



Bethel Presbyterian Review

The Pastor's Corner

Once again as resurrection day approaches, I want to share two of my favorite Easter Poems from Good Friday to Easter Morning. I hope they inspire and uplift!

Food for thought,
Pastor Todd

THE LAST MIRACLE

By J. Barrie Shepherd

What did you, could you think
as they pounded through your open palms
forcing coarse, bloody iron nails
to sink deep into the splintered wood?
Did you feel the grasp of panic,
that sudden, stomach-wrenching sense
that this, at the very last, is it —
no further chance of changing, turning back?
Were you, perhaps, bewildered,
having hoped, despite defiant words,
for at least one late and minor miracle
on your own behalf, considering all the rest?
Did flooding fear compound with rage and hate
at the sheer blind brutality of soldiers,
fellow sons of God, treating you
like meat to be hung raw in a butcher's window?
Or dare we yet believe what was written,
that your concern was, even at the end, to shield,
to plead the cause of all who wield the whips
and crushing hammers of this crucifying world?

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SUNRISE SERVICE

by J. Barrie Shepherd

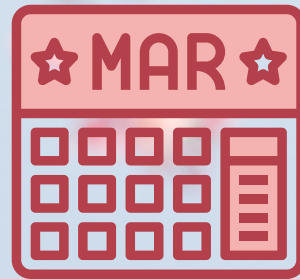
Six-thirty may be far too late
to catch the day's first beams;
Easter, too, seems slow upon the scene
this year, but five thirty would
be pushing it a little far,
not faith in God to raise the dead,
you understand, but faith in all the rest
of us to rise from warm, familiar beds
and witness the event.

Anyway, the sun's not yet risen past
The rooflines, so our open
inner courtyard was still cold
and deeply shadowed. The birds,
of course, were up already and while
below we shivered through the readings,
songs and prayers, a fledgling sermon,
Two of them--robins, I believe--sat perched
in Gable ends across our slowly sunlit cloister,
bracketing our chill efforts in cascading
endless streams of clear, uncluttered praise



"The command to love and serve—not merely tolerate—each other requires more commitment and sacrifice than we care to give, and so we do the polite minimum from afar. The seasons of Lent and Easter bring thoughts of surrender and sacrifice."

— Nana Dolce



2022 Per Capita

The Per Capita fee for each congregation member for 2022 is **\$38.13**. Please be sure to submit your portion by the end of the year.

Thank you!



Happy
Birthday

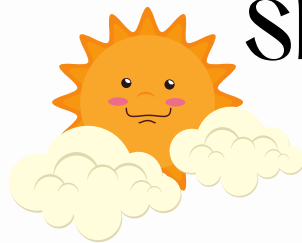


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Allen & Janet Henderson 3/12
Wiley & Mary Rutledge 3/13

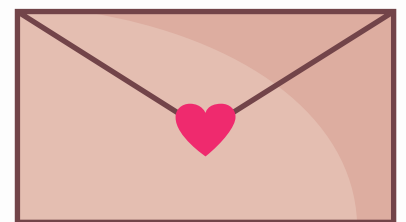
Shower of Cards



Our featured
Bethel Members
for March are:

The Sambor Family
4536 Oakridge Drive
Street, MD 21154

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!



The Deacon's Committee is happy to provide a selection of notecards in the foyer. They are available year-round for anyone who would like to send a card

