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News of Bethany



Spring Basement Sale & Scout Hotdog Sale **Saturday, May 21 from 8am-12pm**

It is time for the Annual Spring Basement Sale. Household goods and collectibles will all be fairly priced. Something for everyone! Proceeds from the Basement Sale will go to help support Scout Troop 4. Also, the women are seeking volunteers to help clean-up following the sale that day at 12pm.



Scout Troop 4 will be selling hotdogs, chips and a drink during the Basement Sale. Please contact Jim Grossman at 717.295.3454 with any questions.

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

Thank You from the Chancel Choir

The members of the Bethany Chancel Choir would like to thank our anonymous supporter, who left a gift for each member a few weeks ago. We enjoy singing together and for the congregation. We are grateful for your generosity and everyone's support for the music program here at Bethany. Thank you so much!



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Bethany News & Notes

Special Dates In May 2022

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8



Armed Forces Day

Saturday, May 21

Ascension Day

Thursday, May 26

Memorial Day

Monday, May 31



The Wired Word

On Wednesday mornings "Wednesdays-at Ten" begins 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 in the Parlor!



05/06 Zach Cole
05/12 Adam Cole
05/13 Susan Fetterman
05/16 Jan Moore
05/21 Christine Kauffman
05/22 Valerie Calhoun
05/29 Roslynn Martin

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



PONDERINGS FROM THE PASTOR

Choosing the right text on which to preach can sometimes be a challenge for Pastors. The choice can be a subjective, personal, or a lectionary-based one. The choice can also be driven by circumstances in our nation or the world. (I just finished choosing my texts for the month of May, so sermon texts are on my mind.)

When I'm on vacation in the summertime, I take a week or so to focus on my preaching texts for the fall. When I've chosen them, I choose the supporting readings, hymns, and other liturgical components. (Sermon prep is not a "slap-dash" affair!)

I believe preaching is a sacred discipline. Like many other disciplines, it takes years to "master." (I use the term loosely, as I don't think you can ever completely "master" preaching.) It's a life-long discipline which varies from week-to-week and season-to-season. Some weeks, the parts of a sermon come together easily. Other weeks, the sermon can be a "train wreck! But, with practice and discipline, one can minimize the damage!

I enjoy preaching. I enjoy the discipline of putting the disparate pieces of a sermon into a form that is lucid and biblically sound. I've mentioned the terms, "exegesis and eisegesis" to you at various times when preaching. Exegesis is legitimate interpretation which "reads out of" the text (in this case the Bible) what the original writers meant to convey.

Eisegesis, on the other hand, "reads into" the text what the interpreter (in this case the preacher) wishes to find or thinks they find there. It's akin to riffing or improv in music. It expresses the preacher's own subjective ideas, not always the traditional meaning of the pericope (the section of scripture).

Thus, I try not to stray too far from the standard interpretation of the texts from which I preach. There are times, though, when life experience can/does color the interpretation. These experi-



ences can enhance the way we approach the biblical texts to make them more accessible to 21st century hearers. That's why I use various Biblical translations when I preach. A translator can, by the method of translation they use, shape the English text. Such things as the way the translation addresses pronouns gives you a good indication of the type of exegetical method being used.

So, the bottom line is, I love preaching! I enjoy the weekly discipline of preparing and delivering sermons. It's both an exhilarating and a daunting experience. As I indicated earlier, preaching is a sacred calling. It's all about changing hearts and minds thus reforming our understanding of our place in God's world. By-the-way, if you have any issues with my preaching, keep them to yourselves, won't you? We preachers are known for our thin skins!

Grace & Peace,

Kent



WORSHIP

May 1, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. - Third Sunday of Easter

The Message: "Feed, Tend, Feed"

Scripture: John 21:1-19 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

May 8, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

The Message: "Tabitha" Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

May 15, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Message: "That All May Enter"

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

May 22, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. - Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Message: "Lydia" Scripture: Acts 16:9-15

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

May 29, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. - Ascension of the Lord

The Message: "Out of Sight, Out of Mind"

Scripture: Luke 24:44-53 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Greeters	Willa Pedrick	Elaine Bornstein	Jim Grossman	Sylvia Doyle	Maurine Smith
Fellowship	Willa Pedrick	Elaine Bornstein	Jim Grossman	Sylvia Doyle	Maurine Smith
Ushers	Pat Rineer & Joyce Richards	Linda & Kaelyn Eckman	Diane & Brian Ashba	Larry Doyle & Elaine Bornstein	Doug Smith & Elaine Bornstein

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Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

<p>1 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Church</p>	<p>2 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall</p>	<p>3 7:00 P.M. Troop Committee Meeting</p>	<p>4 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon Donegal Hall</p>	<p>5 Day of Prayer 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall 7:00 P.M. Scout Roundtable Meeting</p>	<p>6 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. AI Anon Parlor</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Mother's Day 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Church</p>	<p>9 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon Donegal Hall</p>	<p>12 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall</p>	<p>13 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. AI Anon Parlor Troop Camp Out</p>	<p>14 Troop Camp Out</p>
<p>15 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Church Troop Camp Out</p>	<p>16 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall 7:00 P.M. Pack Committee Meeting Westminster Hall</p>	<p>17 7:00 P.M. Pack Meeting</p>	<p>18 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon Donegal Hall</p>	<p>19 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall</p>	<p>20 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. AI Anon Parlor</p>	<p>21 Armed Forces Day 7:00 P.M. White Deer Run Westminster Hall</p>
<p>22 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Church 7:00 P.M. Troop Court of Honor - Donegal Hall</p>	<p>23 5:30 P.M. Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall Scout Sub Pick Up</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon Donegal Hall</p>	<p>26 Ascension Day 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall</p>	<p>27 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. AI Anon Parlor</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Church</p>	<p>30 Memorial Day</p>	<p>31</p>				