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News of Bethany

Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day

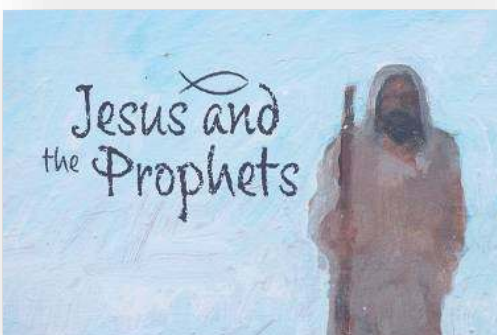
Plan now to join us on Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day, at 6pm in Donegal Hall, as we celebrate the gift of love and mark the beginning of the Season of Lent. The evening will begin with a meal, prepared by the Boy Scouts, followed by our traditional "Service of Ashes" and celebration of the Lord's Supper. Our worship will be held in Donegal Hall, as well. Guests are requested to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to serve eight. Mark your calendars now and share with us this unique blending of two traditions which honor the gift of God's amazing love.



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

"Jesus and the Prophets" Lenten Devotional

"Jesus and the Prophets," the Presbyterians Today 2018 Lenten Devotional, will serve as our congregation's guide to reflection, prayer and discernment this Lenten season. The content of the devotional is based on the prophetic words of Jesus. "Jesus and the Prophets" is written by Rev. Jimmie Ray Hawkins who serves as the director of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. The artist for the devotional is Steve Burgess who lives in rural upstate New York.



Copies of "Jesus and the Prophets" will be available for pick up following worship on Sunday mornings following Worship and on Ash Wednesday evening.

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Bethany News & Notes

Special Dates in February 2018

Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, February 11



Ash Wednesday & Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 14



First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 18

President's Day

Monday, February 19

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 25



VBS Planning Meeting:

There will be a 2018 VBS Planning meeting on Wed, February 7 at 7pm. This year's VBS theme is "Rolling River Rampage". We look forward to seeing you there.



The Souper Bowl of Caring is Coming

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Again we ask for a suggested donation of \$2.00 and/or a canned good from each parishioner. Soup pots will be placed around the church for your donations. Proceeds from the Souper Bowl of Caring benefit local food banks in Lancaster County.



2018 Bethany Prayer Partners:

Are you interested in being a Prayer Partner in 2018? Forms to indicate your interest are located on the table in the CE corridor. Sign-ups are due by the end of February. **The prayer partner luncheon will be Sunday, February 25.**

Questions: Contact Betty Duncan.



From Pastor Kent's Desk

I can't believe it's time once again to prepare our hearts and minds for the Season of Lent. Lent comes early this year. The threat of snow is a real one as we begin our annual "Journey Toward Jerusalem." It seems we've just put the Christmas decorations in the attic -- in fact, at our house, that's almost true! Just a little over a month ago we were at the manger in Bethlehem, and here we are starting to focus our attention on the cross of Calvary. Such is the nature of the church year.

The rhythm of our life together is comforting to me. I enjoy the ebb and flow of the liturgical seasons. In many ways they mirror the ebb and flow of our secular lives. That's probably because my "secular self" is shaped by a life lived in the church. I've never lived outside the contours of the church – from my earliest days I was aware of forces beyond my control which were giving form and focus to my life. I wasn't always able to name them, but as I grew older I became aware that it was God, working through the Holy Spirit, who was shaping my destiny.

As we begin our journey with Jesus, we are quickly aware that is no ordinary journey. Every step he takes is mapped out by his Father. The stories he tells, the miracles he performs, the souls he saves are part of the Divine plan. Jesus is no accidental tourist, and by extension, neither are we. The sights we see, the sounds we hear, and the steps we take are all pre-ordained. There's a reason we're on this journey.

There will be plenty of opportunity for us to "take in the sights" along the way. Most of them are familiar to us – we've been this way before. But if we walk with open hearts, and open minds we'll be able to experience them again for the first time. That's because we're not the same persons we were last year. We've changed in myriad ways. Thus this year's sojourn will be different.



I invite you to join me for the journey. I've no desire to do it alone. The experience will be enriched by your presence on the path with me. There'll be plenty of time for solitude and prayer, but we'll have meals and conversations together, too, which will make this year's pilgrimage especially worthwhile. In fact, I can't wait to get started!

