

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.

Meet the Bishop: Save the date for *“Bishop’s Night in the South District”* on Wednesday, October 2nd and come meet Bishop Peggy Johnson. Bishop’s Night will take place at St. Matthew’s UMC in Valley Forge. The exact time will be announced at a later date.

October Dinner at Hope on the Hill: Join Holly Quay (daughter of Sonia Kulp) in preparing and serving a meal at Hope on the Hill on Wednesday, October 2nd at the 1st UCC, 145 Chestnut St, Spring City, PA 19475. More details to follow.

Charge Conference Update: Bethel's charge conferences will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019, 9-11 30 a.m. at Wayne UMC, 210 South Wayne Ave., Wayne, PA 19087. Committee Forms from the District Office are due in the office by September 1 so they can be uploaded in time. The focus of our day is *Mission Possible: Structure Your Church for Missional Effectiveness*. All attendees are asked to register. In order to register, leave your name with Pastor Hines or Aubrey Bates or go to

<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/453475>. Please call the church office if you would like to carpool.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9th Sunday after Pentecost, August 11, 2019

PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PAD FOUND IN YOUR PEW

Worship Attendance: 46

Christian Education Attendance: 11

Giving Last Week: \$1,990.50 -- Amount Needed per Week: \$3,884.00

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

The mortgage is paid!

July Building Deposit - \$288.36

We have paid our July Apportionment to the Conference.

July Electronic Giving - \$470

Stewardship 2019 is Heart Work! We have now paid off our Building mortgage! Blessings to all that prayed and contributed so faithfully through the end of this project. Hope you are all enjoying your summer! We currently have \$4,500 in our Believe Fund designated for bathrooms!

GIVE PLUS⁺

Electronic Giving is active at Bethel: Simply download the Vanco Solutions Give+ App to your smartphone and you are easy steps away from making a donation, anytime and anywhere. Supply your email as identification. And of course, your bank routing and account number. Save time and checks with electronic giving! Remember to identify Bethel Church at 952 Bethel Church Road in Spring City when setting up your donation.

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PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayers of Celebration, Thanksgiving, and Petition

Give thanks and pray for persons celebrating birthdays this week: Doris Barton, Daniel Unger, Angela Platchek, Robert Meissner, Corey Murray, Monique Bodor, and Donna Guest.

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

Terry Miller (waiting for test results), Barb Cutillo (long procedures), Paul (friend of Dorene

Pasekoff who is undergoing treatment for retinal melanoma), Mary Lou Keim (Manatawny Manor); Larue Ewers (Parkhouse); Alice Collins; Kruna Kovach; Caitlyn Ferris (cancer), wife of Mark Ferris, Jr.; Benita Adams; Ruth Peterman; Ronald Hopson; Walter Shultz (Southeastern Veterans 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 those who mourn.

Guest Preacher Welcome: Today we welcome youth leader, Jess Eden as our guest preacher. Jess graduated from high school in the spring of 2018 and now attends the University of Valley Forge. A rising sophomore, Jess majors in Ministry Leadership with a minor in Youth Ministry. She plans to use her degree to partner with ministries that emphasize on helping the lost come to know Christ. Her passion is people and has already seen the transforming work of Christ in her own life. She wants others to experience the freedom found only in Him. Jess grew up Methodist and has been involved with the UMC at a local, conference, and jurisdictional level. Jess may be young but she is eager to see where God takes her.

Pastoral Care: Pastor Hines will be on vacation from Monday, August 5th through Sunday, August 18th. While the pastor is away, if there are pastoral concerns and emergencies please contact one of our Certified Lay Minister, Aubrey Bates (610-608-8993) or Christ Servant Minister, Anne Hoffman (610-458-5196)

Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) FEEDBACK FORMS are available for your comments, compliments, and concerns. Do you have a suggestion about worship? Do you have a concern you would like to have addressed? It is time again for the yearly staff evaluations. Have you have had interactions with staff members and would like to share your experiences with SPRC? Forms are available on the bulletin table and in the office. Anonymous input will not be considered; forms must be signed. Please return them to any member of SPRC. There is a list of SPRC members posted in the office.

Anne's Sermon: Copies of Anne Hoffman's sermon, "*Advice from a Grandmother,*" written as a letter to her grandchildren is the lobby for your convenience.

Christian Education for Kids: We are looking for helpers who may be able to give up their Sunday worship time for our children. We have established leaders for the pre-School and kids programs but we need to have two persons in each class. If you are willing to volunteer a Sunday (*or two or three or more*) this year, we would appreciate it. There is nothing for you to prepare or provide, except maybe a hug! See Jean Domin or feel free to sign up in the Lobby. You will enjoy it! Christian Education begins September 8th thru May 31st.

Financial Committee & Administrative Council: The Financial Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom (B2). The Administrative Council will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

United Methodist Women: The next meeting of the UMW will be a luncheon at the home of Terry Miller on Tuesday, August 20th, at noon. Please note that this is earlier than usual. Along with the meeting, we will be assembling the CWS kits. Please sign up on the clipboard if you will be coming. Let Terry know if you wish to carpool with someone and are unable to coordinate a ride. Her number is 610.506.8455, and her address is 123 Russell Ave in Douglassville.

Thank You from Bill: Thank you for all the birthday cards. –Bill Richardson.

Virginia Collins' Contact Information: Thank you to everyone who joined us for lunch with Ginny Collins on Friday. Her phone number is (239) 450-7728 and mailing address is 1128 Hilltop Dr. Naples, FL 34103.

Giant "Bags 4 My Cause" Program: Each time you purchase a \$2.50 "*Bags 4 My Cause*" reusable shopping bag with a Giving Tag while shopping at Giant, you have the power to direct a \$1 donation to a local non-profit of your choice. Project Outreach is one of these local non-profits. Consider purchasing a bag and designating Project Outreach as your non-profit of choice the next time you are grocery shopping at Giant.

Sunday Brunch: Our next Sunday Brunch will be on Sunday, August 25th.

Hope on the Hill: Please note that the dates for the next Hope on the Hill dinner have changed. Bethel will be hosting a *Hope on the Hill* meal on Wednesday, August 28th at the 1st UCC, 145 Chestnut Street, Spring City, PA and will prepare for the dinner on Tuesday, August 27th. We need the following help:

Prep Work at Bethel—August 27th (4-6 p.m.)

- Make sloppy joes and pasta salad
- Cut up fruit for fresh fruit tray
- Donate cookies

Hope on the Hill Meal at 1st UCC—August 28th:

- Set up starting at 3:30 p.m.
- Serve meals at 5 p.m.
- Clean up between 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Monetary donations are also accepted. If you have questions or would like to sign up to help contact Becky Bishop 610-636-3171 (phone or text).

Project Outreach School Supplies: Project Outreach has begun collecting school supplies for local students in need. They will be accepting school supplies through August 22nd. You can find the suggested school supply list on the bulletin board outside the church office or on the Project Outreach website.

Encouraging Letters to Sam Keller: Sam Keller is in Marine Boot Camp. During boot camp, recruits can only communicate via written letters. Letters keep recruits motivated and let them know people from home are thinking about them while they are away. Here is Sam's mailing address, if anyone would like to send him a note of encouragement:

RCT KELLER, SAMUEL J.
1ST RTBN, CHARLIE CO. PLT 1070
BOX 16145
PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. 29905-6145

Please only send cards in white envelopes with no stickers or additional markings on the outside. Positive, uplifting spiritual messages are welcome. Please no packages of any kind. Sam can receive letters at this address until August 23rd.