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News of Bethany



Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday morning, January 27, in the Sanctuary immediately following morning worship. All members of the congregation are urged to attend this important gathering of the congregation for business.

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

2019 Per Capita

Our “per capita” for 2019 will be the same as last year: \$34.78. Our “per capita” payments go to support the ministry and mission of the Donegal Presbytery, the Synod of the Trinity, and the General Assembly. One of the hallmarks of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is that we are a “connectional” church. All of us working together to support the ongoing work of this amazing denomination. A reminder: each member of your family who is a communicate member of Bethany Presbyterian Church is encouraged to pay their per capita. The Session is committed to paying our total per capita assessment.



Worship.connect.grow.serve.

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Bethany News & Notes

Special Dates in January 2019

New Year's Day
Tuesday, January 1



Epiphany
Sunday, January 6



Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 13

**Martin Luther
King Jr. Day**
Monday, January 21

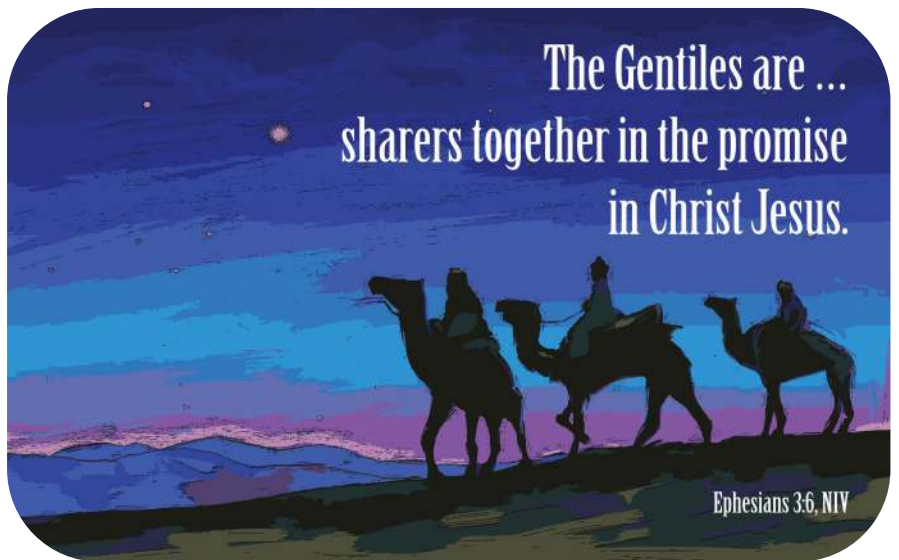
Growing in your FAITH



WEDNESDAYS-AT-TEN

Join us for "Wednesdays-at-Ten," our weekly Adult Christian Education experience. "Wednesdays-at-Ten" is an opportunity for an "in-depth" look at the Scriptures, the church and society, and our own faith development. There is plenty of time for discussion, interaction, and spiritual development. It's a great way to interact with other "seekers," as well. We are currently using "The Wired Word," an exciting look at how our faith and beliefs interact with issues which are "ripped" from the weekly headlines. Plan to join us on our journey as God creates ways for us to grow spiritually and faithfully. We meet in the Parlor, and copies of the weekly material are available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.

The Gentiles are ...
sharers together in the promise
in Christ Jesus.



Ephesians 3:6, NIV



As I indicated from the pulpit last Sunday morning, I've always had a somewhat "conflicted" relationship with the celebration of Epiphany. Conflicted may not be entirely accurate, though. "Bitter/sweet" would be better. Epiphany brings the Twelve Days of Christmas to a close, and ushers in the liturgical period which precedes "The Transfiguration" and the start of Lent.

After Epiphany, the sanctuary is stripped of its Christmas finery, the decorations are stored, and the familiar carols are lodged in our memories. The Holy Family travels on to Egypt and the magi return home by another way. I know they'll all be back next Advent/Christmas Season, but I'll miss them in the interim none-the-less.

"Epiphany" means manifestation or revelation. At the Epiphany of the Lord we celebrate the manifestation of God's saving purpose to the world. Just as the magi came from a distant land to worship the Christ child, God' covenant of grace is extended to all people who believe the good news of Jesus Christ. The symbolism of light is important—not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it suggests the dawning of God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ. As Christians, we are called to bear Christ's light in the world.

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And so, we do, as we attend to the needs of our neighbors, our families, our church, and our community, living out our baptismal vows throughout the year. We are named and claimed by the God who ordains us for ministry and mission in the world. Ours is not a sedentary faith—it's a dynamic one. We are constantly on the move, finding those places of need which demand our attention. Beautiful decorations and familiar carols, as wonderful as they are, are no substitutes for service.

I invite you to join me in the year 2019 as we worship and serve together as the congregation of Bethany Presbyterian Church. Our calling is clear, and the need is great, but our community is strong, and our faith secure. Together, we can support each other by fellowship and prayer as we journey through the unfolding liturgical year which lies before us. The light of Christ will illumine our path, and God's faithful love will support us along the way!

