

BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

October 2020



True Quiet: Some thoughts on the value of silence.

A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR

Noise affects human behavior. In one experiment carried out by psychologists, a student leaving a library intentionally dropped an armload of books. In 50% of the cases, a passerby stopped to help the student pick up the books. Then the experimenters brought out a lawn mower without a muffler and started it near where a student would again intentionally drop the books. This time, only about 10% of the people who passed stopped to help. It was clear that behavior changed because of the earsplitting sound of the nearby lawn mower.

In experiments in Los Angeles, researchers found that children who lived in neighborhoods near the airport could not complete certain tasks undertaken when jets were landing and taking off as easily as children who lived in quiet neighborhoods. Some studies of prison conditions have shown that the high level of noise causes more complaints by prisoners than the food or other prison conditions do.

"Carry some quiet around inside thee," the well-known Quaker, George Fox, used to say. "Be still and cool in thy own mind and spirit, from thy own thoughts, and then thou wilt feel the principle of God to turn thy mind to the Lord from whence cometh life; whereby thou mayest receive the strength and power to allay all storms and tempests."

In a letter to his friends, hymn writer Wendell P. Loveless related this story: One evening a speaker who was visiting the United States wanted to make a telephone call. He entered a phone booth, but found it to be different from those in his own country. It was beginning to get dark, so he had difficulty finding the number in the directory. He noticed that there was a light in the ceiling, but he didn't know how to turn it on. As he tried again to find the number in the fading twilight, a passerby noted his plight and said, "Sir, if you want to turn the light on, you have to shut the door." To the visitor's amazement and satisfaction, when he closed the door, the booth was filled with light. He soon located the number and completed the call.

In a similar way, when we draw aside in a quiet place to pray, we must block out our busy world and open our hearts to the Father. Our darkened world of disappointments and trials will then be illuminated. We will enter into communion with God, we will sense His presence, and we will be assured of His provision for us. Our Lord often went to be alone with the Heavenly Father

Food For Thought. . .Pastor Todd

*Have a safe and
Happy Halloween*



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Don & Sarah Scott
October 3rd

Sean & Jennifer Dietz
October 6th

James & Karen Nystrom
October 14th

Eddie & Debbie Calary, Jr.
October 18th

John & Marcanne Saneman
October 19th



Per Capita Dues for 2020
\$35.73

Please be sure to turn in your dues before the end of the year. You will find a **BLUE** envelope in with your contribution envelopes for your Per Capita. This fee is per person.

DEACON'S UPDATE

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

Prayer Concerns

Billy Gross, Dorothy Goldstein, George Reeves, Jerry Wiley, Sandy Hughes, Carolyn Mattheiss, Shirlee Nystrom, Allen Henderson, Ron Holmes, Beverly Schmidt, Joe Bradford, George Cowman. And Betty Rogers.

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.

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.

Frank Clement, friend of Sam and Marsha Brooks.

Becky Hoffman, niece of Sam & Marsha Brooks.

Dorothy Ornadorff, friend of Sandy Hughes.

Ruth Anne Poole, sister of Gail Thomas.

Rev. Todd Smith's mother-in-law..

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



John and Rita Cairnes are hosting a Bible Study Group on Tuesday evenings at Bethel Church. All are welcome to attend. If you are planning to attend, please email Rita at ... ritacairnes@gmail.com

***Every Tuesday Evening
at 7:00 p.m.***

Currently studying the Book of Revelation
"Understanding the Times"

Bethel Presbyterian Church — Fellowship Hall
Face Masks are Required !

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**Goodbyes are NOT forever,
Goodbyes are NOT the end.
They simply MEAN I'll miss you
Until we meet again!**



I want to thank everyone for being so kind and supportive of me and my family over the past 5 years. It has been my privilege to be the Office Professional for all of you and I will surely miss seeing you at the Church Office. I greatly appreciate the wonderful reception after Worship Service on Sunday, September 27th. The luncheon was absolutely delicious and my heartfelt gratitude goes to Mark at Madonna Seafood for donating the sandwiches, to everyone for the touching cards I received and to John and Rita Cairnes for orchestrating the gathering. As the saying goes ... this is not good-bye just see you soon. I will certainly make every effort to be part of the Sunday Services and stay active with some of the events Bethel will be planning for the future. Until we meet again, know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. My heart is overflowing with love for all of you.

With Love ♥

~ Melissa



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

Andrew and Jennifer Thomson
P.O. Box 328
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

I'm sure they would love to receive a note letting them know that you are thinking of them and miss seeing them at Bethel and wishing them well.



**Virtual Sunday School
Renewing Faith at Home**

Bethel Church is having VIRTUAL Sunday School !

