

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

2nd Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2019

PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PAD FOUND IN YOUR PEW

Worship Attendance, Early Service: 27, Late Service: 47, Total: 74

Christian Education Attendance: 32

Giving Last Week: \$3,066.80- 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!

We have paid our March Apportionment to the Conference.

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 three more mortgage payments! Thanks to all who stayed faithful over and above their original commitments, fundraisers, 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: Karen Story, Larue Ewers, and Anne Hoffman.

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); Krana 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.

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.



The East Coventry Union of Churches' Wednesday Night Lenten

Service: This Wednesday, March 20th, Brownbacks United Church of Christ (640 Ridge Road, Spring City) will host services. The Host Pastor is Rev. Mark Stryjack. ***Our own Pastor Hines will preach!*** The service begins at 7 p.m. with a time of fellowship and refreshments to follow.

"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.

South District Town Hall: Bishop Peggy Johnson will hold a Town Hall Meeting in our South District to discuss items from the recent special session of General Conference. You are encouraged to attend. It is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30 pm at *St. Matthew's United Methodist Church*, 600 Walker Rd, Wayne, PA 19087. See Pastor Hines to carpool.

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.

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.



HABITAT
Project

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.

Bethel Kenya – Rev. Moses Update: As John Kessler mentioned to us in mid-February, Rev. Moses will be undergoing heart surgery very soon in Kenya. Bethel Kenya is raising monies to help support expenses for this operation. Rev. Moses is the Pastor/Leader of all our endeavors to Bethel Kenya. He is only 49 years old. These challenges for Rev. Moses have spoken to members of Bethel who have contributed \$2,110.00 thus far to offset his expenses. If you would like to donate, please mark your contribution to Kenya by end of March and we will be sure to get this to John Kessler to process. Thank you, in advance, for your kindness and thoughtfulness to this concern. Keep Rev. Moses in your prayers!