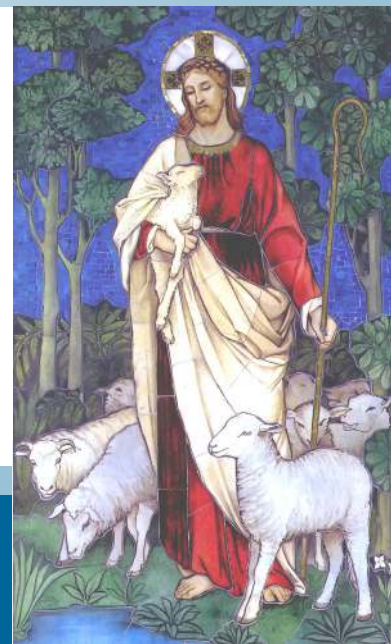


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News of Bethany

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Day of Pentecost ~ Sunday, May 20

Break out your “Red” because the Day of Pentecost is coming! Sunday, May 20, is Pentecost Sunday, the day the church celebrates the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit nourishes and sustains us for our journeys of faith. The Holy Spirit strengthens us and emboldens us to share the stories of faith which constitute the Good News of the Gospel. The Word will be preached, and the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated as we welcome the Holy Spirit into our midst!

worship in the park



“Worship in the Park” ~ Sunday, June 3

On Sunday, June 3, at 11:00 a.m., at Freedom Memorial Park in Millersville, Bethany Presbyterian Church will hold its annual “Sunday in the Park with God.” Members and friends are requested to bring salads, desserts, and munchies – The Presbyterian Women will provide the burgers, hot dogs, and beverages. So, mark your calendars and join us at 11:00 a.m. on June 3, for “Sunday in the Park with God.” It’s always a hoot!

***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 May 2018

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3



Ascension Day

Thursday, May 10

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13

Pentecost

Sunday, May 20

Trinity Sunday

Sunday, May 27



Memorial Day

Monday, May 28

Bingo Fundraiser

to Benefit Cub Scout Pack 4

On Sunday, May 20, The Columbus Association is hosting a fundraiser bingo to benefit Cub Scout Pack 4 at 1575 New Danville Pike. Doors will open at noon and bingo starts at 2pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 the day of. Admission includes door prizes and 20 games of regular bingo. Special bingo games and raffle prizes will also be available for purchase. Prizes include gift cards, activity passes, handbags, and more. Delicious refreshments will be available for purchase. Come out and support our Scouts, they are a great group of youth. For tickets contact Unissa Otto-Koenig at 717-715-9543 or coolnis@verizon.net. If you or a person/company you know that would be interested in donating or sponsoring a prize please contact Unissa as well.



It's Coming! It will be here before we know it. IT? Yes! Vacation Bible School: Sunday, June 24-Thursday, June 28, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Like last summer members of our sister

congregations - Oromo and Resurrection Chapel - are joining us on the planning committee, the staff and as young participants that week. YOU are invited to become involved too in another important way. Financial support is also a key aspect of the program's success. The "Rolling River rampage" VBS theme banner in the narthex offers opportunities to lend a hand monetarily. Take one of the envelopes affixed to the banner and enclose the amount of the item listed on it. Please put it in the offering plate to return to the church office. If you prefer, use a pew envelope, mark it VBS, and donate an amount of your choice-large or small. All contributions- time, talents, energy, enthusiasm, money and prayers are ALL gratefully received.

From Pastor Kent's Desk

I received an interesting question the other day regarding preaching. The questioner wanted to know what constitutes “Biblical Preaching.” My short answer was that biblical preaching is preaching which uses the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as its basis. That’s not a dismissive answer. I mean that sincerely. Preachers aren’t supposed to make it up as they go along. Preaching is a “sacred art,” a “sacred calling.” Preaching has serious ramifications: it can literally save lives.

It has been said that the preacher’s task is to “afflict the comfortable,” and “comfort the afflicted.” The Bible, when read critically, is a “radical” book. That is, it affects the fundamental nature of our belief systems. Read critically, the Bible changes us at our core. We no longer experience the world in the same way. The Good News of the Gospel brings hope of salvation and new life in Christ for ourselves and for the least, lost, last, and the lonely in our midst. Jesus saves us, and Jesus calls us.

