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News of Bethany

Holy Week/Easter 2022

Palm/Passion Sunday begins the Holy Week Celebrations. In liturgically-based denominations, each day of Holy Week celebrates a different aspect of Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. Most Protestant denominations just celebrate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday which may or may not include an early morning Easter Vigil, followed by the traditional Easter Morning worship services. Some congregations celebrate Easter evening with a "Walk to Emmaus," held outside in a rural setting marking the time Jesus had a meal with the two disciples who met him on the road to Emmaus on Resurrection Evening.

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



Palm/Passion Sunday at Bethany, April 10, 2022, will feature a choral reading of the Passion Narrative from Luke's Gospel. Worship will begin with a Procession of the Palms into the Sanctuary led by the Chancel Singers. Maundy Thursday, April 14, will be celebrated in Donegal Hall with a meal which begins at 6:00 p.m. Celebration of the Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper will be around our tables following dinner. Easter Sunday will be our traditional Easter service with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper as well.

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Boy Scout Sunday & Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, April 24

On Sunday, April 24, we will be observing Scout Sunday. 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 \$7. Children under five are free! 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.



Bethany News & Notes

Special Dates in April 2022

**Palm/Passion
Sunday**

Sunday, April 10

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14



Good Friday

Friday, April 15



Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17



Administrative

Professionals Day

Wednesday, April 27

The Wired Word

On Wednesday Morning, April 20, 2022, "Wednesdays-at-Ten" will begin a new study using the "Wired Word." A timely, contemporary study of current issues/events which are affecting our daily lives, the Wired Word is a great way to put things into perspective. Christian based, the Wired Word looks at today's headlines and unpacks their meaning for today's Christians. Plenty of group interaction and input are an integral part of the program. Prayers and concerns are addressed as well as we, together, face today's most pressing issues. Copies of the "Wired Word" are available in the Narthex. Be sure to pick-up and copy and join us on Wednesdays the Parlor!



Basement Sale - Saturday, May 14

It is time to start collecting for this year's Basement Sales. The women are accepting things for future sales, including Christmas items. Please NO clothing, computers or electronics. Some furniture may be accepted, but you will need to call ahead to ensure it is something that the women can take. Help is needed on Mondays, sorting all of the collected items. Contact Pat Rineer for questions or to help at 717.898.8885.

Basement Sale



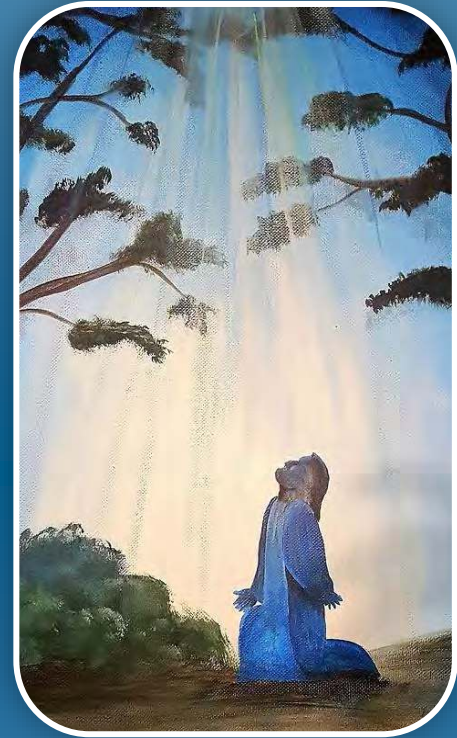
PONDERINGS FROM THE PASTOR

Are there mornings when you just want to pull the covers back over your head and stay in bed? Ok, silly question, I know. Of course, you have, more times than you want to admit! I do it at least once a week! I don't want to face the day because I feel overwhelmed even before it starts. I just can't stand another day of negative news and surly people! It seems of late, that we're turning into a bunch of pessimists. We're out of sorts with ourselves and our neighbors and it doesn't seem to let up!

Infighting between political parties is at record levels, and the war in the Ukraine doesn't look like it's going to end anytime soon. The specter of a new wave of Covid is rearing its ugly head just as we're trying to get things back to normal again. And it doesn't seem to let up! Is it any wonder, then, that we can't get out of bed sometimes!

So, what's the answer? Do we simply cut ourselves off from the world and ignore what's going on around us? Or do we face the news head on, putting things into perspective rather than trying to bury our heads-in-the-sand and pretending it will somehow all go away?

Life is a balancing act. It requires a nimbleness of both mind and body. Our moods are affected by myriad experiences. What we read, what we eat, what we think all affect the way we view the world around us. I would hasten to add, so does our spiritual life (or the lack of one). From what we read in the Gospels we know that Jesus spent hours in prayer. He spent hours away by himself, charging his spiritual batteries and centering his soul. Like us, he too, was overwhelmed by his circumstances and the demands which were made on his time. As a result, his frustration and pique were, at times, on public display. He was, after all, human in every way!