Grace & Peace, *Kent*

The Forth to Farne Way will take modern-day pilgrims along pathways linked to Christianity's earliest days in Scotland
Times Photographer: James Glossop

For many years, Bethany has sponsored needy international children through Child Fund, a highly respected child development organization. The financial contribution of \$21 a month per child helps give children access to nutritious food, clean water, and education while planting seeds of self sufficiency. The following letter is from our sponsored girl in India.

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you from your loving sponsored Tanzila Khanum and her family here. They are very grateful to you for accepting her as your loving sponsored child. She is very happy to be your loving sponsored child. As she is too small to correspond with you and her parents are illiterates, I am writing this letter on behalf of her and her family. All of them are keeping fine here and they are praying for your fine health in their everyday prayers and they are standing here with a broad smile to welcome you.

Now let me introduce her family to you. Tanzila Khanum's father name is Mr. Tanveer Khan, 35 years old and he is working as an auto driver. Her mother name is Mrs. Sameena Banu, 30 years old, she does beedi rolling work. We have 3 children. First child's name is Zaheer Khan, 11 years old and he is studying in 6th grade. Second child is your loving sponsored child Tanzila Khanum, and she is studying in LKG. Third child is Saniya Khanum, 3 years old.

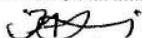
They are Muslims by religion and they speak Urdu language at home. They are living in Mysore, which is in Karnataka state, South India. It is almost 140 Kilometers far from Bangalore. Bangalore is the capital city of Karnataka. Kannada is the state language and the common language here. Mysore is a very beautiful and attractive and a tourist place too. Hindi is our National Language.

Your sponsored child and her family are very much interested to know about you and your family. Please do write to them whenever time permits you and also if possible please do send them one of your photographs. They are very much eager to see you.

It is rainy season here and the weather is cool. Since last week it is raining here and we get the cool breezes. They look forward to hear from you.

That is all for now. Tanzila Khanum's family members have conveyed their love, prayers and warm regards to you. I conclude this letter with Tanzila Khanum's special love, hugs and sweet kisses to you.

Written by the Project Manager.



On behalf of your loving sponsored child,

ChildFund
Tanzila Khanum

Child / Case No. 082262/005



February Birthdays

2/3

Linda Eckman

2/7

Mitzi Menge

2/14

David Paxson

2/19

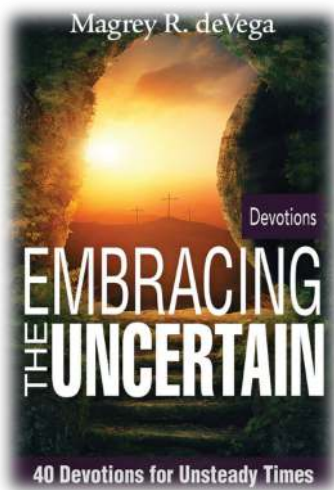
Michele DeBord

2/25

Larry Doyle

“Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times”

This Lenten Season, our “Wednesday Mornings at Ten” guide will be *Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times* by Magrey R. DeVega.



Just turning on the news lets us know we’re living in uncertain times. Economic instabilities, violence, and natural catastrophes affect entire communities. Individual lives are often just as unsteady: relationships can break, plans can falter, and confidence can fail.

In our fast-changing unpredictable world there are few guarantees. Those who are willing to embrace uncertainty and follow Jesus despite the many “unknowns” will reap the greatest rewards. This year’s Lenten study will help each of us engage and wrestle with life’s uncertainties, not ignore them. Together, we’ll learn how to follow Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience.

Our journey will begin on Wednesday morning, February 21, at 10am in Pastor Kent’s office. Copies of *Embracing the Uncertain*, will be available on Sunday mornings following Worship.

Boy Scout Sunday & Pancake Breakfast:

On Sunday, February 4, we will be observing Scout Sunday. This year marks the 62nd Anniversary of Scouting at Bethany Presbyterian Church.

As is usual, the Scouts will be hosting an “All-You-Can-Eat” Pancake Breakfast before and after Worship from 7:30am-1pm. The cost of the breakfast is \$6 for Adults, and \$4.50 for Children under twelve. Plan to support our Scouts by having breakfast or brunch in Donegal Hall. All proceeds from the breakfast go to support the Scouting program at Bethany Church.



