

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: MARY LOVE AND ASHER TRENTON STROECH

* PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

BAPTISM HYMN

Hymn #492: "Baptized in Water"

PASSING THE PEACE AND GREETING OUR NEW MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PASTOR AND PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (First Verse Only)

Insert - Hymn #462: "I Love to Tell the Story"

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

ANTHEM *"There Is a Redeemer"*

Benjamin Harlan
Chancel Choir

SECOND READING *John 1:1-18*

SERMON *"God's Legacy: From the Beginning"*

SONG OF RESPONSE (Verses 2 & 3 Only)

Insert - Hymn #462: "I Love to Tell the Story"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Don Hart
Chancel Choir

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us and take these gifts we bring. Bless them and bless us, too. Renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Amen.

* SONG FOR SENDING

Hymn #434: "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" (Verses 1 & 4 Only)

* BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

"Hope Everlasting"

Philip Kreckels

WORSHIP NOTES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the Van Horn family on the recent loss of Beth Van Horn (Martha's daughter). Martha's address is 5000 West 75 Avenue, Apartment 205C, Westminster, CO 80030. Prayers and cards appreciated.

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, May 6th (Team 1, Robin Macherey).

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Stacey Lucidore; Apr. 22nd Barbara Jay

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families M - O; Apr. 22nd Families P - SL

CHILD CARE: Carrie Virgin & Marilyn Beckstrom; Apr. 22nd The Blum Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 4: Cindy Fair, Mary Pursglove, Brooke Cashman, Dottie Frazier*, Nancy Carr*; Apr. 22nd - Team 5: Dave Long, Carl Parise, Russ Lautenschlager, Marilyn* & Dan* Beckstrom (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Carol MacDonald; Apr. 22nd Greg Smith

GRAPHICS TEAM: Robin Macherey; Apr. 22nd Alicia Ericson

SOUND BOARD: Frank Jackson; Apr. 22nd Steve Kloc

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Emilie and Phillip Macherey, given by the Sinatra family.
In Loving Memory of Harry T. and Betty May, Don and Marge Kim, given by their family.

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

Stephen Ministry

An Empty, Aching Hole – and Memories ...

Someone you loved has died and the world is darker. At a time like this, you need a caring, concerned friend to listen to you and be with you. A Stephen Minister would like to be that friend.

Congregation Life Weekly Newsletter April 15, 2018

Spring Clean Up Work Day Saturday, April 28 9 am-noon

Come help take down the wreath, clean out the landscape beds and get the grounds ready for Spring!

*please
join us*

Join us on Wednesday, April 18th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., to finish the Lenten Covenant Promises of God Study. We will not have dinner, but please join us for the study! Contact Jessica Kelecava if you have any questions.

Stewardship Report

March

	<i>Pledged Giving March</i>	<i>Total Income March</i>	<i>Total Income Jan-Mar</i>	<i>Ministry Expenses March</i>	<i>Ministry Expenses Jan-Mar</i>
Actual	\$18,274.00	\$25,501.00	\$88,703.00	\$36,321.00	\$120,821.00
Expected	\$19,417.00	\$26,706.00	\$85,084.00	\$35,727.00	\$123,450.00

Please continue faithful giving throughout the year to assure that programs and ministries are supported each month.

Thank you for your continued love and support of Bethel Church!

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: In order to adequately stock the shelves in all of its sites, SHIM is in need of jars of spaghetti sauce, ketchup and bags of dried beans. All contributions of nonperishable food items are welcome!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Just a reminder that we will accept donations for OGHs through May 27th.



RECYCLED EYEGLASS PROGRAM: In just about any dresser drawer, one can find a pair of eyeglasses no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life. Imagine if you could help a child read, an adult succeed in his/her job or assist a senior in maintaining independence. Every day the Lion's Club Recycled Eyeglass Programs do all of this and more.

Our church has a collection box and we are asking for your help in reaching out to people in need. The collection box will be located in the back of the Narthex every Sunday for your convenience.

SEWERS NEEDED



Looking for sewer(s) to cover cushions for child care seating. Please contact Darlene at 412/835-1043. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Dates!

Saturday, Apr. 21st PWPP Spring Gathering at Northmont UPC
 Friday, Apr. 27th Youth Group Overnighter
 Saturday, Apr. 28th Spring Cleanup Workday

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.

How will you tell the story of God's grace and love- not just today- but for generations to come?

COMPOSING A LEGACY

Live Forward, Give Forward

Sunday, April 15
11:45 am- 1:00 pm

Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley,
Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation will lead us in a conversation around how we can leave a testament of our faith for future generations through planned giving, wills, bequests, and in other creative ways. A light lunch will be served. RSVP in the Church Office.



LOST AND FOUND COATS: If you have misplaced your coat, please check the coat rack in the Marshall Road entrance. Several of these coats have been there for over a year. Our plan is to donate unclaimed coats to SHIM at the end of April. Thank you!

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 15 (Daily Readings: Psalm 93, 150, Exod. 18:1-12, 1 John 2:7-17, Mark 16:9-20)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School - Small Groups
 10:30 a.m. Worship, Reception of New Members
 Baptisms: Asher Stroeck and Mary Love
 Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
 Guest: Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley
 (child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families M - O
 11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
 11:45 a.m. Composing a Legacy
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting

Monday, April 16 (Daily Readings: Psalm 97, 145, Exod. 18:13-27, 1 Peter 5:1-14, Matt. {1:1-17} 3:1-6)

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

Tuesday, April 17 (Daily Readings: Psalm 98, 146, Exod. 19:1-16, Col. 1:1-14, Matt. 3:7-12)

10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 18 (Daily Readings: Psalm 99, 147:1-11, Exod. 19:16-25, Col. 1:15-23, Matt. 3:13-17)

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

Thursday, April 19 (Daily Readings: Psalm 47, 147:12-20, Exod. 20:1-21, Col. 1:24-2:7, Matt. 4:1-11)

5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 20 (Daily Readings: Psalm 96, 148, Exod. 24:1-18, Col. 2:8-23, Matt. 4:12-17)

4:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Meet in Parking Lot for Trip

Saturday, April 21 (Daily Readings: Psalm 92, 149, Exod. 25:1-22, Col. 3:1-17, Matt. 4:18-25)

8:30 a.m. PWPP Spring Gathering
 4:30 p.m. Benefit Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, April 22 (Daily Readings: Psalm 93, 150, Exod. 28:1-4, 30-38, 1 John 2:18-29, Mark 6:30-44)

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. Fellowship: Families P - SL
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group End of Year Party



Bethel Presbyterian Church
 Worship for the Lord's Day
 April 15, 2018
 10:30 A.M.

"Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World"

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

Prayer Request Cards are located in the pew racks. If you have a request, please complete a card and hand it to an usher during the first hymn. ***(Prayer cards are not used on the Sundays we observe the Lord's Supper or perform baptisms.)***

PRELUDE "March Romaine" William Stickles

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began ...
All: God was.

Liturgist: Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven ...
All: God is.

Liturgist: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment ...
All: God will be.

Liturgist: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit ...
All: God was, God is, God will be.

*** SONG OF ADORATION**
 Hymn #420: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Liturgist: Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.
All: To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy.

Liturgist: Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love.
All: Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone.

Liturgist: Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.
All: But your abundant grace is strong and eternal and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

*** SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.