

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayers of Celebration, Thanksgiving, and Petition

Give thanks and pray for persons celebrating birthdays this week: Angela Platchek, Robert Meissner, Donna Guest, Jacqueline Hines, Norman Segner, Natalie Platchek.

Pray for those who are ill, homebound, receiving treatment or recovering from illness or surgery Arlene Van Riper; Kruna Kovach; Caitlyn Ferris (cancer), wife of Mark Ferris, Jr.; Benita Adams; Harrison Groman; Ruth Peterman; Ronald Hopson; Janet Long (healing); Walter Shultz; David Bishop, father-in-law of Becky; Russell Bush (knees); Dorothy Hall (fall), Terry Miller (AFib), Chris Bachrach (heart issue), family and friends struggling with addiction; physical and emotional well-being.

Dorothy Hall is in Manatawny Manor for rehab. Cards and visits are welcome. The address is Room C 17 B, 30 Old Schuylkill Rd, Pottstown, PA 19465. Phone 610 - 970 - 8234.

New address for Marie Pick, 87A Hillside Drive, Pottstown, PA 19464.

New address for Virginia Collins, Spring Mill, Apt. 212, 3000 Balfour Circle Pottstown, PA 19460. Phone # 484-920-6129.

Other prayer needs: Military personnel; employment concerns of members; prayers for Jennifer (Hasselhan) and Doug Rowley on the loss of their young son, Jack, and for their other son Drew, who lost his brother; and for Ron Brien and family on the passing of his wife, Victoria. Prayers for the family of Donald Pick who recently passed away. Prayers for the family of Tami McMillan who recently passed away. Prayers for the family of John Doyle who passed away. He was the father of Chloe Doyle, who was confirmed a few years ago, and husband of Valerie Doyle.

Congratulations to Chloe Doyle who will be attending York College on a tennis scholarship.

The UMW Book Club will meet at 1:00 pm, Monday, Aug. 20th to discuss the book, An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz.

Bethel is hiring a nursery worker. There are 4 persons who have pledged to pay \$30 per month for the first year to pay for our much needed nursery worker. If we have 4 more pledgers, we can each pay \$30 per month for 6 months rather than 12. If you want to be a pledger, let Pastor Hines, Mary Tyson or Linda Wynn know.

Next Guys and Gals Dinner will be Wednesday, August 29th. We will meet at Red Lobster, Pottstown and 6 pm. Sign up sheet in the Sanctuary Corridor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Focus Prayer for the Church:

Help us to study, grow, develop, and increase our faith.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - August 12, 2018

☺ **PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PAD FOUND IN YOUR PEW** ☺

Worship Attendance Total: 82

Christian Education Attendance: 6

Giving Last Week: \$4083.44 Amount Needed per Week: \$3,884.00

Designated funds: Kenya Project - \$100.00, Kitchen Fund - \$225.00, BCP - 200.00

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Building Fund Monthly Mortgage Commitment: \$2,048.75

Received in July for Building Fund: \$678.36

The Building Fund Mortgage has approximately \$9,853.00 to go!

Coming Up at Bethel UMC

August 6-19 - Pastor is on vacation.

August 12 - Banner articles are due.

August 12 - Phoenixville Mission ConneXion, First UMC of Phoenixville at 4:00 pm.

August 18 - John Doyle Memorial Service. Visitation from 9 to 11 am. Service will begin at 11 am.

September 2 - Jessica will lead us in **preservice music**. Look for additional information soon.

Tuesday, Oct. 2 - Charge Conference, Phoenixville UMC, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Wawa Hoagie Coupons - are being sold for \$4 each for a shorti hoagie that normally costs \$4.39. They make great gifts and a fast family meal. Get your coupons from Joyce Shutt or Barb Hanlon. The proceeds benefit the Bethel Christian Preschool.

Activity packets are available in a basket in the narthex for children to use during church services. Feel free to take your packet home with you.

Got used ink cartridges and cell phones? Please leave them in the church office for recycling.

Thanks for removing old bulletins from the pews and putting them in the recycling basket.

Anyone interested in going to see JESUS at Sight & Sound on November 13, 2018, please call Boscov's Travel (484-945-1200). The trip includes your lunch at Shady Maple. You will be leaving from the Pottstown Hospital Upper Parking Lot at 10:45 am, returning at approximately 8:00 pm. Cost is \$129.00 per person. (Oops, previous amount was incorrect.)

One of the missions of our church is Bethel Christian Preschool. You will find donation envelopes, decorated by past students, in the pews. All donations will be used to purchase items needed for the classroom or to help a family with the cost of tuition. Thank you for sharing God's love with these little ones that He has brought to us! Janet Hunter

Pets can be divine at times. Upcoming divine moments: August 12 - Lori Corbett, August 19 - Anne Hoffman, August 26 - Trish Richards.

Rally Day is Sunday, September 9. Please provide a dessert for the luncheon after 10:45 service. A sign-up sheet is on the table outside the Sanctuary.

Save The Date - November 3 - 8:00 to 4:30pm - Habitat Work Day - With the support of our VBS Mission, Good Works, we will be dedicating our time and service to a habitat project in Pottstown. Lunch will be provided. Come and join us; we always have a good time! Looking for Tim Keller, Dylan Murray, Dana Robinson, Dana McKinley, Maddie Kohler, etc. to join us as well. This looks good on your college applications and it won't make me look so old! Let Jean Domin know if you are interested/or can make it!

 **Bethel Christian Preschool** - Registration is open for the 2018/2019 school year.

Upcoming Summer Preachers

Today - Susan Ferry, Christian Dragon Boat Racer

I was born and raised in Pottstown and graduated from Owen J. Roberts High School. My family attended Coventry Church of the Brethren and now I attend St. Luke in Devon. Also, visit other churches of the Main Line area since I live in Villanova. It is great to visit other churches, to be a part of their worship and see God working with them. Since 2012, I have been a member of the Schuylkill Dragons Dragon Boat team, which is one of the Premier Women teams of Philadelphia. This year we are working hard to be in our best shape for Club Crew World Championships in Szeged, Hungary, July 13 - 23. I have been selected for the Grand Master boat, which is women over 50 years old. By the time I will be speaking at Bethel, the Competition will be over and hope we have done well at the championship. I could not do this without my faith and trust in the Lord. The Lord is my strength and I need Him every day. Yes, God has a plan for our lives, we have to live it! Please pray as we travel and compete and I am very excited to share with you in August!

August 19th Doug Hughes

Doug Hughes is a registered nurse and very much involved in with his children's sports activities as well as Bethel's Troop 4 scouts. His inspiring message last summer was so well received. It is great that he is available again.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, TROOP 4 - Spring City, PA, Bethel Grove
September 15, 2018 from 2pm - 5pm. CALLING ALL TROOP 4 ALUMNI. Join us for a grand picnic as Troop 4 members of past and present gather together for a day of fun, memories and more: Food, Games, Music, Memorabilia, Trivia Quizzes, See Today's Scouts Camping, Tours of the Renovated Scout Hut.
Everyone is invited, not just Troop 4 alumni; bring the whole family! Get on the mailing list today for updates: edlaytonBSA@gmail.com

U. M. W. News

The trip to New Journey in Reading, August 17, has been cancelled. We will reschedule for a later date.

Save the date: October 6, 2018. You are encouraged to attend The 1st Annual EPA Leadership Conference and Retreat at Cedarville UMC. More information will be available at a later date.