Homebound of Bethany

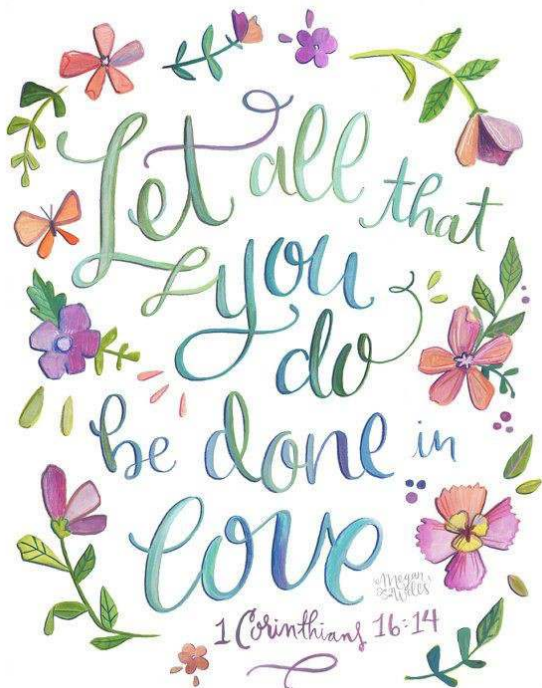
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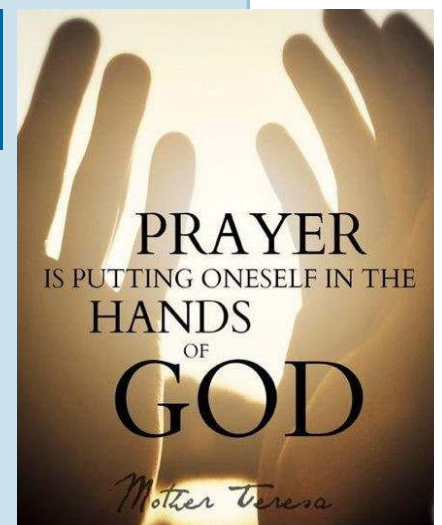
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WINTER PRAYER REQUESTS

Agnes Taylor
Jo Fleckenstein
Polly Snyder



FEbruary



February 4, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Scout Sunday

The Message: "On Eagle's Wings" Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

February 11, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Transfiguration of the Lord

The Message: "The View from the Top" Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

Preaching: Rev. Holmes Celebration of the Lord's Supper

February 18, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - First Sunday in Lent

The Message: "The Time is Fulfilled" Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

February 25, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Second Sunday in Lent

The Message: "The Bottom Line" Scripture: Mark 8:31-38

Preaching: Rev. Holmes



	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Greeters	Cub Scout Pack #4	Gail Feigley	Sylvie Doyle	Susie Paxson
Fellowship	Scout Sunday	Gail Feigley	Sylvie Doyle	Jim Grossman
Ushers	Boy Scout Troop #4	Donald Risser Michael Morrison	Joyce Richards Diane Ashba	Larry & Sylvia Doyle
Liturgists	Scout Sunday	Alicia Conklin-Wood	Betty Duncan	Lori Pickell
Flowers	Scout Sunday	Eva Lauer	Betty Irwin	Bob Waldeck

LENT **February 2018**

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Office Hours: Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.	Office Hours: Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.	Lent 	Lent 	1	2 Groundhog Day 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon 	3 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
4 Scout Sunday 7:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. Scout Pancake Breakfast 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 4 Committee Meeting	7 10:00 A.M. Wired Word 7:00 P.M. VBS Planning Meeting 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	8	9 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	10
11 Transfiguration Sunday 10:00 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 7:00 P.M. Scout District Roundtable Meeting	14 Ash Wednesday & Valentines Day 10:00 A.M. Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon 	15	16 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Scout Camp Out	17 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run Scout Camp Out
18 1 Sunday in Lent 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Scout Camp Out 	19 President's Day 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout 	20 7:00 P.M. Pack Meeting	21 10:00 A.M. Wired Word 6:00 P.M. Lenten Dinner 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	22	23 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Scout Camp Out	24 5:00 P.M. Scout Blue & Gold Banquet
25 2 Sunday in Lent 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 	26 6:45 P.M. Scouts Sub Sale Pick Up	27	28 10:00 A.M. Wired Word 6:00 P.M. Lenten Dinner 8:00 P.M. Al Anon			