



Bethel Presbyterian Review

The Pastor's Corner

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Mathew 5:3-5)

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Mathew 25:40)

When Jesus teaches the beatitudes, he is speaking specifically to his followers. When Jesus ends the section of the sheep in Mathew 25, we see that ministering to others and being thankful for our many blessings helps us to achieve an attitude of divine compassion towards other people.

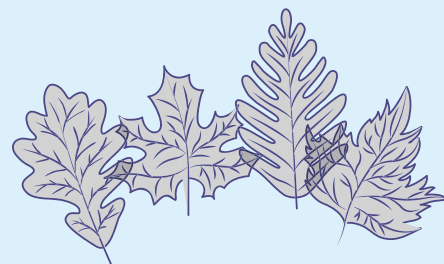
As we come upon this holiday of Thanksgiving, it is a good time to look at such a text because it reminds us that as Christians we need to do more than simply give thanks for our blessings. We need to show Christian love, sacrifice, and charity as our thanks to God for his blessings. When we share those blessings with others, we understand true thanksgiving.

Out of his love for us and out of our thanks for that love, we should strive to reach out to humanity with the same grace that God has given us and seek to feed the hungry and thirsty, clothe the poor, and shelter the homeless. We can strive to show God's kindness and love in the way we carry ourselves with friends and strangers. We can be God's hand of forgiveness to even those most of society would say do not deserve it.

It can be a very difficult thing to do. It starts by examining our commitment to sharing God's blessings of our resources, time and talent to dig a little deeper or push a little harder to serve others in love. We need to ask ourselves a few questions as well.

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Questions to ponder:

Can you make a small commitment, for example, to not pass the Salvation Army kettle a single time this holiday season without putting something in it, or to possibly commit some other gift to the Lord through another organization you may respect?

Can you think of a grudge you may hold against someone you think has wronged you and truly, actively, graciously forgive them in your heart...and then begin acting like it? Can you show that person the face of love?

In the biblical text, one of the definitions of "the least of these" is "children." There is no more important thing we can do than to value and love our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to the point that they know they are precious and invaluable in our eyes and in the eyes of God. Can you commit to seeing all children with that same love?

Can you start by trying to adopt an outlook on life that looks to what we can give before it concentrates on what it will get? In American society, that is not an easy task.

When the king addresses these that are called sheep, he says, "Come, you who are blessed of my Father and inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the creation of the world." That phrase "blessed of my Father" is not a throwaway line.

Gratitude builds within us an inner nature which makes way for having the type of character that draws the people to the throne of grace when they see God's light shining through us.

In other words, those who belong to this king understand true blessing and Thanksgiving when they live lives that exemplify love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, humility and self control. Not just when it's easy, but when it's hard, and even when doing so might be sacrificial.

Such attitude and actions manifest an understanding of faithfulness from a biblical perspective in which God's love flows from an inner nature that is shaped by God and offered freely to others, with thanksgiving and without judgement.

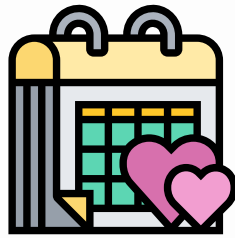
I challenge you today. Join me this Holiday season in not only giving thanks but in actively living a life that embodies the love of God from a perspective of pure gratitude to the divine for all your many blessings.

Food for thought...Pastor Todd

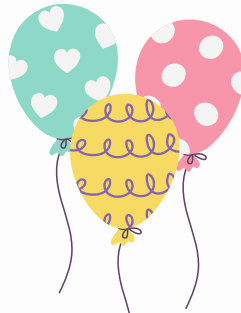


NOVEMBER

Happy
Birthday



Brian & Lisa Calary 11/5
Allen & Ginny Eberwein 11/8
Nelson & Nancy Berigtold 11/11
John & Barbara Shaul 11/24
Maurice & Ruth Howard 11/25



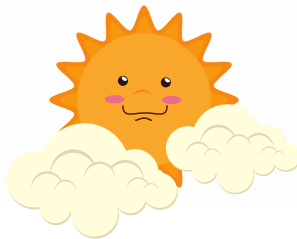
Happy Anniversary

Carmie Messenger 11/2
Christian Sachs 11/2
Margie Fielder 11/3
Colbee Mattheiss 11/3
Bryce Mattheiss 11/4
Dennis Kirkwood 11/5
Gail Lowe 11/11
Joseph Comaty 11/12
Thomas Mason 11/13
Daniel Scott 11/13
Malcolm Daughton 11/14
Sean Dietz 11/14
Steve Huster 11/15
Debbie Calary 11/20
Laura Fielder 11/20
David Kirchner 11/24
Dylan Sambor 11/27
Betty Rogers 11/28
Albert Troyer 11/28
Donna Jones 11/30

2021 Per Capita

The Per Capita fee for each congregation member for 2021 is **\$36.06**. Please be sure to submit your portion by the end of the year.

