



# *Bethel Presbyterian Review*

## **The Pastor's Corner**

Did you know that the Easter season lasts all the way until Pentecost, which this year is the last Sunday in May? As we reflect on the Easter message, it is a time for us to look at Jesus as a living vital part of our lives. The risen Christ is not dead but is alive and he knows you, loves you, and longs to be in relationship to you just as deeply as he did the disciples. The Christ who knows us knows our deepest personal anguish, our greatest personal joys, and our deepest personal thoughts.

The Christ who knows us understands humanity from the moment of birth to the moment of death. The Christ who knows us offers us the life-giving power of God. The Christ who knows us offers us a future full of promise and possibility. Easter is a call not only to celebrate the good news, but to now be the good news.

We are called to receive mercy, and to give it in return. We are called to accept forgiveness, and to forgive. We are called to be loved, and to love one another unconditionally. We are called to be reconciled to God and to reconcile with others. Through Christ we are accepted by God, and we are called to accept others.

The Christ who knows us, knows us intimately, so intimately that we indeed may try to run and hide from God. But just like Peter in the final chapter of John's Gospel, God will find us, forgive us, and call us to serve. Through Jesus Christ, God refuses to give up or call it quits regarding his children even when we do. In the Easter season, we are called to live every moment with all the joy, commitment, courage, hope, faith, love, praise, and enthusiasm we can summon and display.

Remember the promise: The promise of Easter. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Believe in me, hang on to me, and you will never die. From birth to death, I will never leave you amid life's anguish, which sometimes causes us to believe that there are parts of us that have died. I will also be there for you when the joys of life reign upon you and you are filled with hope. I am with you always."

God's presence is constant, and his promise is sure: We, too, will one day rise and live, laugh and love in the presence of God eternally. Remember that promise! He is alive! He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Food For Thought.....Pastor Todd

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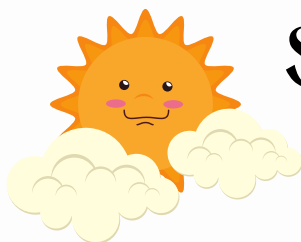
## 2022 Per Capita

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!



Alyssa Kauffman 4/3  
Charles Saneman 4/5  
Maurice Baldwin 4/7  
Justin Comer 4/8  
Carrie Thomas 4/10  
Bruce Batchelor 4/10  
Craig Messenger 4/13  
Anne Jones 4/14  
Blair Mattheiss 4/14  
Judy Baldwin 4/20  
Stephen Kauffman 4/21  
Michael Scott 4/22  
Ron Holmes 4/24  
Emma Clayton 4/25  
Ted McRee 4/26  
Bailey Saneman 4/26  
Polly Winskowski 4/26  
Corbin Rowley 4/28



## Shower of Cards

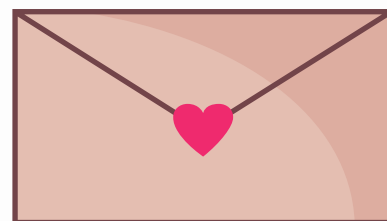
Our featured  
Bethel Members  
for April are:

**Norma Kirkwood**  
**4531 Harford Creamery Rd.**  
**White Hall, MD 21161**

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!

and

**George and Pat Denbow**  
**2008 Schuster Road**  
**Jarrettsville, MD 21084**



George & Nancy Cowman 4/4  
Michael & Nancy Alexander 4/5

*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:

- Fichard Fellin, Carmie Messenger's Stepfather
- Sherry Kirchner
- Barbara Kirchner, mother of Dave Kirchner
- The family of Douglas Smith, Jr.
- Scott Nicklas
- John Cairnes
- Sam Brooks
- Leila Roland and the Vaughan-Roland 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
- Ed Calary
- 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 Denbow
- Howard Eisner
- Debbie Dahl, friend of Lisa Robbins

## Save the Date:

A funeral service for Billy Gross will be held on Saturday, April 23rd.

Visitation at 10:30 am, Service at 11:00 am



## Mission Committee Notes

Below are a few excerpts from thank you notes we've received from organizations we've supported as a congregation.

