comfortable attending in person, please go to our website at ...

www.bethel-md.org and click on the link that will take you to our Facebook page to view our service. We hope that you will join us for Worship.



Our Quarantine Life ...



Look who turned ONE !
Little Jan Berlage
Congratulations !



Practice makes perfect !
We hope to hear you playing
at Bethel soon MaryLee Swift



Dan & Mary Beth Scott ... a little dinner with friends and site seeing in Havre de Grace



What a beautiful way to quarantine ... Carolina Galliher has been raising
Monarch Butterflies



The Cairnes ... Quarantine Life agrees with this farmer and his little girl Annabelle ... hard at work and enjoying the country life.



The Brooks Clan
Grandkids ... Dinners ... Corn Hole ... and the cutest little visitor on four legs ...
and let's not forget Sam turned 70 !