



2018 THANK OFFERING

of Presbyterian Women

*Diverse,
yet one in Christ*

Give to or learn more about the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women by visiting www.presbyterianwomen.org or calling 844/PW-PCUSA (844/797-2872), ext. 5402.

*New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyright © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Used by permission.





Bethel Presbyterian Church

Worship for the Lord's Day

Thank Offering Sunday

October 21, 2018

10:30 A.M.

"Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World"

**** Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.***

PRELUDE

"Give Thanks Unto God"

E. L. Ashford

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

All: **For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.**

*** SONG OF ADORATION**

Insert: *"We Will Glorify"*

*** CALL TO HUMILITY**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*** WORDS OF GRACE**

*** SONG OF PRAISE**

Hymn #341: *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"*

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(When the music begins to play, you may return to your seat and children may come forward for their special time.)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG OF PREPARATION

Hymn #333: *"Seek Ye First"*

(As we sing, children may return to their seats.)

STORY TIME: JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS - A SAD BEGINNING

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Thanks Be to Thee"

G. F. Handel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE *Genesis 37:31-36*

SERMON *"Betrayal"*

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

*** SONG OF RESPONSE**

Hymn #367: *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"*

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign the friendship pad (the red folder) and pass along to others in your row, greeting others by name after worship.

MINUTE FOR MISSION: JEREMIAH'S PLACE

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COVENANT, PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THANK OFFERING INTRODUCTION

THANK OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY

"Let Us Give Thanks Together"

Russell Nagy

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Liturgist: Please join me in prayer as we dedicate our offerings to God's purposes.

All: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, and so in faith and with assurance, we bring these gifts this morning. We hope in a generous God who meets our needs. We hope in a creative God who multiplies our gifts. We hope in a mysterious God who invites us to kingdom living. God of grace and hope, accept these gifts and us in your service, Amen.

*** SONG FOR SENDING**

Hymn #535: *"Go with Us, Lord" (Sing two times.)*

*** BLESSING**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

*** POSTLUDE**

"March in A Flat"

William Stickles



Stephen Ministry

Ministry of caring ...

St. Matthew said that at the last judgment Jesus will say these words, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25:35-36)

One of the ways our congregation cares for others is through our trained Stephen Ministers, who go to those in need and care for them. Continue sharing in this ministry by praying for our Stephen Ministers and for their care receivers.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hartley Baird, Hank Barr, Betty Bauer, Gary Bittner, Marilou Booth, Art Brandenburg, Ginny Burford, Michele Cobb, Sueann DeFurio, Bob Dare, Linda Dermotta, Cliff Fair, Jean Fishel, Ginny Flynn, Bettyjean Gamble, Linda Hackett, Dick Jones, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Whitten Little, Emily Parise, Leanne Parise, Donna Puglisi, Betty Ramsey, Dave Rawlings, Ann Reid, Sue Schoenberger, Joan Sherbak, Sally Sinatra, Anne Unger, Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Kristi Wade, Edith Wallace, Russell York, Sam Zimmerman

WORSHIP NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH AT 11:30 A.M. FOLLOWING WORSHIP:

Session has called a meeting to be held on October 28th for the purpose of electing nominees for Elders, Deacons and the next Nominating Committee. Nominations are as follows:

Elders for the Class of 2021: Gail Anderson, Bob Daschbach, Stacey Lucidore and Judy Ritchie

Elder for the Year of 2019 to Fill a Vacancy: Conrad Adomaitis

Deacons for the Class of 2021: Kathy Crump, Marilyn Kunkle, Wendy Roithner, Judy Shoemaker and Ruth Stotesbery

Deacons for the Class of 2019: Debbie May and Joanne Wells

Nominating Committee for 2019: Larry Jay, Linda Jones, Leanne Parise and Lisa Wilfong

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS, as well as audio listening devices, are available from the Worship Welcome Team.

MONTHLY CONGREGATIONAL LETTERS: On communion Sundays, five letters will be placed in the Narthex and then taken to Fellowship in Galbraith Hall. ***Please add a quick note to each letter ... these letters provide an important link to those members unable to join us during worship each week.***

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION: Will be observed on Sunday, Nov. 4th, Team 3 – Stacey Lucidore.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Barbara Jay; Oct. 28th Alexis Kiesling

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families C & D; Oct. 28th Families E - H

CHILD CARE: The Lucidore Family; Oct. 28th The Decker Family & Miranda Day

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 7: Subs Heather*, Jim & Riley Hunter, Marilyn* & Dave Kunkle; Oct. 28th Team 8: Carole Carroll, Gail Anderson, Wendy Roithner, Marian Rhodes*, Hazel Knapp* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Pam Decker; Oct. 28th Greg Smith

GRAPHICS TEAM: Courtney Kiesling; Oct. 28th Larry Jay

SOUND BOARD: Steve Kloc; Oct. 28th Gail Anderson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Fred & Polly Sayre, given by the Carr family.

In Honor of Marian Rhodes, given by the Carr family.