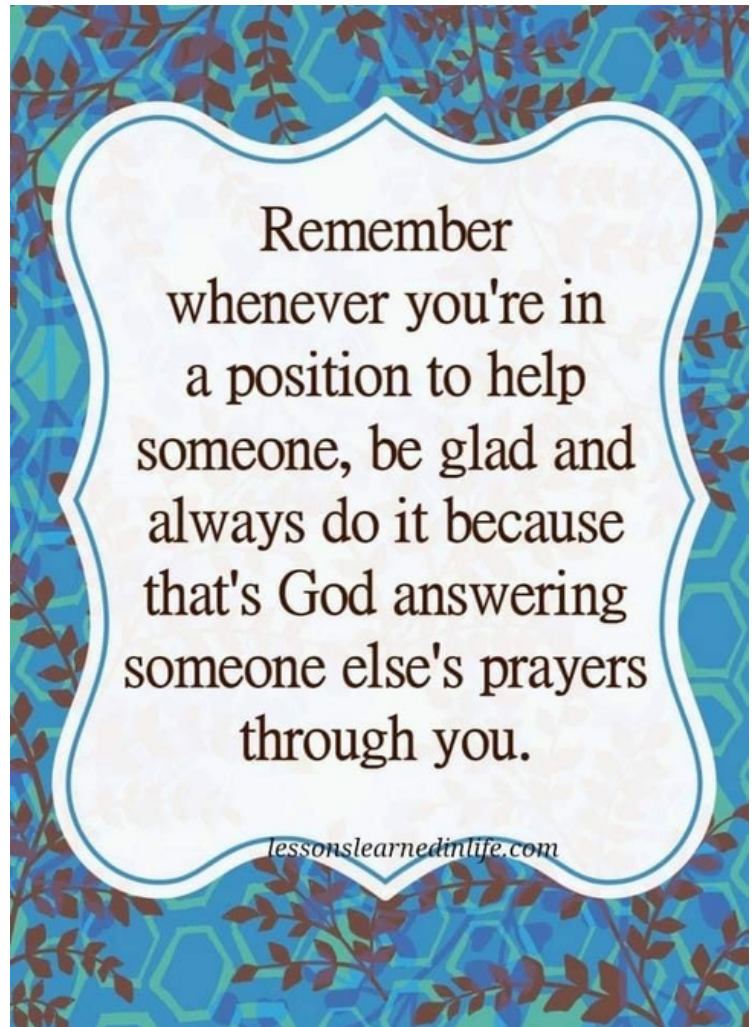


Deacon's Update

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

- Scott Nicklas
- John Cairnes
- Sam Brooks
- The family of Nelson Berigtold
- Leila Vaughan and family
- Linda & Michael Steele, friend of the Mitchells
- Doris Lytle
- Richard Dukes, son-in-law of Pastor Todd
- Louis Berlin, friend of Dan & Mary Beth Scott
- Janet Carty, friend of Nancy Mory
- Doug Arnold
- Sandy Hughes
- Charles McKenzie, father of Gail Lowe
- Holly Robinson, sister of Becca Smith
- Barbara Kirchner, mother of Dave Kirchner
- Ed Calary
- Dorianne Griffey
- Max Montfort, friend of Tom and MaryLee Swift
- Janet Kauffman
- 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
- George Denbow
- Howard Eisner
- Debbie Dahl, friend of Lisa Robbins

Shared by a Church Member:



Announcements

- The next Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 6th.
- The Cemetery Committee asks that all decorations be removed from the cemetery by the end of March.

A Note of Thanks



Many thanks to my Bethel family for all your cards, phone calls and offers of help when Nelson died. It helped very much to know that Bethel is such a caring congregation. I am grateful to be a fellow member. From Nancy Berigtold



*Bethel
Recipe
Corner*

For tea ring:

1 loaf frozen bread dough
1/2 c. white sugar
3 tsp. butter or margarine
2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 c. chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans)
raisins (optional)

For icing:

1/2 c. confectioner's sugar (can use more if desired)
3 Tbsp. butter, melted
2 tsp. vanilla
small amount of milk

Tea Ring

Submitted by
John Louderback



Let bread dough thaw to room temperature to about twice its size. Roll out onto floured surface to 9x18 inches. Spread butter on dough; sprinkle sugar, cinnamon, nuts, and raisins if desired. Roll lengthwise and pinch ends to form a circle on greased pizza pan. Slash with sharp knife all around dough circle, about 1" apart. Cover with plastic wrap. Let rise at room temperature to twice its size. Bake in 350 degree oven for 15 minutes. Remove immediately from pizza pan onto a large plate. Ice while hot.



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!

Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday was February 6th. Troop 265 provided ushers and liturgists for the service. The Troop will also be providing the congregation with a meal sometime in early spring. At this meal, they will give their yearly report and presentation to the congregation and we will have the opportunity to greet our scouts and their families.



Top Row: Richard Ortt, Scoutmaster
Bottom Row (left to right):
Andrew Barlow, Senior Patrol Leader
Sam Price, Patrol Leader
Daniel Barlow, Chaplain's Aide
Jeremy Webb, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

A Note of Thanks from Christ Our King

"On behalf of Christ our King Presbyterian Church, I would like to thank you for your donation to our 2021 Giving Boxes Project. In these difficult economic times, many people struggle just to have food on their tables. Your generous financial contribution went directly to help those in need have a complete Thanksgiving dinner as well as other nutritious food items. We are pleased to report that our 2021 Giving Box Project distributed food to over 1,000 families in Harford County, Baltimore City and surrounding areas."



Pause for Poetry



Daffodils

by William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely
as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales
and hills,
When all at once
I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake,
beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing
in the breeze.

Do You Know Your Hymns?

- Dentist's Hymn...."Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Weatherman's Hymn..."There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"
Contractor's Hymn..."The Church's One Foundation"
Tailor's Hymn..."Holy Holy Holy"
Golfer's Hymn..."There's a Green Hill Far Away"
Politician's Hymn..."Standing on the Promises"
Optometrists's Hymn..."Open My Eyes That I Might See"
IRS Agent's Hymn..."I Surrender All"
Gossip's Hymn..."Pass It On"
Electrician's Hymn..."Send the Light"
Realtor's Hymn..."I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop"



*Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life
and pass it on to other folks!*



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