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News of Bethany

We're in high summer now, and with it comes vacations and opportunities to "get away" and refresh and renew ourselves. Sometimes, we deny the need to do so, but each of us must take time away from the ordinary to nourish our souls. That's simply how we're made. It's Sabbath Time!

What's Happening?

You'll notice in the "Worship Schedule" that Rev. Holmes will be away in August. The first two Sundays, The Rev. Daniel Erdman will be our guest preacher. No stranger to our pulpit, Daniel comes with a fresh perspective on the Gospel, and brings new insight into familiar texts. He will be presiding at the Lord's Table on Sunday, August 5, as the Lord's Supper is celebrated. He will also be in the pulpit on the following Sunday, August 12.

On Sunday, August 19, a very special guest will be in our pulpit: The Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson, Stated Clerk of The Donegal Presbytery. Rev. Wilson was for many years the Pastor of Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church in Quarryville. He is currently working on his PhD Degree in the Netherlands, focusing on Church Polity. He and his wife, Tricia, have three children ranging from age 13 to a sophomore in college. Michael is also an avid jogger, an expert dog walker, and a delightful preacher! Mark your calendars and make it a point to be in church on August 19th – you'll be glad you did!

Included with your Newsletter this month, is a Special Edition of the "The Presbyterian Outlook." This edition recaps the work of the recent 223rd General Assembly of the PCUSA held in St. Louis in

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OUTLOOK

June. Please take time to read it over and learn about the important work our denomination is doing.

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 July/August 2018**

Independence Day
Wednesday, July 4



Thank You for Supporting VBS!

A great big Thank You to everyone who helped with VBS including set-up, staff, clean-up, prayers and financial support. We had 31 children attend VBS this year. The Presbyterian Mission offering of \$65.00 collected at VBS will go towards the purchase of a piglet and a flock of chickens.

*Like your name, O God,
your praise reaches to the
ends of the earth.*

P S A L M 4 8 : 1 0 , N I V

From Pastor Kent's Desk

Erin and I are bookaholics – we hoard books. It's a double-edged sword because we're running out of space to store them! We're both avid readers of fiction and we also have extensive professional libraries. (The minister's curse!) So, the upshot is we've got a whole pile of books for which we must find space.

Let's just simply say we like to read and we collect books.

Over the years I've set aside books to read in retirement – unfortunately, I've never fully retired so they're still waiting to be read. Some folks like to read about travel, or science, or world history, or the “classics,” but I've set my sights on poetry, primarily American poetry. Our poets write in a particular “American style” about the American experience: Philip Appleman, e.e. cummings, Adrienne Rich, Wendell Berry, Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, Kenneth Rexroth, Mary Oliver, Walt Whitman, Rita Dove, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, to name but a few. Each of them is unique and each of them has something important to say.

Like American art, and American music, our words (when used with craft and care), reflect our peculiar American psyche. For good, or for ill, the American experience is not a perfect one. Darkness sometimes lurks just below the surface, and our inner demons are always longing to come out and play. Poetry enables us to examine our bitter and better selves in the light of day. Sometimes we like what we see, and at other times, we're ashamed of ourselves: “Is that who we really are as a people and a nation?” That's OK because like all the other cultures which inhabit the globe, we're only human with all that that entails. And so, we celebrate our existence with words:

*Poetry enables us to
examine our bitter and better
selves in the light of day.*



The Evening Is Tranquil and Dawn Is a Thousand Miles Away

Charles Wright

The mares go down for their evening feed
into the meadow grass.

Two pine trees sway in the invisible wind –
some sway, some don't sway.

The heart of the world lies open, leached and ticking with sunlight
For just a minute or so.

The mares have their heads on the ground,
the trees have their heads on the blue sky.

Two ravens circle and twist.

On the borders of heaven, the river flows clear a bit longer.

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Homebound of Bethany



SUMMER PRAYER REQUESTS

Agnes Taylor
Jo Fleckenstein
Polly Snyder

Praying
for
Comfort



July & August Birthdays

07/03 Judith Maier
07/04 Polly Snyder
07/06 Bob Waldeck
07/07 Diane Ashba
07/19 Robert Schwartz
07/20 Michele Unitas
07/25 Betty Duncan
07/25 Randy Mohler
07/27 Jean Schwartz

07/28 Betty Irwin
07/28 Betty Stevenson
07/29 Daniel Rine
08/08 Grayson Martin
08/17 Allison Fetterman
08/20 Susan Paxson
08/24 Eva Lauer
08/26 Sylvia Doyle
08/29 Katlyn Martin
08/29 Kent E. Holmes



July 15, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "Chosen in Christ"

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



July 22, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "One in Christ"

Scripture: Ephesians 2: 11-22 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

July 29, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "The Love of Christ"

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Greeters	Michelle Atwater	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman
Fellowship	Michelle Atwater	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman
Ushers	Elaine Bornstein Jim Grossman	Sue Fetterman Don Risser	Elaine Bornstein Jacqueline Huber	Gail Feigley Pat Rineer
Liturgists	Sue Fetterman	Elaine Bornstein	Barb McCrary	Judy Maier
Flowers	Anonymous	Schwartz Family	Randy Mohler Marianna Rhoads	Betty Irwin



August 5, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preaching: The Rev. Daniel Erdman

Celebration of the Lord's Supper



August 12, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preaching: The Rev. Daniel Erdman

August 19, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson



August 26, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "The Whole Armor of God"

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20



Preaching: Rev. Holmes



	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Greeters	Gail Feigley	Eva Lauer	Susie Paxson	Eva Lauer
Fellowship	Gail Feigley	Eva Lauer	Susie Paxson	Eva Lauer
Ushers	Diane & Brian Ashba	Jean & Bob Schwartz	Doug & Maurine Smith	Don Risser Doug Smith
Liturgists				
Flowers	Jack & Hazel Nauffts	Agnes Taylor	Willa Pedrick	The Session


July 2018



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