Thank you!

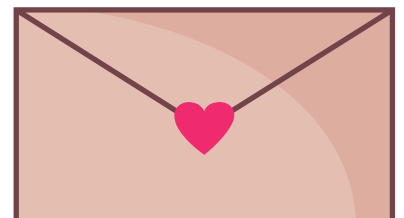


Shower of Cards

Our featured
Bethel Members
for November are:

Send a little Sunshine!
Each month we select a
member (or members) to
shower with cards or
notes of love, support,
encouragement and
good cheer!

Maurice & Judy Baldwin
4140 Norrisville Road
White Hall, MD 21161

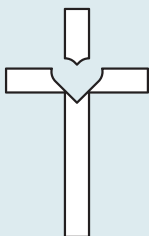




Deacon's Update

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

- Janet Carty, friend of Nancy Mory
- The family of Patrick Campbell
- Doug Arnold
- Sandy Hughes
- Charles McKenzie, father of Gail Lowe
- Holly Robinson, sister of Becca Smith
- Nelson Berigtold
- Charlotte Scott, sister-in-law of Dan Scott
- Barbara Kirchner, mother of Dave Kirchner
- Ed Calary
- Max Montfort, friend of Tom and MaryLee Swift
- Dorianne Griffey
- Janet Kauffman
- George Reeves
- Kelly Jarrett Reeves and Robbie Reeves, son & daughter-in-law of the Reeves
- Brendan Lins, grandson of Ron & Andi Holmes
- Henry Kraft, grandson of Gail & David Thomas
- Frank Clement, friend of Sam & Marsha Brooks
- John Dorn, friend of John and Rita Cairnes
- Beverly Schmidt
- George Cowman
- Howard Eisner
- George Denbow
- Jessica Sambor
- Debbie Dahl, friend of Lisa Robbins



Nominations

We are seeking nominations for **Elder, Deacon, Trustees, and Nominating Committee**. You may write in your nominations below and place in offering plate, or contact the church office with your nominations. Please keep in mind that you should only nominate someone you know is interested. Thank you.

Name _____ Nominating for: _____

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Member Note:

Beverly Schmidt recently celebrated her 90th birthday!! She would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for the lovely birthday cards, calls and good wishes. She appreciates each one and sends her gratitude to all!



Note of thanks from Mason-Dixon Community Services

Dear Friends,

Thank you SO much for your incredibly generous donation of \$1,125 to purchase shoe gift cards! Your compassion and care for the children of our clients expressed in this way are deeply appreciated by our agency as well as our clients. We are extremely grateful for the multiple ways you support us throughout the year in serving our neighbors who are experiencing poverty, hunger, and homelessness. We truly could not provide all the services we provide without the assistance of Bethel Presbyterian Church...thank you! Know that your church is making a true impact in the lives of low-income families, and we are deeply appreciative of your ongoing partnership in serving our community.

Cindy Abbot,
Executive Director for Mason-Dixon Community Services

Fall Fun at Bethel

The Sunday School Kids had a fabulous time at the **Fall Party!**
Pumpkin carving, painting and s'mores were the highlights!



Thanks to all who helped plan, and to the families who came out to enjoy this fun afternoon at Bethel!

The **Blue Ribbon 4H Club** enjoyed a cemetery tour and some ghost stories around the fire pit! Thank you to Donna Jones for making this a fun event for the 4H kids!



And thanks to Jane Burgess for these great photos of the cemetery at dusk.



Ruth Walker and Terri Schwarz were part of the crew helping with the Jarrettsville Sunflowers fundraiser this year.



Music at Bethel

It's so nice to have the Bethel Men's Choir and the Bethel Choir back!



Bethel Women's Group

The **Bethel Women's Group** held their first Pumpkin Carving event! The rainy weather didn't dampen these ladies' creativity...and the sunshine came out for a afterward for a beautiful evening by the fire pit!