Presbyterian Women in Pittsburgh Presbytery



**“Bears, Blankets, Books, and Bucks
JEREMIAH’S PLACE
A 24-Hour, 7 day-a-week Crisis Nursery
PWPP Mission Project
2018-2019
Four Special Ways We Can Help**

1. Knit a “Jere” Bear
2. Make a No-Sew Blanket

The following web link will lead you to the directions for both.

<http://jeremiahsplace.org/you-can-help/#wish-start>

3. Purchase Recommended Books from Target Wish List at web link.

<tgt.gifts/JeremiahsPlaceWishList>

4. Give Bucks! Our “Bucks” Goal is to collect \$1,500 to cover the cost of daily operations for 24 hours at Jeremiah’s Place. Make your checks payable to PWPP (Jeremiah’s Place in the Memo), or enclose a note with check and send to Pam Backstrom, Mission Treasurer, at 349 Fruitwood Drive, Bethel Park, PA 15102



Congregation Life

Weekly Newsletter

October 21, 2018

Reminder!

HOLIDAY BETHEL LIGHT ARTICLES are due to Kathy Young by Monday, November 5th. (Our Holiday Bethel Light covers December, January and February.)



PRAYER SERVICE: On Sunday, Nov. 4th, our Stephen Ministers would like to invite you to the Annual Memorial Prayer Service after worship. This is a special time of reflection to remember our loved ones who have passed away. *(No advance sign-up is needed to attend.)*

HOLIDAY-A-FAIR IS ONLY WEEKS AWAY (SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH)!

PW is looking for home-crafted items to add to our craft table. Do you have an item you would like to donate? Please see Mary Helen Burroughs or Lana Kling or you can place your donation in the McMillan Room. (Please leave a note with your name if you are leaving your donation in the McMillan Room.)



WHEN ENTERING OUR PARKING LOTS, please use caution. The speed limit is 5 miles per hour once you enter the parking lots. We need to protect our Preschool and Child Care children, staff and visitors. *Drive slowly and watch carefully!*

HOLIDAY-A-FAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✚ PW is passing out the outdoor yard signs advertising Holiday-A-Fair. Please take one with you to put in your yard or at a location that will get lots of publicity! Remember that the sign-up sheets for helping with Holiday-A-Fair are out every week during Fellowship Hour. Please take the time to look and see where you can help!
- ✚ If any of you have given more consideration to creating a basket for our Holiday-A-Fair raffle and need some supplies, please see Lana Kling or one of the PW Board Members. We have many items to start you off on your own creation!
- ✚ If you feel you aren't creative enough to do a basket, there is still another way you can help! Everyone loves gift cards and we would really appreciate donations of any gift cards in any denomination to include in our baskets!



COAT DRIVE: South Hills Interfaith Movement is hosting an ongoing Coat Drive. Gently-used winter coats for men, women and children (all sizes) would be greatly appreciated! Please place your donations in the Marshall Road entrance.

*Thank you,
Debbie May, PW Mission Coordinator*

CALLING ALL MEN! Please join us for a Bible Study on the Teachings of Jesus on Sunday mornings during Sunday School. We will be meeting at 9:15 a.m. in the Quilter's Room. Please see Dan Beckstrom or Jessica Kelecava if you have any questions.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are very excited for this year's Trunk or Treat and we need your help! Join us at BPC the evening of October 28th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., to hand out treats to families from our Preschool, Child Care and the Bethel Park community. All you need to provide is a decorated trunk, candy and your generous smiling self! (Costumes are optional.) You may sign up at the bottom of the stairs on the way to Fellowship or let Jessica Kelecava or any member of the Mission Team know you would like to help. Thank you!

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: The Food Pantry at SHIM is in need of canned pineapple, jars of pasta sauce and personal care items such as soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. All donations can be left at the Marshall Road entrance.

NAOMI CIRCLE: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7th, 10:00 a.m., in the Chapel of Bethel Park Retirement Residence. Please bring your Bible!



**Did you miss a sermon?
Past sermons are now
available to listen to on
our website!!**

Recordings include music, prayers and other parts of the worship service, too!

[www.
bethelpresby.org/sermons](http://www.bethelpresby.org/sermons)

Upcoming Events

Oct. 13 th – 21 st	Malawi Visitor
Oct. 28 th	Trunk or Treat
Nov. 10 th	Holiday-A-Fair



Trunk *or* Treat

Please join Bethel Presbyterian
Church for family-friendly entertainment!
Free for the community!



Church Parking Lot
Sunday, October 28th
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Call 412/835-0405
with any questions.


(Trunk or Treat will be held inside if the weather is unfavorable.)

Trunk or Treat is like
Trick or Treating,
instead of going from
door to door, you go
from trunk to trunk.





Thank you to all who completed the Growing Young assessment. We will be processing and sharing the results and next steps in the coming weeks.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AUGUST 2018					
	Pledged Giving August	Total Income August	Total Income Jan-August	Ministry Expenses August	Ministry Expenses Jan-August
Actual	\$17,987	\$25,820	\$223,498	\$51,724	\$296,351
Expected	\$22,167	\$26,289	\$230,278	\$33,095	\$300,374

Thank you for your support of our church. Please keep in mind that we are running a deficit budget and your continued support and prayers will be needed over the coming months.

