

# Thank Offering

OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2019



*Then when you call upon me  
and come and pray to me, I will hear you.  
When you search for me, you will find me;  
if you seek me with all your heart . . .*

—Jeremiah 29:12–13, NRSV\*

Learn more about  
the *Thank Offering*  
of Presbyterian Women by visiting  
[www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank)

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**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Thank Offering Sunday**  
**October 20, 2019**  
**10:30 A.M.**

***"Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World"***

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

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**PRELUDE**

*Improvisations on the Day's Hymns*

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* SONG OF ADORATION**

Hymn #293: *"This Is My Father's World"*

**\* CALL TO HUMILITY**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All:** God of grace, for our failure to love others as you have loved us, forgive us. For wasting your gifts and hoarding your goods, forgive us. For losing heart and abandoning hope, forgive us. For all the ways we turn from you, forgive us, renew us, remake us and turn us back to you. Amen.

**\* WORDS OF GRACE**

**\* SONG OF PRAISE**

Insert: *"In Christ Alone"*

*(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.)*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*“Trust and Obey”*





**PASTOR CATHIE AND CHURCH MEMBERS:** Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. Thank you so very much for the beautiful flower arrangement. Your kindness and thoughtfulness meant so much to me. This was so unexpected.

*Sincerely,  
Lyz (Elizabeth Swidorsky)*

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup> | Membership Class                  |
| Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup> | Congregational Meeting            |
| Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup> | Trunk or Treat                    |
| Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Holiday-A-Fair                    |
| Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> | Veterans Recognition in Worship   |
| Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup> | Wreath Hanging                    |
| Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup> | Hanging of the Greens and Potluck |

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## WORSHIP NOTES

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### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, AT 11:30 A.M., FOLLOWING WORSHIP:

Session has called a meeting to be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of electing nominees for Elders, Deacons and the next Nominating Committee. Nominations are as follows:

- **Elders for the Class of 2022:** Don DeFurio, Ann Lindsay, Jack Miller, Carl Parise and Lisa Wilfong
- **Deacons for the Class of 2022:** Pam Adomaitis, Lana Kling, Debbie May, Joyce Pratt and Joanne Wells
- **Deacon for the Year of 2021 to Fill a Vacancy:** Marina Bowser
- **Nominating Committee for 2020:** Melanie Ericson, Kristen Kiesling, Morris Lindsay and Leanne Parise

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, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Team 4, Angel Jackson.

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## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

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**LITURGISTS:** Courtney Kiesling; Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Barbara Jay

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:** Families SM - Z; Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Families A & B

**CHILD CARE:** The Schultz Family; Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> The Lucidore Family

**WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM:** Team 11: Morris\* & Ann\* Lindsay, Lana & Jason Kling, Marilyn DeHuff; Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> - Team 12: Pat & Bill Brown, Carole Legleitner, Stacey\* & Brad\* Lucidore (\*Chairlift)

**SANCTUARY COORDINATORS:** Pam Decker; Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Greg Smith

**GRAPHICS TEAM:** Robin Macherey; Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Courtney Kiesling

**SOUND BOARD:** Frank Jackson; Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Steve Kloc

### CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of my grandparents, Walt & Audrey Quel, John & Mary Zimmerman, given by Kristen Kiesling.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Rob Backstrom, Hartley Baird, Hank Barr, Betty Bauer, Gary Bittner, Carl Bonanni, Marilou Booth, Marina Bowser, Art Brandenburg, Michele Cobb, Phyllis Criss, Bob Dare, Sueann DeFurio, Marilyn DeHuff, Bob Ericson, Ginny Flynn, Bill Franciscus (Marilyn DeHuff's son), Bettyjean Gamble, Steve Kloc, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Whitten Little, Carol MacDonald, Carol McDonald, Emily Parise, Donna Puglisi, Dave Rawlings, Ann Reid, Joan Sherbak, Sally Sinatra, Jean Smith, Anne Unger (Pastor Cathie's sister), Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Ansley Virgin (Basso), Kristi Wade, Edith Wallace, Russell York

# ***Congregation Life***

## ***Weekly Newsletter***

### ***October 20, 2019***

**Reminder!**

**HOLIDAY BETHEL LIGHT ARTICLES** are due to Kathy Young by Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. (Our Holiday Bethel Light covers December, January and February.)



**MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION:** Are you new to Bethel Church or have you been coming for some time with questions about our life together or how to take the next steps to membership? Join Pastor Cathie after worship today in the McMillan Room to learn more about our church and how you can find your home and place here!

**SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES:** The Food Pantry at SHIM needs 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.



**SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS:** If you are interested in joining the Sanctuary Coordinator, Sound System, Liturgist and/or Graphics Teams to help during our Sunday Services, please contact Kathy Young at 412/835-0405.