Join us each month for a virtual experience learning about God while making new friends and staying connected to each other!

This Fall we will be starting Sunday School out with Virtual Lessons. You and your family will receive lessons via SMORE Newsletters, which can be found on our website at www.bethel-md.org under the Sunday School tab. We are following recommendations from the Presbytery. We will be scheduling an Outdoor Bethel Movie Night; a bring your own blanket and socially distanced event. Keep your eyes open for information coming soon. We will continue Zoom monthly calls and may even have a special virtual event you won't want to miss!

The schedule for the Zoom Monthly Meetings will be ...

Oct 4, 2020 06:00 PM

Nov 1, 2020 06:00 PM

Dec 6, 2020 06:00 PM

Jan 3, 2021 06:00 PM

Feb. 7, 2021 06:00 PM

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Bethel Church would like to express our warmest and sincerest appreciation to [David Hinkley, Jr.](#) for taking the time out of his busy schedule to assist his father, Dave Hinkley, Sr., with hanging our flags back up in the cemetery and for the use of his bucket truck.



In September, we had to remove the Maple Tree from the field next to the Bethel Cemetery. The Cemetery Committee arranged to have two new trees planted. Many thanks and gratitude goes to [Steve Kauffman](#) for taking care of having those trees planted. They look wonderful in their new resting place at Bethel and we will be able to enjoy them for many years to come.

There's nothing
SCARY
about God's love
for you!!



A 10-year-old little girl was asked by another classmate, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The girl replied, "It's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

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Bethel Cemetery Tours

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



Dear Bethel,

I want to thank everyone for their "Sunshine" Birthday Wishes. This 87-year-old woman enjoyed them so much, it made my day and I appreciate your kind thoughtfulness from my lifetime Bethel friends!

God Bless You ...
~ Libby Preston

Dear Bethel Family,

Thanks for the prayers, cards, and calls at the time of my back surgery. I hope to be back in church soon.

Fondly ...
~ Allen Henderson

Dear Friends at Bethel,

Thank you ever so much for the outpouring of love with cards on my birthday. It brightened my day and I am grateful to all of you.

Bless you!
Love...
~ George Reeves

Dear Friends at Bethel,

Your thoughtful words of sympathy following Tom's passing were very comforting and much appreciated. Thank you very much.

God bless all of you!
Love...
~ Marilyn O'Neill



Back to School ...



What handsome young boys ...
Dennis Kirkwood certainly is proud
of his grandsons



Best of Luck to Tyler Sambor
at University of New Haven
Stay Safe ... Stay Healthy !!



Nurse Audrey Dick reporting for
class at UPMC — Shadyside



Watch out 3rd Grade
here comes Carolina Galliher !



Look whose ready for
Kindergarten — Douglas Smith

... Quarantining Life



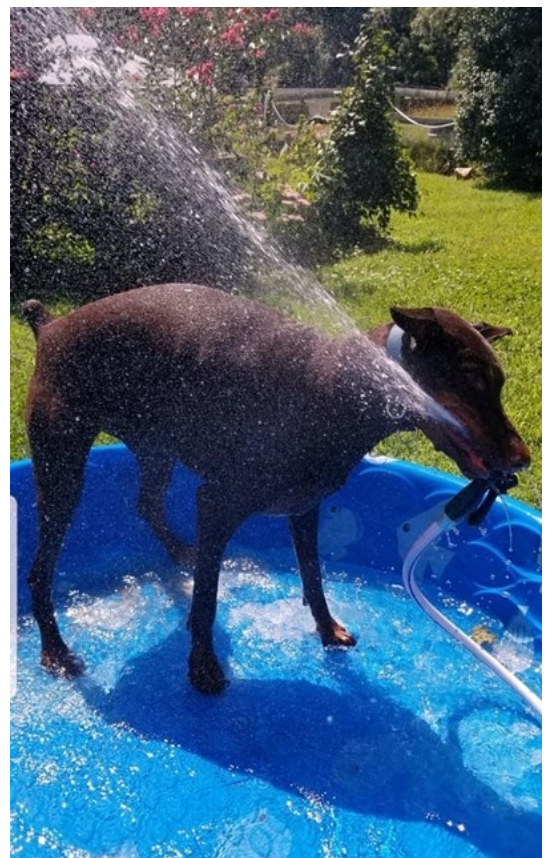
PoGo Swift ... how precious is this little boy !!



Allen Henderson celebrating his Birthday in August ... looking good !



Congratulations to Amora Rangel !
Marianna Putnam's great-granddaughter
made the cover of the SYC Sports Magazine



Terri Schwarz's baby Reign
having fun in the pool