Jesus Prayed - Crystal White

So, where does that put us? Do we continue to pull the covers over our heads, or do we find new ways to face the frustration and pessimism which infect our culture? I think we can take our clues from

I think we can take our clues from Jesus: spend intentional time with God.

Jesus: spend intentional time with God. Carve out space where you and God can meet face-to-face. I'm not talking about random time. I'm talking about sacral time which is built into your life – time which is protected and valued. It's only when we are intentional about our spiritual lives that we can navigate the waters of a society which, at times, seems impossible to navigate.

As we draw closer to Easter, be aware of your feelings: the good, the bad, and the ugly feelings which need to be addressed. With God's help, sort them out and rid yourself of the ones which stand between you and a fruitful spiritual life. We have the power to shape our lives – we have the power to say “no” to the thoughts and feelings which stand in the way of spiritual health. Jesus stands ready to help heal us. Just ask him!

Grace & Peace,

Kent

What if these were the days when Jesus was living with us? What if this were the moment God chose to connect? Where would we find Jesus? Here, in our congregation? Look around. Or in our neighborhoods?

Perhaps Jesus would be among people classified as “essential,” who might struggle to feed their own families, while ensuring food makes it to others’ tables. Perhaps Jesus lives in any of the places, so impoverished in a world of plenty, that help and hope seem like illusions. Or perhaps locked away, drowned out or disregarded so far from us that we never even know our Savior’s name. What if this is the time? What if this is the place?



Our faith proclaims that God connects in each of those places, and in each person bearing God’s image. Our faith proclaims that God is among us, and that Jesus can be found among those most precious to God, those neighbors experiencing hunger, oppression or lack, even now, even among us.



One Great Hour of Sharing connects us with people coming together to respond to the needs in their neighborhoods. It is the largest way Presbyterians connect with one another and unite with congregations in every corner of the Church and with partners all over the world. We connect in order to grow, together, while offering support that addresses shared needs in a particular context.

With God and with one another, we connect the story of Jesus who lived, healed and preached among those who had least during his earthly ministry, through ministries that seek healing and wholeness in our world today. One Great Hour of Sharing connects us to proclaim that Christ is here! God is with us! Jesus is among those who have least, those who hunger and thirst, those who are sick or alone; with those seeking justice and righteousness with their neighbors and all who are in need. Christ is here, and not here, alone. **Bethany will receive the OGHS offering on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday this year. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.**

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| 04/01 | Susan Piefer | 04/23 | Lori Pickell |
| 04/02 | Frederick Benson | 04/23 | Hanh Menger |
| 04/06 | Jim Grossman | 04/27 | Elaine Bornstein |
| 04/18 | Jacqueline Huber | | |



**Eva Lauer, Polly Snyder, Greyson Martin,
Michelle Atwater and Will Campbell**



WORSHIP

April 3, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Message: "The Anointing at Bethany"

Scripture: John 12:1-8 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

April 10, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. - Palm/Passion Sunday

Procession of the Palms

Reading of the Passion Narrative

Luke 22:14-23:49



Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday

Lenten Dinner in Donegal Hall

The Lord's Supper Celebrated Following the Meal

April 17, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday

The Message: "For Whom Are You Looking"

Scripture: John 20:1-18 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

April 24, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. - Scout Sunday

Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

The Message: "So You Will Believe"

Preaching: Rev. Holmes








	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
Greeters	Gail Feigley	Eva Lauer	Jim Grossman	Cub Scouts
Fellowship	Gail Feigley	Eva Lauer	None	None
Ushers	Diane & Brian Ashba	Doug & Maurine Smith	Larry & Sylvia Doyle	Boy Scouts



April 2022



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>3 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Church</p>	 <p>4 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall</p>	 <p>5 7:00 P.M. Troop Committee Meeting</p>	 <p>6 10:00 A.M. Lenten Study 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall</p>	 <p>7 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall 7:00 P.M. Scout Roundtable Meeting</p>	<p>1 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10 Palm Sunday 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Church</p>	<p>11 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 10:00 A.M. Lenten Study 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall</p>	<p>14 Maundy Thursday 6:00 P.M. Lenten Dinner & Service 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction</p>	<p>15 Good Friday 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor Troop Camp Out</p>	<p>16 7:00 P.M. White Deer Run Westminster Hall Troop Camp Out</p>
<p>17 Easter Sunday 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Church Troop Camp Out</p>	<p>18 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall 7:00 P.M. Pack Committee Meeting Westminster Hall</p>	<p>19 7:00 P.M. Pack Meeting</p>	<p>20 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall</p>	<p>21 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall</p>	<p>22 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor Troop Camp Out</p>	<p>23 Troop Camp Out</p>
<p>24 Scout Sunday & Pancake Breakfast 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Church</p>	<p>25 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall Scout Sub Sale Pickup</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall</p>	<p>28 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall</p>	<p>29 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor</p>	<p>30</p>