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The preacher’s task is to interpret the scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments in such a way that the hearers can begin to engage the world new ways. Theologian Karl Barth said, “Take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible.” That’s an important knowing, especially in the age of “fake news!” In other words, the question for Christians becomes: “How do we respond to the world around us from a “biblical” perspective?”

A dear friend of mine, The Rev. Dr. Jim White, Campus Pastor at the University of California, Riverside, said that understanding the Bible is easy: The Old Testament is focused on “justice,” while the New Testament is focused on “love.” Therefore, good preachers always have their eyes fixed firmly on those two coordinates.

Conscientious preaching focuses our attention on both justice and love.

Conscientious preaching focuses our attention on both justice and love. It’s a “both/and,” not an “either/or” proposition. Good preaching doesn’t let the hearer off the hook. The issues which

face our nation, our world, and our lives are too complex, too all-encompassing, to be left unaddressed by a good preacher. And there’s the rub, isn’t it? Faithful preaching can at times make us feel very uncomfortable. What we want: Give me my newspaper or give me my Bible, but don’t expect me to hold them both in tension. We want our preaching to “comfort us,” not “afflict us.”

....because righteous living is concerned with justice and love.

Good, conscientious preaching does both, because righteous living is concerned with justice *and* love. You can’t have one without the other. So, when you feel yourself squirming in your pew once in a while, don’t fret. It simply means that good “Biblical Preaching” is taking place in the pulpit. The God of justice and love is in our midst!



May Birthdays

05/06 Zach Cole
 05/10 Jane Sweringen
 05/12 Adam Cole
 05/13 Susan Fetterman

05/16 Jan Moore
 05/21 Christine Kauffman
 05/29 Roslynn Martin

SPRING PRAYER REQUESTS

Agnes Taylor
Jo Fleckenstein
Polly Snyder

Praying
for
 Comfort



Homebound of Bethany

Betty Gehman
 Homestead Village,
 Apt.#218
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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

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





WORSHIP

May 6, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Music Sunday: Anthems, Solos, and Hymns

Presented by the Chancel Choir

A Celebration of the Gospel through the Gift of Music!

May 13, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Festival of the Christian Home/Mother's Day

The Message: "What She Said - What I Heard"

Scripture: John 2:1-12 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

May 20, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Pentecost Sunday

The Message: "Like Tongues of Fire"

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

May 27, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Trinity Sunday

The Message: "Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer"

Scripture: John 3:1-17 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



| | May 6 | May 13 | May 20 | May 27 |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Greeters | Michelle Atwater | Elaine Bornstein | Maurine Smith | Jim Grossman |
| Fellowship | Michelle Atwater | Elaine Bornstein | Maurine Smith | Jim Grossman |
| Ushers | Sylvia & Larry Doyle | Bob Waldeck Jim Grossman | Don Risser Doug Smith | Bob & Jean Schwartz |
| Liturgists | David Schwartz | Sue Fetterman | Elaine Bornstein | Barb McCrary |
| Flowers | Carole Long | Maurice Benner | Carole Long | Gene & Jan Moore |

May 2018



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| | | 1 7:00 P.M. Troop 4 Committee Meeting | 2 10:00 A.M. The Call 8:00 P.M. AI Anon | 3 National Day of Prayer | 4 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon Scout Campout | 5 Scout Campout |
| 6 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Scout Campout | 7 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout | 8 | 9 10:00 A.M. The Call 8:00 P.M. AI Anon | 10 Ascension Day | 11 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon | 12 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast |
| 13 Mother's Day 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo | 14 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Pack Committee Meeting | 15 Election Day 5:45 P.M. Pack Meeting | 16 10:00 A.M. The Call 8:00 P.M. AI Anon | 17 | 18 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon | 19 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run |
| 20 Pentecost 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 5:00 P.M. Scout Court of honor | 21 5:45 P.M. Scouts 5:45 P.M. Cub Scout Sub Sale Pick Up | 22 | 23 10:00 A.M. The Call 8:00 P.M. AI Anon | 24 | 25 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon | 26 |
| 27 Trinity Sunday 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo | 28 Memorial Day | 29 | 30 10:00 A.M. The Call 8:00 P.M. AI Anon | 31 | Happy Mother's Day! | Office Hours: Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. |