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News of Bethany



Vacation Bible School 2017: **Hero Central, "Discover Your Strength in God"**

Sunday, June 25-29, from 6:30pm-8:30pm, Bethany, along with children from our fellow congregations of Resurrection and Oromo, will gather to explore what it means to be super heroes. Our church will be transformed into **Hero Central**. There youngsters from preschool/kindergarten thru 6th grade will participate in an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program. It is designed to give them an opportunity to discover their God-given super possibilities through Bible stories, crafts, music, science, and recreation — and snacks, too. Children can be pre-registered by calling the church office at 717-393-2690.

***Mission Statement:**
Bethany Presbyterian Church is a church making an impact on the lives of all people through the love of Jesus Christ.*

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Special Dates in June 2017

Pentecost

Sunday, June 4th



Trinity Sunday

Sunday, June 11th

Flag Day

Wednesday, June 14th

Father's Day

Sunday, June 18th

First Day of Summer

Tuesday, June 20th



Bethany News & Notes



Trinity Sunday, June 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Our Annual Church Picnic

at Freedom Memorial Park in Millersville

"Trinity-in-the-Park" Our Annual Church Picnic will be held in Freedom Memorial Park, Millersville. Worship will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by our traditional picnic. You bring the desserts, salads, or vegetables, and we'll provide the sandwiches and beverages. Note the start time!



From Pastor Kent's Desk

We've arrived in "Ordinary Time," the time of the Church Year when the special celebrations are over and the days of summer stretch out before us in a seemingly endless line. Preachers give a sigh of relief as vacations loom and sermon prep goes on hiatus for a few Sundays. Not that I mind preaching – I actually love it! It's just nice to let my mind go into neutral for a while.



We're heading out west this year. Taking the train for most of our journey. We're going to spend some time at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM for study leave. I'm taking a seminar on "Earth-Honoring Faith." Ghost Ranch is one of our Presbyterian conference centers. I spent the whole summer there 50 years ago as a member of the College Staff. The summer of 1967, in fact: "The Summer of Love." Life was radically different then! Actually, I wouldn't mind dialing back the years – it was a hoot and a half! (I don't know if Erin would go along with it, though!)



From there we're heading north into Colorado and then on to Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. I need a "mountain fix" this year – my soul resides in them.

The mountains are my "spiritual home." They've always been. Since I was a young teenager I've been drawn to them. There's a majesty about them that defies rational explanation. In the mountains, we're put in our place. We're dwarfed by their enormous scale. A few years ago, I got a call to the Presbyterian church in Telluride, CO. An amazing place in the heart of the San Juan Mountains. Unfortunately for me, the rest of the family was not as enamored with the manse as I was, to say nothing of driving the winter roads! Reality trumped longing!

Each of us has that "special place" where God is most available to us, and we are most available to God. For some, it is along a stream, fishing. For others, it is at the beach with the tides rolling in and out. For many it is the beauty of a flower garden, or the solitude of a forest. Wherever it is, summertime is a time for us to indulge ourselves and let nature work its magic on our souls. This is, after all, God's world, and God is present wherever we may roam. May we open ourselves to God's presence, however and wherever it is manifest. God waits to greet us there! I wish for you all a blessed and bountiful summer!

Grace & Peace, *Kent*



June Birthdays

06/04 Barbara McCrary

06/17 Barry Reynolds

06/18 Paul Seigler

06/21 Brent Pickell

06/27 Michelle Atwater

06/28 Julie McCrary

06/28 Willa Pedrick



THANKS BOB!

If you've been around the church lately, you've probably seen one of our most industrious Session members hard at work. Bob Waldeck took over the role of Property Chairperson from an equally industrious Property Chair, Brian Ashba, in January, and continues the tradition of making Bethany Church his "home away from home." Bob is a "jack-of-all-trades" and a master of most of them. He is our Information Technology (IT) Support person, our boiler technician, our lighting specialist, our fire alarm service tech, our door repairman, our plumber, our water fountain installer, and our general "go-to" guy. If he charged prevailing rates for any of those specialties, we'd be broke!

Like Brian, Bob gives of his time willingly and tirelessly, and for that, we give him our gratitude. Like so many other members of our congregation, Bob understands that church membership is not simply "filling a pew" on Sunday morning, but encompasses "time, talents, and all." This is what church membership looks like. So, thanks Bob for leading by example -- you've set the bar high!