Bethel Recipe Corner

Butternut Squash Soup

Submitted by Gail Thomas

Stir in large pot:

3 T. butter

3 leeks, chopped

1 vidalia onion, chopped

Add:

1 large potato, peeled and chopped

2 carrots, peeled and chopped

1 large apple, peeled and chopped

1 butternut squash, peeled and chopped

1 quart chicken stock

Cook all of the above until tender.

Add:

2 dashes of ginger

¼ c. apple juice or apple cider

½ cup cream

Salt & pepper

Puree until smooth and enjoy!

Do you have a recipe to share?

We'd love to feature **your** favorite recipe in a future newsletter.

Please email your submission to lisa@bethel-md.org or drop off a copy to the church office. Everyone loves those tried-and-true recipes from our church community!



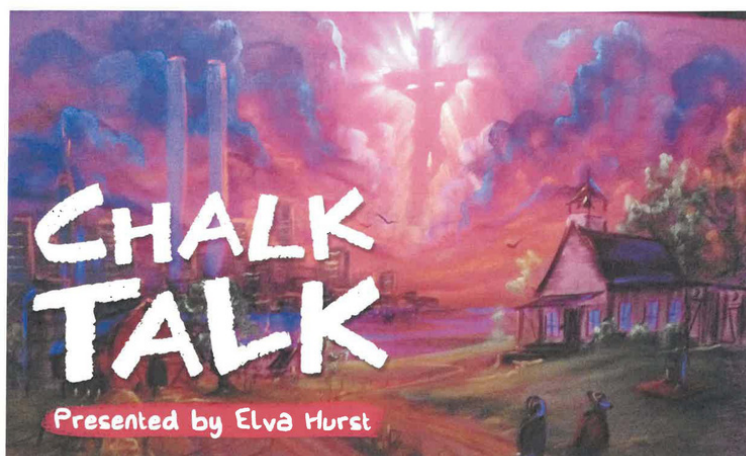


Congratulations

to the Kaufman family on
the baptism of their son,
Trevor Eli Kaufman
on October 1st, 2021.



Events at Bethel



Elva Hurst is a professional artist and author from Lancaster County, PA. Growing up in a large old order Mennonite family, she spent most of her time teaching herself art between chores on the family dairy farm. After graduating 8th grade from her one room school, she discovered the lost performance art of chalk talk. She now owns and operates the Barnyard Art Studio & Gallery on her 40 acre farm in Lancaster while traveling abroad to share her stories of faith and freedom through chalk talk.

Watch as Elva takes you and the audience through an inspiring show, sharing her stories through florescent chalk, music, and sound effects. Enjoy the grand finale as colored lights and an ultraviolet black light create beautiful effects on her artwork, ending the show with a memorable experience.



Nov 21 @ 10:30 am

JOIN US!

Live Music



The Lux (Luke's) Choir will be performing on
the afternoon of

Sunday, December 19th.
(Time To Be Announced)

Enjoy a selection of contemporary choral
music, with a light meal to follow.

Bible Study

BWG (Bethel Women's Group) Book Study
Led by Ruth Walker

Continues on **Mondays, 10-11 am thru December 20th**

This group of 6 women have been reading John
Macarthur's book, "Twelve Extraordinary Women".
Feel free to jump in and join us for a lively discussion
each week as we compare women's roles of then and
now and how God's grace is made known to us.
Call Ruth for more information: 410-692-2224



Pause for Poetry

How to Observe Thanksgiving

- Anonymous

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.



ENJOY YOUR TIME WITH
YOUR LOVED ONES



Jarrettsville Lions Club Fruit Sale

Last day to order – Nov 20, 2021

Call - 410-343-0921 or order from a Lions member

Pickup – Dec 11th 8 AM to 1 PM at Blackhorse Fire Station

Prices are the same as 2019!

Fruit not picked up may be resold



NAVEL ORANGES

10 lb. Carton 14-20 Oranges
\$20.00
20 lb. Carton 28-40 Oranges
\$30.00
40 lb. Carton 48-80 Oranges
\$42.00



RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT

10 lb. Carton 8-10 Grapefruit
\$20.00
20 lb. Carton 16-24 Grapefruit
\$30.00
40 lb. Carton 36-48 Grapefruit
\$42.00



MIXED ORANGES AND RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT

20 lb. Carton 14-20 Navels &
8-10 Grapefruit \$32.00
*2.00 higher than 2019



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