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# News of Bethany

## Earth Day - Sunday, April 22

This year, Earth Day falls on a Sunday, giving us the opportunity to take a look at the “State of God’s World In 2018” from a theological perspective. At the 202<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly in 1990, the Presbyterian Church (USA) adopted *Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice*, a comprehensive multi-year denominational emphasis on Eco-Justice. It was a landmark document which placed the PCUSA at the forefront of the ecological movement.

The document affirms that “The biblical-theological basis for restoring creation is very simple: The Creator is always also the Redeemer, and the Redeemer is always also the Creator. The God ‘who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them’ is the one ‘who executes justice for the oppressed’ (ps. 146:6f.). Because God the Creator loves the whole creation, God the Redeemer acts to save the creation when it is bowed down and cries out. As Colossians 1:15-19 affirms, the crucified and risen Christ ‘reconciles all things.’”



It is appropriate, then, that Earth Day 2018 falls during the Season of Easter, in the midst of our celebration of the Risen Christ. Take time to hold the Earth in your prayers as you enjoy the fruits and beauty of God’s amazing creation!

***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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# Bethany News & Notes



## Special Dates in April 2018



**Easter Sunday**  
Sunday, April 1



**Administrative  
Professionals Day**  
Wednesday, April 25

### VBS Planning Meeting:

There will be a 2018 VBS Planning meeting on Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm in Donegal Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.



**Bethany Spring Basement  
Sale on Saturday, April 14  
from 8am-12pm**

The Women's Association is busy gathering donations for the upcoming Spring sale and hope to make this their best ever. Clothing, household goods, books, etc. are all welcome. Please, no TV's, computers, or stuffed animals. Donations may be brought to the church; check with Pat Rineer. Large paper bags are also needed for purchasers. Once again, delicious pork barbecue will be sold at \$6 a lb. and chili at \$5 a qt., so please bring your own container. Thank you for your continuing support.

**HE IS RISEN!**

as He said...



## *From Pastor Kent's Desk*

Easter is not a “one-off” celebration in the life of the church. The Season of Easter is set within the fifty-days following our Lord’s Resurrection. No special practices are required during this season of the Church Year. We have more than enough material to keep our hearts and minds occupied for these fifty-days. We have, after all, just completed the six-weeks of Lent and Holy Week which culminate in the joyous celebration of Easter Sunday.

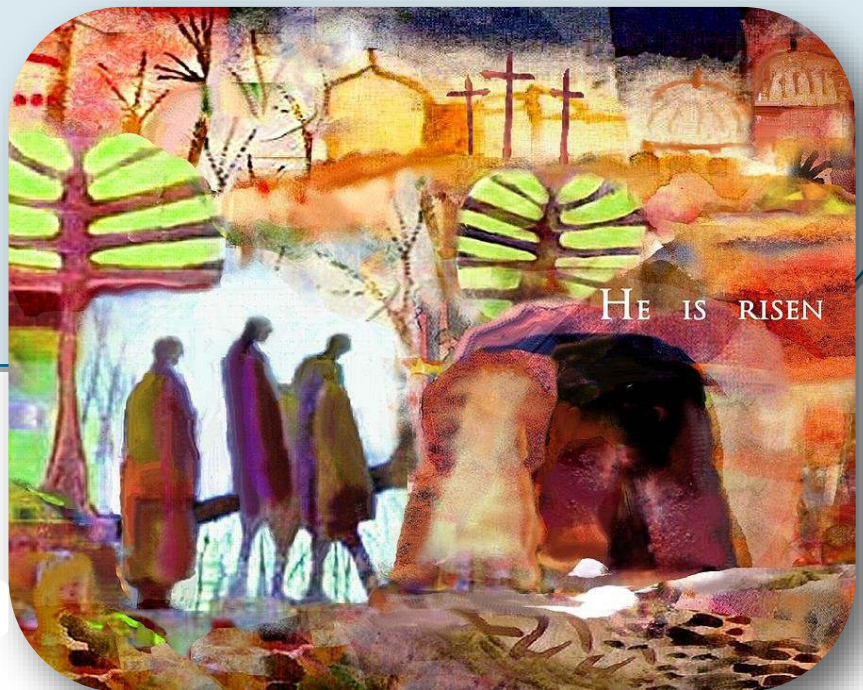
As I said in my sermon on Easter Day, we are Easter People, living exponents of the teachings of our Risen Lord. Our journey of faith does not end in Jerusalem. On the contrary, it begins there! With the words, “The Lord Is Risen – He Is Risen Indeed!” a new age is ushered in. As a result of the Resurrection, we are tasked, as were the first Disciples, to go into all the world preaching the Gospel and witnessing to the word and work of the One who commissions us for our ministry.

