

ANTHEM

“Devotion”
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

SECOND READING *Matthew 28:16-20*

SERMON *“Mission Possible”*

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Hymn #412: *“Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds” (Verses 1, 2 and 5)*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY *“Bound for the Promised Land”* Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: God of life, in raising Jesus from the dead, you triumphed over the power of the grave and opened the way to your kingdom of life. You have called us to bear witness to your good news. Let the gifts we dedicate and the lives we lead, proclaim the glory of the risen Christ, in whose name we pray. Alleluia! Amen.

* SONG FOR SENDING

Insert - Hymn #365: *“I Serve a Risen Savior”*

* BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE *“To God the Glory”* Gertrude Haupt Richolson

WORSHIP NOTES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the Parise family on the recent loss of Geraldine Taylor (Carl Parise’s mother). Please keep the family in your prayers.

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: Barbara Jay; Apr. 29th Mary Helen Burroughs

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families P - SL; Apr. 29th Families SM - Z

CHILD CARE: The Blum Family; Apr. 29th The Lucidore Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 5: Dave Long, Carl Parise, Russ Lautenschlager, Marilyn* & Dan* Beckstrom; Apr. 29th - Team 6: Hank & Paula Barr, Diane & Jack Miller, Barbara* & Larry* Jay (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Greg Smith; Apr. 29th Pam Decker

GRAPHICS TEAM: Alicia Ericson; Apr. 29th Larry Jay

SOUND BOARD: Steve Kloc; Apr. 29th Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Arthur Michaels and Ethelyn Strum, given by Shirley and Bob Gales.

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

Congregation Life
Weekly Newsletter
April 22, 2018



SUMMER BETHEL LIGHT ARTICLES are due to Kathy Young by Monday, May 14th. (Our Summer Bethel Light covers June, July and August.)



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.

Stewardship Report

March

| | <i>Pledged Giving</i> March | <i>Total Income</i> March | <i>Total Income</i> Jan-Mar | <i>Ministry Expenses</i> March | <i>Ministry Expenses</i> Jan-Mar |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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!

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.

Stephen Ministry

Middle Age ...

Full of change, crisis and growth. We must deal with aging parents, adult children and our own mortality. If you are going through this crisis and need a sympathetic, trained listener, a Stephen Minister would like to be there for you.

THANK YOU: Carl and Leanne Parise and their family thank our church family for all the prayers, cards, wishes and food on the loss of Carl's mother. They sincerely appreciate all your love and support in a difficult time.

NEXT NAOMI CIRCLE MEETING: Scheduled for Wednesday, May 2nd, **10:30 a.m.**, in the Chapel of Bethel Park Retirement Residence. Please bring your Bible!

Note: We will break for the summer following this meeting. We will resume in September.

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!

Upcoming Dates!

Friday, Apr. 27th Youth Group Overnighter
 Saturday, Apr. 28th Spring Cleanup Workday

2018 Chancel Flowers

We only have one Sunday without Sponsors remaining:

June 24



If you would like to sponsor flowers, please contact:

Bethel Presbyterian Church
 2999 Bethel Church Road
 Bethel Park, PA 15102
 412/835-0405

Thank you to all those who sponsor our Chancel Flowers.

Carol MacDonald



GIFT CARD FOUND: One of our members turned in a gift card found in the parking lot. If you have lost a card, please see Kathy Young or Nancy Carr.



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 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

Monday, April 23 (Daily Readings: Psalm 97, 145, Exod. 32:1-20, Col. 3:18-4:6 {7-18}, Matt. 5:1-10)

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

Tuesday, April 24 (Daily Readings: Psalm 98, 146, Exod. 32:21-34, 1 Thess. 1:1-10, Matt. 5:11-16)

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

Wednesday, April 25 (Daily Readings: Psalm 99, 147:1-11, Exod. 33:1-23, 1 Thess. 2:1-12, Matt. 5:17-20)

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 11:30 a.m. Preschool Soccer Shots
 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, April 26 (Daily Readings: Psalm 47, 147:12-20, Exod. 34:1-17, 1 Thess. 2:13-20, Matt. 5:21-26)

9:30 a.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit
 12:00 p.m. Preparation for Preschool Spring Fling
 1:00 p.m. American Sewing Group
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6:45 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 27 (Daily Readings: Psalm 96, 148, Exod. 34:18-35, 1 Thess. 3:1-13, Matt. 5:27-37)

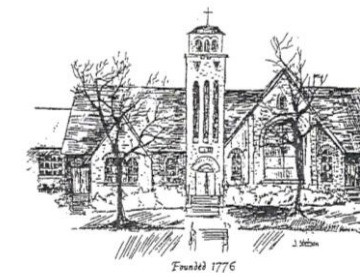
9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup
 6:30 p.m. Preschool Spring Fling
 8:00 p.m. Youth Group - Fun Fore All Overnight

Saturday, April 28 (Daily Readings: Psalm 92, 149, Exod. 40:18-38, 1 Thess. 4:1-12, Matt. 5:38-48)

12:00 a.m. Youth Group - Fun Fore All Overnight
 9:00 a.m. Church Spring Cleanup

Sunday, April 29 (Daily Readings: Psalm 93, 150, Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36, Heb. 12:1-14, Luke 4:16-30)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School - Small Groups
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
 Guest Pastor: Rev. Robert Downs
 (child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families SM - Z



Bethel Presbyterian Church
 Worship for the Lord's Day
 April 22, 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 "Jesu, My Trust" Praxis Pietatis Melica

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today is the same Jesus who refused temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of the world, he endured the shame of the cross and today is Lord of lords and King of kings. Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory and power. With the saints of all ages we say:

All: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

*** SONG OF ADORATION**
 Hymn #308: "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
All: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

*** SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*** SONG OF PRAISE**
 Hymn #106: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (Refrain - Verse 2 - Refrain)

(Children may come forward as we sing ...)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG OF PRAISE
 Hymn #106: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (Refrain - Verse 2 - Refrain)

(Children may return to their seats as we begin to sing ...)

FIRST READING Romans 10:9-15