

Coming Up at Bethel UMC

Bethel Christian Preschool Registration is now open for the 2019-2020 School Year. Please take a *Bethel Christian Preschool* flyer from the table in the Narthex and give it to someone with young children, hang it at your favorite store/restaurant, or share it with a group outside of Church. Like and share our Facebook Page with all of your friends to help us get the word out that we are now enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year!

Wawa Hoagie Coupons are available for only \$4 for a shorti hoagie (normally \$4.39). They make great gifts and provide a fast family meal for busy nights! Get your coupons from Joyce Shutt or Barb Hanlon. Proceeds benefit the Bethel Christian Preschool.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2019

PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PAD FOUND IN YOUR PEW

Worship Attendance, Early Service: 40, Late Service: 50, Total: 90

Christian Education Attendance: 30

Giving Last Week: \$4,842.00- Amount Needed per Week: \$3,884.00

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Building Fund Monthly Mortgage is \$2,048.75.

Received in February for the Building Fund - \$741.72 – 3 months to go!

Stewardship 2019 is Heart Work! Along with the March mortgage payment, we have included an additional \$8,000.00 of principle for our Building Fund Loan. This brings us to 3 more mortgage payments! Thanks to all who stayed faithful over and above their original commitments, fund raisers, memorials and extra giving. Time to celebrate!

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PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayers of Celebration, Thanksgiving, and Petition

Give thanks and pray for persons celebrating birthdays this week: Jeanne Haring and Karla Romberg.

Pray for those who are ill, homebound, receiving treatment or recovering from illness or surgery:

Mary Lou Keim (Manatawny Manor); Larue Ewers (dialysis, Manatawny Manor); Alice Collins (PowerBack Rehab); Kruna Kovach; Caitlyn Ferris (cancer), wife of Mark Ferris, Jr.; Benita Adams; Harrison Groman; Ruth Peterman; Ronald Hopson; Janet Long (healing); Walter Shultz (Scranton Vet Center); Russell Bush (knees); Joanne Meitzler; family and friends struggling with addiction; physical and emotional well-being.

Other prayer needs: Military personnel; employment concerns of members; Prayers for those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Sonia Kulp (February 18, 2019).

March B.U.S. Luncheon: The next B.U.S. meeting will be Tuesday, March 12th at 11:30a.m. in the Café. We will enjoy a catered lunch with ham, cabbage, carrots, and potatoes. Dessert will be apple pie and ice cream. Hot and iced tea and coffee will also be served. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Kindly add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table outside the Sanctuary before March 10th.



The East Coventry Union of Churches' Wednesday Night Lenten Service: This Wednesday, March 13th, Parkerford Baptist Church (92 Baptist Church Road, Parkerford, PA 19457) will host services. The Host Pastor is Rev. Robert E. Davalt II. Rev. Mark Stryjak of Brownbacks United Church of Christ will preach. The service begins at 7 p.m. with a time of fellowship and refreshments to follow.

Bethel Youth Group: Our Bethel Youth have the opportunity to attend the 4th EPA Youth Rally on Saturday, March 16th at the Wesley Church in Bethlehem. Please contact Kim Bradbury at kumuluskimmie@gmail.com or (610) 327-1217, if your child is interested in attending.



United Methodist Women's Group: There will be an *important* UMW meeting on Tuesday, March 19th at 1 p.m. in the Boardroom (B2). Please contact Maggie Shick at (610) 933-7026 with any questions.



"Hope on the Hill" Meal Volunteers Needed: Bethel is hosting a "Hope on the Hill" meal on Wednesday, March 20th. The meal will be located at the *First United Church of Christ*, 145 Chestnut Street, Spring City. The menu will include sloppy joes, mac and cheese, salad, and cookies for dessert.

Here's how you can help:

- Set up and get food ready to serve (3:45 pm start time)
- Serve the meal on a buffet line (4:45 pm start time)
- Clean up after the meal (5:30 pm start time)
- Donate cookies (*no nuts please*)
- Provide a monetary donation to offset the cost of the meal.

If you can volunteer or have any questions, please contact Becky Bishop at 610-636-3171.

All Mozart Concert: The *First United Methodist Church*, 865 South Main Street, Phoenixville will host an *All Mozart Concert* on Friday, March 29th at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature their distinguished Music Director, David Bryant. There are no advanced ticket purchases. Tickets are available at the door with a suggested donation of \$10.00.

Bethel Christian Preschool Fundraiser: BCP participates in the Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation Consignment Sale which will be held on March 30th in the OJR middle school gym. We are collecting donations of children's items to sell (infant through teen). If you wish to donate any items to the sale, please place them in the designated space in the Green Room (B1). You may also "shop" and place your payment in the envelope. The deadline for donations is Sunday, March 24th. Please contact Joyce Shutt at joyceandhal@hotmail.com with any questions.

MAUNDY



Maundy Thursday (April 18): During the 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service, seven Bethel members will share how they are using their spiritual gifts to help build the Kingdom of God that Jesus spoke about at the Last Supper. If you are interested in sharing your reflections (2-3 minutes of speaking time), contact Pastor Hines.

United Methodist Women's Book Club: The book club will meet on Monday, April 1st at 1:00 p.m. in the Green Room (B1) to discuss the book, "*Because I am a Girl: I can change the world*," by Rosemary McCarney and Jen Albaugh. *Because I am a Girl* is a global initiative from Plan International to end gender inequality, promote girls' rights and lift millions of girls out of poverty. This book illustrates the *Because I am Girl* call to change by telling stories of girls around the world.

Spring Habitat Day with Good Works: Mark your calendars for May 4th and Habitat Day with Good Works of St. Peter's. The weather will sure to be warmer than this week which means it's will be great time to get out and help our neighbors! We will buy Hoagie Coupons from the school for our lunch break. When you sign up, look for a sheet to create your Shorti Sandwich for lunch! This will be a fun, rewarding day and there is something for everyone to do! You can volunteer from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or whatever your schedule will permit. More information to follow!



Chicken BBQ Leadership: This year's Chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday, June 1st. There are already many support people in place for this event. However, we still need one special someone who can be responsible for the event coordination. Could that person be you? If you are interested in helping, please contact Becky Bishop at 610-636-3171.

Alice Collins is now recovering in the PowerBack Rehabilitation Center. Her address is: *PowerBack Rehabilitation Center, 501 Thomas Jones Way, Room 146, Exton, PA 19341*. She can also be reached at (484) 873-3686.