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News of Bethany



Spring Basement Sale & Scout Chicken BBQ **Saturday, May 20 from 8am-12pm**

It is time for the Annual Spring Basement Sale. Household goods and collectibles will all be fairly priced. Once again, delicious pork barbecue will be sold to take home, as well as baked goods, hotdogs, and coffee. Something for everyone! Proceeds from the Basement Sale will go to help support Scout Troop 4. Also, the women are seeking volunteers to assist with setup, help during and cleanup following the sale, and volunteers to provide baked goods.

The Scout Troop 4 Chicken BBQ will also be taking place that day. The pickup for the BBQ will be in the back of the church. Full dinners are \$10.00, and a half chicken is \$7.00. Thank you for your continuing support.



***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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Special Dates in May 2023

**National
Day of Prayer**
Thursday, May 4

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 14



Ascension Day
Thursday, May 18

Armed Forces Day
Saturday, May 20

Pentecost
Sunday, May 28



Memorial Day
Monday, May 29

Bethany News & Notes

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Worship-in-the Park & Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 11, 2023, and join us for our Annual Worship Service and Church Picnic at Freedom Memorial Park, 100 Municipal Drive in Millersville, PA. The Worship Service will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch. More details to follow. We look forward to seeing you there.



FROM THE STUDY

Preaching is a “thankless” task! No, I’m not feeling sorry for myself. More accurately, I should say preaching is both a “frustrating” and a “rewarding” discipline. Sometimes the words flow, other times, they just drip! When you’ve preached as many sermons as I have, being fresh, being new, being innovative doesn’t always come easy. Each of us has a limited vocabulary and a finite imagination, so wordsmithing isn’t always that easy.

One of the primary hurdles is making ancient Biblical texts engaging for contemporary congregations, especially when they were written primarily in Greek and Hebrew. The issues addressed by the writers were specific to time and place and reflected the cultures in which they were conceived. Translation, too, is a linguistic field which takes skill and a familiarity with the language being translated.

Most of us ministers forgot our Greek and Hebrew we “learned” in seminary shortly after we graduated! With all the marvelous exegetical tools at our fingertips, a facility at translation is unnecessary. It’s fun to throw-in a Greek or Hebrew word or two into a sermon now and again to impress the “home crowd,” but that’s about as far as it goes!

“Living with the text” is the primary rule of sermon writing. What does the text “say,” and how does it “say it?” Is it personal, or universal? Life-changing, or spiritually enlightening? Can it “speak” to a contemporary community, or is it so specific to time and place which renders it unable to bridge the centuries? These are just some of the questions with which we preachers must wrestle on a weekly basis.

I would be remiss, though, if I didn’t include the most important ingredient in preaching, and that is prayer. Every good preacher must have an active prayer life, one which is in constant conversation with God. The Holy Spirit is the one who gives us our inspiration, and without intentionally nurturing that ongoing relationship we cease to be preachers.

We end up with sermons which are devoid of spiritual content and theological integrity.

Preaching is not a linguistic “artform” – it is a “calling” which requires all facets of a preacher’s life. It is an honor and a privilege without parallel!