2018 PER CAPITA: The per capita amount for 2018 is \$33.05 and is set by the Pittsburgh Presbytery to support operations of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. This amount is per active member, not per family. BPC makes up the shortfall from our operating budget for those members who do not contribute per capita, leaving less money to support our church projects and missions. Please consider contributing your per capita in addition to your regular contribution. In this way we minimize the amount which must come out of our operating budget. If you receive offering envelopes, there is a special envelope for your per capita contribution. If you do not receive offering envelopes, identify on the memo line of your check "2018 per capita". Please prayerfully consider your contribution.

PER CAPITA STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018			
Per Capita Invoice	Amount Budgeted	Amount Collected	Difference
\$8,603	\$4,000	\$3,540	-\$1,063

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, October 21 *(Daily Readings: Psalm 67, 150, Micah 1:1-9, 1 Cor. 10:1-13, Matt. 16:13-20)*

- Youth Group Lock-In
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Thank Offering Sunday
- Visitor from Malawi - Covenanting
- Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
- (child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families C & D
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 3:00 p.m. Ordination Service for Debbie Smith
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting

Monday, October 22 *(Daily Readings: Psalm 57, 145, Micah 2:1-13, Rev. 7:1-8, Luke 9:51-62)*

- 1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, October 23 *(Daily Readings: Psalm 54, 146, Micah 3:1-8, Rev. 7:9-17, Luke 10:1-16)*

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
- 7:00 p.m. Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 24 *(Daily Readings: Psalm 65, 147:1-11, Micah 3:9-4:5, Rev. 8:1-13, Luke 10:17-24)*

- 8:30 a.m. Life Line Screening Event
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Preschool Soccer Shots
- 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. *Unafraid* Book Study

Thursday, October 25 *(Daily Readings: Psalm 143, 147:12-20, Micah 5:1-4, 10-15, Rev. 9:1-12, Luke 10:25-37)*

- 1:00 p.m. American Sewing Group
- 5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
- 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 26 *(Daily Readings: Psalm 88, 148, Micah 6:1-8, Rev. 9:13-21, Luke 10:38-42)*

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Halloween Party
- 9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

Saturday, October 27 *(Daily Readings: Psalm 122, 149, Micah 7:1-7, Rev. 10:1-11, Luke 11:1-13)*

Sunday, October 28 *(Daily Readings: Psalm 108, 150, Jonah 1:1-17a, 1 Cor. 10:15-24, Matt. 18:15-20)*

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
- (child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families E & H
- 4:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat

2018 THANK OFFERING

In 1888, when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to her Lord," women responded and the Thank Offering was born. Women gave sacrificially and were credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church at that time. Since then, Presbyterian women have granted support to thousands of ministries worldwide, and raised tens of millions of dollars for mission.

In March 2018 the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met to review 83 applications submitted for grants from the 2017 Thank Offering. Sixteen of the projects were chosen for funding. Twelve of the projects are ministries that serve people in need in the United States. Four of the projects are international. More than 40 percent of the projects funded are health ministries.

Grant Recipients**

The Brightness of Noon:

**The Intersect of Faith,
Immigration, and Refugees**
*Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church —
Women's Retreat Group*
New York, New York

**Digital Family Support
Program, Pediatric Palliative
Care Coalition**
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dining With Dignity
The Lighthouse Ministries, Inc.
Lexington, Kentucky

Eastminster Cares for Kids
York, Pennsylvania

Feed My People
*Healthy Seminarians—Healthy
Church Initiative (HSHC)
and Columbia Presbyterian
Church (CPC)*
Decatur, Georgia

**Finding Freedom Through
Friendship—Expansion
into Egypt**
Outskirts of Cairo
(Garbage City), Egypt

Freedom House for Women
Chester, Pennsylvania

Good Neighbor Garage
Hands of the Carpenter
Golden, Colorado

Guatemala Microloan Project
*PW from Suchitepequez and
Sur Occidente Presbyteries*
Santo Domingo, San Felipe,
Guatemala

The Hearing Aid Bank
Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Mobilizing a Christian University
to Empower Villagers Facing
Globalization**
Yogyakarta, Indonesia

**Pastors' Training Workshop
for Peacemaking and Trauma
Healing**
Presbyterian Church of South Sudan
Khartoum, Sudan

Peer to Peer
Friends of the Castle
Centerville, Ohio

Safe Haven at Sea Island
Sea Island Presbyterian Church
Beaufort, South Carolina

Security for Stabilizing Families
*Transitional Programs for Women—
Transitions*
Spokane, Washington

Shower the People
Arroyo Grande, California

****** Give now so more life-changing projects can be funded in 2019. Give through your PW group, online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank, or by envelope (if provided). For additional information about the 2018 Thank Offering recipients and their work, see the July/August 2018 issue of *Horizons* magazine, or go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank. To subscribe to *Horizons* (and receive the annual, award-winning *Horizons* Bible study at no additional charge), call 866/802-3635.