Our commissioning is not to be taken lightly, for the very existence of the church depends on our witness. The Gospel, the Good News has the power to change hearts and lives, and to bring about health, wholeness, and hope for the least, lost, and lonely in our world and our communities. The promise of abundant life in the now and in the future awaits those who act on God’s call.

So, I invite you to live into these fifty-days of Easter. Continue to exercise the spiritual disciplines you began during Lent. Build on them and don’t be afraid to add new ones to your repertoire. Most important, live your life with abandon and joy, knowing that you are a member of a community made up of Easter People just like yourself. “The Lord Is Risen – He is Risen Indeed!”

Grace & Peace, *Kent*

*He Is Risen* by Michael Torevell



## Child Fund Sponsored Child Update:

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.

Child No: 082262  
Case No: 00536

Dec/19/ 2017

**ChildFund®**  
International

Dear Friends,

Greetings of love from your loving sponsored child Tanzila Khanam and her family here. Your dear child and her family are fine here and they wish and pray for your good health and happiness in their daily prayers. I hope you must have been in receipt of our first letter by now. Still she is not able to write the letter, I am writing this letter on behalf of her.

Your dear child and her family are eagerly looking forward to hear from you and love to see you. When time permits you, please do write to them about you and your family and send them one of your recent photographs.

They are living in Mysore City. Mysore is the most popular city in the state of Karnataka. Mysore is one of the south India's most enhancing cities, famed for its glittering royal heritage and magnificent monuments and buildings. Mysore's proud possession and one of the India's most visited attractions. Mysore Palace is an incredible man made edifice. It is a palatial structure that tells tales of India's complex and intriguing past. This palace was once a royal residence of the mighty Krishna raja Sagar Reservoir that is built across the Cauvery river.

Along with this letter they are enclosing their family photograph taken in front of their house. Your sponsored child Tanzila Khanam is wearing dark pink color dress. Her younger sister is wearing blue and white color dress. Her brother is wearing blue shorts and t-shirt. Her mother is wearing orange color shawl. We hope you will be happy to receive the photograph.

Tanzila Khanam is going regular to her LKG classes and studying well. Her brother also going to the regular classes and studying well. In the month of October they have finished their mid-term examination and done well and got very good marks.

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> they celebrated Id-milad festival on that day they wore new dresses and had special Namaz prayers for you and for your family on that day child's mother had prepared biriyani and sweets at home their relatives had come home. they all together enjoyed the festival.

Its winter season here and the weather is quiet cool, they look forward to hear from you.

Nothing more to pen. Tanzila Khanam's family members have extended their love, prayers and warm regards to you all. I conclude this letter with Tanzila Khanam's special love hugs and kisses to you.

With warm regards,  
WRITTEN BY SOCIAL WORKER

On behalf of your loving sponsored child,  
Tanzila Khanam.

Child Bonding Letter  
Project ID: 3701 Slip ID: 539048117

Date Request  
27-Sep-2017  
Date Due  
26-Dec-2017



Case: 536

Child nbr: 82262

(sent in what  
month has 5)





# April Birthdays

04/01 Susan Piefer  
04/02 Frederick Benson  
04/06 Jim Grossman  
04/18 Jacqueline Huber

04/23 Lori Pickell  
04/23 Hanh Menger  
04/27 Elaine Bornstein

## “The Call”: The Life and Message of The Apostle Paul Adam Hamilton

On Wednesday, April 25, at 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room, we will begin a new study, “The Call: The Life and Message of The Apostle Paul, by Adam Hamilton. What would lead a first-century rabbi to travel for thousands of miles by sea and by land, to be beaten, imprisoned, and ultimately beheaded for his faith? It was a call – a call to turn the world upside down.