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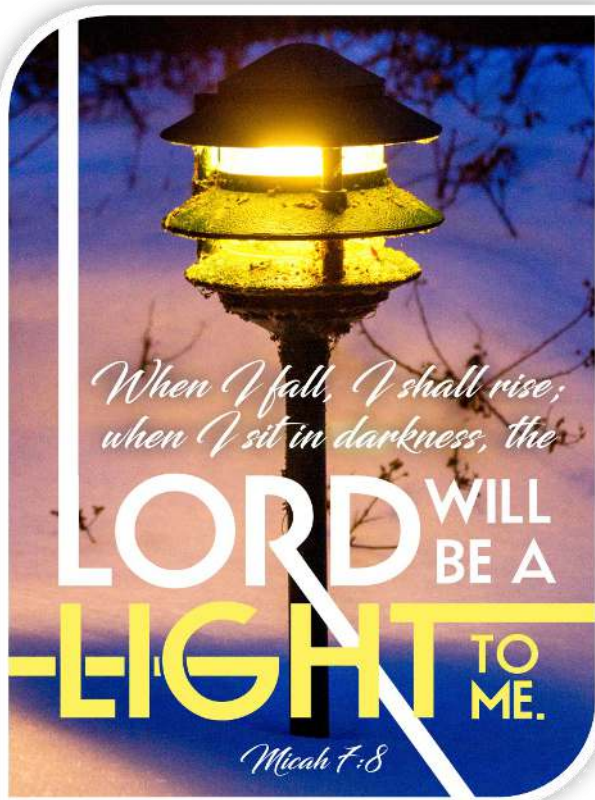
Betty Gehman
Homestead Village,
1800 Village Circle
Lancaster, Pa. 17603

Agnes Taylor
65 Mill Pond Dr.
Lancaster PA 17603

Homebound of Bethany

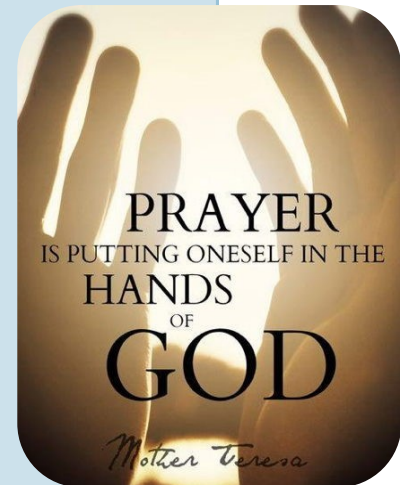
Adeline Henderson
The Glen Room 310
635 Willow Valley Square
Lancaster, Pa. 17602

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



WINTER PRAYER REQUESTS

Agnes Taylor
Jo Fleckenstein
Polly Snyder



January Birthdays

1/11 Brett Cole
1/17 Maurine Smith
1/19 Kathryn Rine
1/25 Maurice Benner

1/27 Adeline Henderson
1/27 Alejandro Rosado, Jr.
1/27 Agnes Taylor
1/31 Wendy Miller



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WORSHIP

January 13, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Baptism of the Lord

The Message: "The Waters of Baptism" Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows & Installation of Officers



January 20, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Message: "Water into Wine" Scripture: John:2:1-11

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

January 27, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Message: "In Your Hearing" Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

Preaching: Rev. Holmes






Annual Congregational Meeting Following Worship



	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
Greeters	Michelle Atwater	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman
Fellowship	Michelle Atwater	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman
Ushers	Gail Feigley Susie Paxson or Willa Pedrick	Gary & Nancy Peters	Pete & Susie Paxson	Larry & Sylvia Doyle
Liturgists	Elaine Bornstein	David Schwartz	Judy Maier	Lori Pickell
Flowers	Betty Duncan	Bob Walker	Bob Walker	Bob & Jean Schwartz

January 2019



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	 <p>Welcome 2019!</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Wednesdays at Ten 8:00 P.M. AI Anon</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast</p>	
<p>6 Epiphany</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Pack</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 P.M. Troop Committee Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Wednesdays at Ten 8:00 P.M. AI Anon</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon</p>	<p>12</p>	
<p>13 Baptism of the Lord</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo</p> <p>5:00 P.M. Scout Court of Honor</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Pack</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 P.M. Scout District Roundtable</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Wednesdays at Ten 8:00 P.M. AI Anon</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:45 P.M. White Deer Run</p>	
<p>20</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo</p> <p>Scout Camp Out</p>	<p>21 MLK Day</p> <p>6:45 P.M. Scouts</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 P.M. Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Wednesdays at Ten 8:00 P.M. AI Anon</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Scout Camp Out</p>	
<p>27</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Pack</p> <p>Sub Sale Pick Up</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Wednesdays at Ten 8:00 P.M. AI Anon</p>				<p>Office Hours: Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.</p>

Bethany Prayer Partners



Sign-up to be a Prayer Partner

If you would like to participate in the ministry of being a prayer partner to a loved one here in our congregation, please sign-up on the sheet below and place it in the box in the Christian Education Hallway.

Being a Prayer Partner is such a rewarding and fun experience. Prayer Partners are asked to remember their "friend" in prayer. Prayer Partners also send remembrances by way of cards and notes for birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions, holidays, or illness. In addition, there may be ideas you may have of conveying kindness to your "friend". The fun part is that you sign all your cards and notes, "Your Prayer Partner from Bethany Presbyterian Church". At the end of one year at a gathering, you will be able to reveal who you are to your special "friend". Prayer Partners includes all members of Bethany Presbyterian Church both women and men alike.

Prayer Partner

Name: _____

Favorite Scripture: _____

Favorite Color: _____ Birthday: _____

Favorite Holiday: _____

Special Interests/Hobbies: _____

Anniversary/Special Occasions: _____

Prayer Requests or concerns: _____