**TRUNK OR TREAT!** On Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:00 p.m., we will welcome children from our church, Preschool, Child Care and the community for some Halloween fun as they "trick or treat" in our parking lot (or inside if it rains). We need lots of decorated cars or trucks in the lot for children to come to! Can you help make this great outreach happen? Sign up in the hallway!



**CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND SEMI-CRAFTERS!** Many of our Chrismon ornaments, which were so lovingly made by church members a long time ago, are in need of repair. Some simply need a new wire loop added to them; some need a full restringing of beads. If you would be willing to take one or more ornaments home to give them some TLC, see Pastor Cathie!

## SEPTEMBER 2019 PLEDGES

<b>Pledges YTD</b>	<b>\$155,665</b>
<b>Budgeted Pledges YTD</b>	<b><u>\$158,247</u></b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$2,582</b>

As you can see, pledges received so far in 2019 have not kept pace with what is expected or needed to meet our ongoing ministry expenses. Thank you for your ongoing love and support of the church and all God is calling us to be and do. If you missed your pledges/offerings for a few weeks, please consider a catch-up donation to help the church continue its faithful ministry in the coming weeks and months.

**UPDATE ON SUNDAY CHILD CARE SERVICES:** Due to the limited number of volunteers currently available, the Child Care rooms will be open, but not staffed, effective November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Christian Education Committee will reevaluate options in January.

**HOLIDAY-A-FAIR CANDY WORKSHOP:** Join us for a fun afternoon of making candy for Holiday-A-Fair on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.



**WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN THIS YEAR:** Our congregation has always been incredible in all the ways individuals support Holiday-A-Fair. One of the ways you can help again this year is by donating gift cards to be included in our basket raffle. This raffle has always been one of the focal points of our craft show.

Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office or given to Lana Kling. Again, we thank everyone for their participation in this fundraising event!

46th Annual

# HOLIDAY-A-FAIR

November 9, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Homemade Chicken Salad Lunch  
(11:30am-1pm)

Craft Show featuring 30+ Vendors  
Basket Raffle and Bake Sale

Bethel Presbyterian Church 2999 Bethel Church Rd. [www.bethelpresby.org](http://www.bethelpresby.org)



# Support Our Youth Group



We are excited to roll out an easy way to help support our Youth Group as they prepare to attend the Montreat Youth Conference and the Inter-generational Mission Trip this summer!

Through our partnership with SCRIP, church members, family members and friends can purchase gift cards from over 750 different stores, online retailers, hotels, movie theaters, restaurants, cruise lines and more.

Each gift card is purchased at face value, but a percentage of the amount comes back to the Youth Group from the company. For example, say you buy a \$25 gift card to Eat n' Park. You pay \$25, you get a \$25 gift card and the Youth Group receives \$2.25.

You can get gift cards to use for your weekly and regular shopping and use them instead of cash or debit cards. For example, if you bought \$150 in gift cards from Giant Eagle and used them for your groceries and gas for the week, the Youth Group would receive \$6. Or you can get cards to give as gifts or for your vacations or date nights or all kinds of special occasions - even your trip to Disney!

## Here's all you need to do:

- **If you prefer to do your shopping for cards online:** Go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) and create an account. You'll need our enrollment code (**5911E89D65629**). You will be asked the child's name and group. You can ignore these questions unless you are a parent of one of our Youth Group members. Once you are enrolled, your account will be verified and you will be ready to begin ordering. If you go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) on your phone, you will receive a prompt that allows you to place a link on your home screen like an app for quick access and ordering.
- **If you prefer, let us order the cards for you:** Get an order form from the church office, fill it out and return it to the office.

A group order will be placed by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month combining all online and paper orders received by the 15<sup>th</sup> and we'll have the cards in the office ready for you just a few days later!

This is an exciting and easy way that we can all help support our Youth Group! Thank you for your support!







# Trunk *or* Treat

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



Church Parking Lot  
Sunday, October 27th  
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Call 412/835-0405  
with any questions.

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



Please help support South Hills Interfaith Movement's Food  
Pantry by bringing a nonperishable food item to donate!

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## CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

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**Sunday, October 20** (Daily Readings: Psalm 67; 150; Jer. 29:1, 4-14 or Jer. 39:11-40:6; Acts 16:6-15; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20)

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Thank Offering Sunday  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith  
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families SM - Z
- 11:30 a.m. Membership Exploration Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group – Triple B Farms
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting

**Monday, October 21** (Daily Readings: Psalm 57; 145; Jer. 44:1-14 or Jer. 29:1, 4-14; 1 Cor. 15:30-41; Matt. 11:16-24)

- 11:15 a.m. Child Care – Stretch & Grow
- 7:00 p.m. BASIC Study
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

**Tuesday, October 22** (Daily Readings: Psalm 54; 146; Lam. 1:1-5, {6-9}, 10-12 or Jer. 40:7-41:3; 1 Cor. 15:41-50; Matt. 11:25-30)