Dear Friends,

Please accept our deepest gratitude for your incredibly generous donation of \$1,000 to purchase shoe gift cards! Please know that y our congregation is making a significant impact on the lives of our residents who are struggling with the challenges of poverty, homelessness, and hunger. The shoe gift cards are received by our clients with such gratitude! With the rising cost of so many things right now, these cards are such a welcome gift. We are so grateful for your ongoing partnership in serving our community. We deeply value that partnership!

Warmest regards,  
Cynthia Abbot, Executive Director  
Mason-Dixon Organization

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Your support of MDCS is such a blessing to both our clients and our agency! Thank you so much for your donation in February. We greatly appreciate your support in carrying out our mission in this community. Your kindness and generosity means so much to us.

Jane Skrzypiec, Highland Center Director  
Mason-Dixon Community Services, Inc.

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Thank you for your gift in February. Together, we are building the start-to-finish solution to end homelessness for families with children and unaccompanied young adults in Harford County. Thank you for being a part of our shared vision!

Roben Tomechko, CEO  
Harford Family House

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Because of you, your gifts and faithfulness, we are able to say with a full and grateful heart that in the midst of chaos, there is hope, help and healing. Thank you, in the name of the suffering and risen Lord.

The Rev. Dr. Laurie A. Kraus  
Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



# Easy Oreo Truffles

Submitted by Janet Henderson

## Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package OREO Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, divided
- 1 (8 ounce) package PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
- 2 (8 ounce) packages BAKER'S Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate, melted

## Directions (makes about 42 truffles)

Crush 9 of the cookies to fine crumbs in food processor; reserve for later use. (Cookies can also be finely crushed in a resealable plastic bag using a rolling pin.) Crush remaining 36 cookies to fine crumbs; place in medium bowl. Add cream cheese; mix until well blended. Roll cookie mixture into 42 balls, about 1 inch in diameter.

Dip balls in chocolate; place on wax paper-covered baking sheet. Sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs. **Tips** for dipping truffles: Place truffle ball in melted chocolate to coat. Lift truffle from chocolate using 2 forks, allowing excess chocolate to run off before placing on wax paper. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. Store leftover truffles, covered, in refrigerator.

**Optional EASTER decorating ideas below!**





# Bethel Family Life



Kirsten's niece (first one ever!)  
was born March 1. Welcome,  
**Ryleigh Elizabeth Fitzsimmons**

## The Birthday Bunch!



These Bethel Members share the same  
birthday of **March 31st**! Happy Birthday  
to Steve Kauffman, Jane Burgess and  
Becca Smith.



Terri's  
Shwarz's  
sweet pups  
(Baron, left  
and Reign,  
on the right)  
enjoyed a  
little "luck o'  
the Irish" on  
St. Patrick's  
Day



# Upcoming Events

## *Boots Out for Butterfly Fundraiser!*



Leila Vaughan-Roland is a local six-year-old girl who loves her boots and her cows. She is currently undergoing treatment for kidney cancer. On Sunday, April 10th, the Harford County Farm Bureau will be hosting a fundraising event to support Leila and her family!

When: **Sunday, April 10th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM**

Where: Harford County Agricultural Center  
3525 Conowingo Road, Street, MD 21154

What to Expect:

- ★ Butterfly Face Painting! ★ Story Time!
- ★ Ice Cream: Sponsored by Broom's Bloom Dairy!

A donation to Leila and her family is asked upon entry for admission to the event. All proceeds go directly to Leila!



## Mother's Day

Bethel will be honoring all the mothers in our congregation on Sunday, May 8th.  
Details to come!



## Flea Market

Save the date! Bethel will be hosting a Flea Market on  
Saturday, June 18th

# Holy Week Events at Bethel

## Thursday, April 14th



Maundy Thursday Service with Soup & Supper

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Service

## Friday, April 15th

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

(with Norrisville United Methodist Church at Bethel)

## Easter Vigil

8 p.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Saturday (sign up in back of church)



## Sunday, April 17th

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:30 a.m. Join us for Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall,  
with an Egg Hunt to Follow

10:30 a.m. Easter Service





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