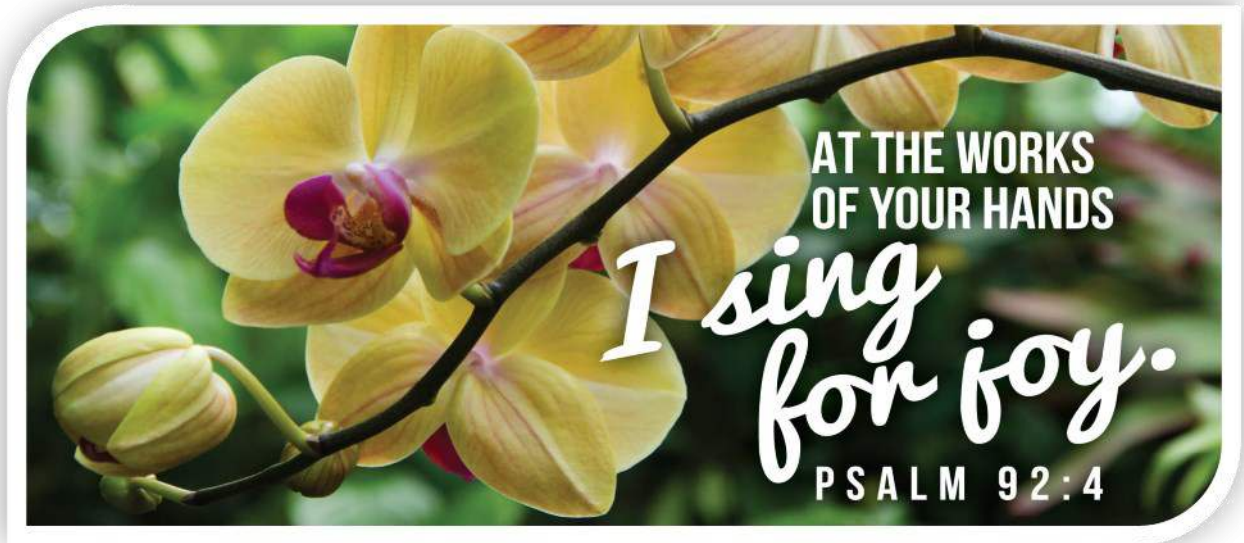
Grace & Peace,

Kent



Music Sunday June 3

Join the Bethany Presbyterian Chancel Choir on Sunday, June 3rd with their annual Music Sunday service. This year's theme is "In Life and Death", including pieces composed by Elaine Hagenberg, Ernani Aguilar, Moses Hogan and more! The selections being performed will include pieces about life and the living, as well as death and the afterlife. Tell your friends, family and neighbors that they do not want to miss out on hearing extraordinary pieces, by the best church choir on the West side of Lancaster.



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



WORSHIP



May 7, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Message: "The Cornerstone"

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Preaching: The Rev. Kent E. Holmes

May 14, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. - Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Message: "Tender Heart and Humble Mind"

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-22

Preaching: The Rev. Kent E. Holmes

May 21, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. - Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Message: "The Burden of Faith"

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Preaching: The Rev. Kent E. Holmes



May 28, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. - Day of Pentecost

The Message: "Pouring Out the Spirit"

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21




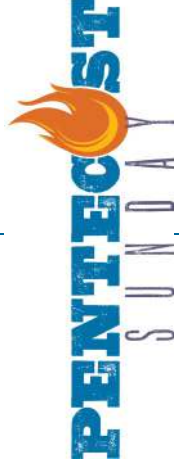
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	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Greeter & Fellowship	Joyce Richards	Linda Eckman	Elaine Bornstein	TBD
Ushers	Diane & Brian Ashba	Kaelyn Eckman & Jean Schwartz	Willa Pedrick & Linda Eckman	Doug & Maurine Smith

May 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p> Happy Mother's Day!</p>	<p>1 6:30 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall</p>	<p>2 7:00 P.M. Troop Committee Meeting</p>	<p>3 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall</p>	<p>4 Day of Prayer 7:00 P.M. Scout District Roundtable & Sense of Dir. Westminster Hall</p>	<p>5 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection Scout Court of Honor</p>	<p>8 6:30 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 10:00 A.M. Wired Word Bible Study 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall</p>	<p>11 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall</p>	<p>12 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Mother's Day 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection</p>	<p>15 6:30 P.M. Pack Mtg. Westminster Hall 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 10:00 A.M. Wired Word Bible Study 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall</p>	<p>18 Ascension Day 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall</p>	<p>19 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor Scout Camp Out</p>	<p>20 8am - 12pm Basement Sale & Scout BBQ 7:00 P.M. White Deer Run Westminster Hall</p>
<p>21 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection Scout Camp Out</p>	<p>22 Scouts - Flags on Graves at Cemetery</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 10:00 A.M. Wired Word Bible Study 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall</p>	<p>25 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall</p>	<p>26 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Pentecost 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection</p>	<p>29 Memorial Day </p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 10:00 A.M. Wired Word Bible Study 8:00 P.M. Al Anon</p>	<p> ASCENSION DAY</p>	<p> PENTECOST SUNDAY</p>	