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Staff Program Coordination Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, October 23** (Daily Readings: Psalm 65; 147:1-11; Lam. 2:8-15 or Jer. 41:4-18; 1 Cor. 15:51-58; Matt. 12:1-14)

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Galatians Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipers Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, October 24** (Daily Readings: Psalm 143; 147:12-20; Ezra 1:1-11 or Jer. 42:1-22; 1 Cor. 16:1-9; Matt. 12:15-21)

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

**Friday, October 25** (Daily Readings: Psalm 88; 148; Ezra 3:1-13 or Jer. 43:1-13; 1 Cor. 16:10-24; Matt. 12:22-32)

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Halloween Party for 2's Classes
- 9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

**Saturday, October 26** (Daily Readings: Psalm 122; 149; Ezra 4:7, 11-24 or Jer. 44:1-14; Philem. 1-25; Matt. 12:33-42)

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## CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

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**Sunday, October 27** (*Daily Readings: Psalm 108; 150; Hag. 1:1-2:9 or Jer. 44:15-30; Acts 18:24-19:7; Luke 10:25-37*)

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith  
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)  
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting  
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families A & B  
4:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat



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## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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# 2019 *Thank Offering*

OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, planted the seed for Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering in 1888 when she 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. Year after year, women have responded to Clokey's call to give a "thank offering to her Lord," and have raised tens of millions of dollars for mission at home and around the world.



## Grant Recipients

SYNOD OF ALASKA-NORTHWEST  
Olympia Presbytery  
Green Lantern Lunch Program  
Summer Lunch Program  
\$30,000  
[www.greenlanternlunches.org](http://www.greenlanternlunches.org)

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT  
Maumee Valley Presbytery  
Firelands Presbyterian Church  
Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep  
\$20,000  
[www.firelandschurch.org](http://www.firelandschurch.org)

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRES  
East Iowa Presbytery  
Iowa WINS  
Immigrant Neighbors in Need  
\$20,000  
[www.fustpresbyonline.org/iowawins](http://www.fustpresbyonline.org/iowawins)

SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS  
Southeastern Illinois Presbytery  
Fit-2-Serve  
Community Bridges: Access for All  
\$25,000  
[www.fit-2-serve.net](http://www.fit-2-serve.net)

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS  
Mid-Kentucky Presbytery  
Center for Women and Gender Studies  
Katie Geneva Cannon Legacy  
Memorial Conference  
\$16,200

SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA  
Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery  
Room at the Inn  
Homeless Client Safety Upgrades  
\$24,250  
[www.roomstl.org](http://www.roomstl.org)

SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA  
Heartland Presbytery  
Arab Christian Fellowship  
Walking Together  
\$25,000  
[www.arabchurchkc.org](http://www.arabchurchkc.org)

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC  
Western North Carolina Presbytery  
Loving Food Resources  
Food Pantry Renovation  
\$31,500  
<https://lovingfood.org/>

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC  
Cascades Presbytery  
Kenilworth Community Preschool  
Outlast Outdoor Block Set  
\$8,125  
[www.kenilworthcps.org](http://www.kenilworthcps.org)

SYNOD OF ROCKY MOUNTAINS  
Glacier Presbytery  
Missoula Food Bank and  
Community Center  
Nutrition for Healthier Futures:  
Kids EmPower Pack  
\$20,000  
[www.missoulafoodbank.org](http://www.missoulafoodbank.org)

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC  
Foothills Presbytery  
Cancer Association of Anderson  
Food for Thought  
\$8,750  
[www.cancerassociationofanderson.org](http://www.cancerassociationofanderson.org)

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
AND HAWAII  
Los Ranchos Presbytery  
Agape Fish Fund  
Food as Medicine  
\$10,000  
[www.agapefish.org](http://www.agapefish.org)

CAMEROON  
Presbyterian Church in Cameroon  
Making Blood Available for Transfusion  
in Obstetric Units  
\$21,600  
[www.pcc.cm](http://www.pcc.cm)

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO  
Institut Médical Chrétien du Kasai  
Well for PAX Clinic  
\$20,000  
[www.imck.org](http://www.imck.org)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
National Association of Women of  
the Evangelical Dominican Church  
Improvement of the National Camp  
\$21,500

GHANA AND SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana  
and First Presbyterian Church of  
Fairfield, Connecticut  
Ghana Maternity Ward Partnership  
\$40,000  
[www.epchurchghana.org](http://www.epchurchghana.org)

MADAGASCAR  
The Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar  
Chaplaincy to Marginalized People  
Mamonjy Project  
\$9,887  
<http://www.fjkm.mg>

ZAMBIA  
Church of Central Africa Presbyterian,  
Synod of Zambia Health Department  
Cervical Cancer Prevention  
\$40,000  
<http://ccapzambia.org>

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