Thank you!

SUMMER PRAYER REQUESTS

Agnes Taylor

Jo Fleckenstein Polly Snyder

*“Prayer is simply
a two-way conversation
between you
and God.”*
Billy Graham

Homebound of Bethany

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Lancaster Ave. F717603

Jane Sweringen
Homestead Village, Apt.#119
P. O. Box 3227
Lancaster, Pa. 17604

Jean Bechtold
Long Community
600 East Roseville Rd
Lancaster, Pa. 17601

Adeline Henderson
The Glen Room 310
635 Willow Valley Square
Lancaster, Pa. 17602

Helen Cumpston
Mennonite Home
202B Jackson Run
Lancaster, Pa. 17601

Agnes Taylor
65 Mill Pond Dr.
Lancaster PA 17603



Summer Flowers

Behold the flowers of June!
How fair and bright their buds appear,
as, opening to the summer air,
our eyes and hearts they cheer!

Who would have thought there could abound
such beauty and delight
beneath the cold and wintry ground
that hid those flowers from sight?



That power which made and governs all —
the mighty power of God —
alone could life and beauty call
out of the lifeless sod.

And he, who from the winter's gloom
can summer thus disclose,
shall one day make the desert bloom,
and blossom as the rose.

—Anonymous

Worship Schedule: June 2017



June 4, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - Pentecost Sunday/Music Sunday
Anthems and Solos by the Chancel Choir
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

June 11, 2017 @ 11:00 a.m. - "Trinity in the Park"
Annual Congregational Worship/Picnic
at Veterans Memorial Park, Millersville (Note time change!)

June 18, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Message: "Justified by Faith" Scripture: Romans 5:1-8
Preaching: Rev. Holmes



June 25, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Message: "Dead to Sin" Scripture: Romans 6:1b-10
Preaching: Rev. Holmes



June 4

June 11

June 18

June 25

Greeters: Sylvia Doyle

Church Picnic

Susie Paxson

Michelle Atwater

Fellowship: Sylvia Doyle

Church Picnic

Eva Lauer

Michelle Atwater

Ushers: Jim Grossman
Eva Lauer

Church Picnic

**Gail Feigley
Eva Lauer**

**Doug & Maurine
Smith**

Liturgists: Elaine Bornstein

Barb McCrary

Judie Maier

Betty Duncan

Flowers: Barb McCrary

Church Picnic








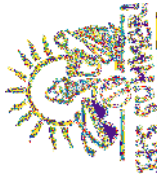

Irwin Girls

Gail Feigley

Worship Assistants



June 2017

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 A.M.—12:30 P.M.				1	2 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	3 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
4 Pentecost Sunday 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 	5 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	6 7:00 P.M. Troop Cmt. Meeting	7 10:00am The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	8	9 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	10 11:00 A.M. - 1 P.M. Troop 4 Chicken BBQ
11 Trinity Sunday Church Picnic 11:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 	12 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	13	14 Flag Day 10:00am The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon 	15	16 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	17 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run
18 Father's Day 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 	19	20 1st Day of Summer 	21 10:00am The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	22	23 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	24
Scout Summer Camp						
25 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. -VBS	26 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. VBS	27 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. VBS	28 10:00am The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. VBS	29 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. VBS	30 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	



Sunday Chancel Flowers: Sunday, chancel flowers are placed in honor, memory, or special occasion of a person(s) by a family or friend(s) of Bethany. They preside during the worship service and are then either distributed by the Deacons to a shut-in or given to the donor. Bethany members and friends have been extremely faithful in supporting this ministry over the past twenty years, and we hope this continues. Barbara McCrary is the coordinator. She will contact previous donors from dates/years past as to their wishes for donating and bulletin announcements. The single bouquets will continue to be \$25 each, payable to Bethany Presbyterian Women, and the check sent to: Barbara McCrary, 1509 Santa Barbara Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601. If unable to find a donor for a particular Sunday, then there will be no flower arrangement in the chancel. Hopefully, it will not come to that. Please help support this worthwhile ministry when you are asked to donate. If you wish to reserve a specific date in advance, please call Barbara McCrary at 368-9484 and leave a voice mail. Thank you.



"I will
refresh
the weary and
satisfy
the faint."

Jeremiah 31:25, NIV