This is the story of the Apostle Paul, whose writings have shaped the lives of one-third of the world’s population, a man second only to Jesus in his influence on Christian faith, and whose witness defines what it means to follow Jesus Christ.

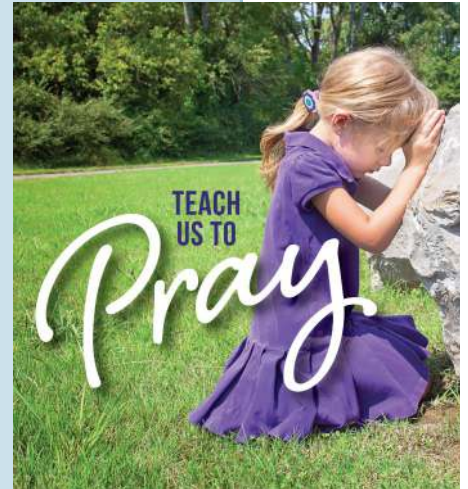
“The Call” is a video-based study created by Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. A full-length study guide will be available for all participants. Plan to join us for this in-depth look at one of the most fascinating and seminal characters in all of Christian history.





## SPRING PRAYER REQUESTS

**Agnes Taylor**  
**Jo Fleckenstein**  
**Polly Snyder**



### **Lancaster County Council of Churches Food bank:**

Needs are: Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna,  
Canned Chicken, Meal Starter Kits such as  
Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper Etc.

# Homebound of Bethany

Betty Gehman  
Homestead Village,  
Apt.#218  
P. O. Box 3227  
Lancaster, Pa. 17604

Agnes Taylor  
65 Mill Pond Dr.  
Lancaster PA 17603

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

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

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





### April 8, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Second Sunday of Easter

The Message: "When All Else Fails" Scripture: John 20:19-31

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

### April 15, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Third Sunday of Easter

The Message: "Children of God" Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

### April 22, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Earth Sunday

The Message: "Beside Still Waters" Scripture: Psalm 23

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

### April 29, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Message: "Born of God" Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21

Preaching: Rev. Holmes




	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim Grossman	Gail Feigley	Sylvia Doyle	Susie Paxson	Eva Lauer
<b>Fellowship</b>	Jim Grossman	Gail Feigley	Sylvia Doyle	Eva Lauer	Eva Lauer
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian & Diane Ashba	Doug & Maurine Smith	Gary Peters Eva Lauer	Gary & Nancy Peters	Bob & Jean Schwartz
<b>Liturgists</b>	Easter	Judy Maier	Betty Duncan	Lori Pickell	Gene Moore
<b>Flowers</b>	Easter Flowers	Betty Irwin	Pat Rineer	Charles & Elaine Bornstein	Agnes Taylor



# April 2018



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Easter Sunday</b> 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 	<b>2</b> 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	<b>3</b> 7:00 P.M. Troop 4 Committee Meeting	<b>4</b> 10:00 A.M. Embracing the Uncertain 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>5</b> 10:00 A.M. Embracing the Uncertain 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>6</b> 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>7</b> 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
<b>8</b> 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	<b>9</b> 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 A.M. Embracing the Uncertain 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>14</b> 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Women's Basement Sale
<b>15</b> 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	<b>16</b> 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	<b>17</b> 7:00 P.M. Cub Pack Meeting	<b>18</b> 10:00 A.M. Embracing the Uncertain 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon <b>Scout Campout</b>	<b>21</b> 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run <b>Scout Campout</b>
<b>22</b> 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo <b>Scout Campout</b>	<b>23</b> 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	<b>24</b>	<b>25 Admin Assistant Day</b> 10:00 A.M. The Call 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>28</b> 4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. Scout Spaghetti Dinner
<b>29</b> 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	<b>30</b> 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout Sub Sale Pick Up					<b>Office Hours:</b> Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.