

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayers of Celebration, Thanksgiving, and Petition

Give thanks and pray for persons celebrating birthdays this week; Chester Reedy, Shane Barton, Daniel Guest, Mary Kelly, Courtney Stauffer.

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), John Corbett (fall), 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.

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 passed away June 30th. Pray the family will find God's peace and comfort in their time of sorrow.

United Methodist Churches in Puerto Rico are still struggling to rebuild following last summer's hurricanes. Our Mission ConneXion is trying to help them. At 4:00 pm, Sunday August 12, we will host a gathering at First UMC of Phoenixville for an update on how things are going from people who have been there and an offering will be received toward the effort. Afterward, we will share light refreshments and watch the classic Bogart and Bacall movie, "Key Largo".

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.

Pets can be divine at times. If you have had a God moment with a family pet or animal, prepare a two-minute testimony for the month of August and sign up with Pastor Hines for a Sunday to share.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Focus Prayer for the Church:

Is it me, Lord? Am I on the wrong track?
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - July 22, 2018

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

Worship Attendance Total: 74

Christian Education Attendance: 11

Giving Last Week: \$6,455.67.00 Amount Needed per Week: \$3,884.00

Designated funds: Kenya Project - \$205.00, Kitchen - \$270.66

God is our provider!

Building Fund Monthly Mortgage Commitment: \$2,048.75

Received in June for Building Fund: \$774.98

The Building Fund Mortgage has approximately \$10,531.36 to go!

Coming Up at Bethel UMC

July 22 - Jessica is on vacation. We welcome Sandy Davies who is substituting.

July 24 - 7:00 pm - Building Committee meeting in the lobby.

July 25 - 1:00 pm - Worship Committee meeting in the Board Room.
7:00 pm - SPRC in Room 1.

July 26 - 7:00 pm - Nominations Committee meeting in the Green Room.

July 27 - 7:00 pm - Summer Movie Night "I Can Only Imagine" in the Library. A 2018 American Christian Drama Film directed by the Erwin Brothers, written by Alex Cramer, Jon Erwin and Brent McCorkle. Based on the story behind the "Mercy Me" song, the best-selling Christian single of all time.

July 29 - following service, Beach Breakfast. See insert for details.

August 6 - 19 - Pastor is on vacation.

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

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

Bring your Melons and More for Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 12th.

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.)

Fellowship Hall update from Terrie McKinley. The “make-over” of Fellowship Hall is nearly complete. The final phase is air conditioning the hall. The projected unit will do both air conditioning and heating. The total cost, including installation, is \$8,300.00. We are presently \$1,000.00 short of that goal. However, according to the Trustees, this project will not be able to move forward unless all the money is acquired. If you have any questions, please contact Terrie at 215-813-7805.

The Chester County Department of Aging Services is located in the Government Services Center at 601 Westtown Rd, West Chester. Contact them to gain access to critical information including: Assistance in accessing services, Person Centered Counseling, Support groups, Respite care, Meal programs, LIHEAP (Low Income Heating and Electric Assistance Program), Property Tax/rent rebate qualifications. For more information, call 610-344-6350 or visit their website www.chesco.org/aging.

TO REPORT ELDER ABUSE - CALL THE ELDER ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-564-7000

They have an Ombudsman Program that serves to advocate for those living in long term care communities, such as nursing homes, personal care homes, assisted living, domiciliary care home and adult day centers.

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

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.

Upcoming Summer Speakers at Bethel

Youth Sunday July 29th David Stauffer, Youth Minister
Dave Stauffer grew up in Boyertown, and graduated from Temple University in 2015 with a bachelor's in percussion. He began working at First United Methodist of Phoenixville as the Director of Christian Ed in the summer of 2015, and added youth ministry to that position in the summer of 2017. In addition to church, Dave works with young people through music. He currently gives private lessons to over 30 students, and coaches the Boyertown Middle School Percussion Ensemble. He is also earning his Master's in Religion online through Cairn University. Dave lives in Pottstown with his wife Samantha, and puppy Remo.

August 12th Susan Ferry, Christian Dragon 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.

Calling all Troop 4 alumni! Did you know Troop 4 will be 50 years old in August of 2018? We are planning a fantastic anniversary gala for Saturday September 15, 2018, in the Pavilion from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend, not just Troop 4 alumni! For more information, contact Ed Layton, Committee Chair for Troop 4, edlayton@gmail.com or Becky Bishop, beckybishop975@gmail.com, 610-636-3171.