

All: He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary and suffered under Pontius Pilate. He was crucified, dead and buried.

Liturgist: 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,

All: We 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.

*** SONG OF PRAISE**

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

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.

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 ...)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 133

ANTHEM "Above All" © Paul Baloche & Lenny LeBlanc

SECOND READING John 20:19-29

SERMON "Stories from Egypt"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

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*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

*** SONG OF RESPONSE**

Hymn #507: "I Come with Joy"

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSIONS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Debbie: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Debbie: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Debbie: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

THE CUP OF SALVATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

*** SONG FOR SENDING**

Hymn #467: "How Great Thou Art"

*** CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

*** BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE** "Chorus of Praise" Philip Kreckels

WORSHIP NOTES

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: Angel Jackson; Apr. 15th Stacey Lucidore

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families I - L; Apr. 15th Families M - O

CHILD CARE: The Stefancin Family; Apr. 15th Carrie Virgin & Marilyn Beckstrom

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 3: Pat Kaczmarek, Ken Niemeier, Ted Keenan, Jean Smith*, Ruth Stotesbery*; Apr. 15th - Team 4: Cindy Fair, Mary Pursglove, Brooke Cashman, Dottie Frazier*, Nancy Carr* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Pam Decker; Apr. 15th Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Larry Jay; Apr. 15th Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Steve Kloc; Apr. 15th Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Mable and Roy Werner, John "Bucky" Wright and Loved Ones, given by Deborah Williams.

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, Emily Parise, Donna Puglisi, Betty Ramsey, Dave Rawlings, Ann Reid, Sue Schoenberger, Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Kristi Wade, Edith Wallace, Russell York, Sam Zimmerman

Congregation Life
Weekly Newsletter
April 8, 2018

TODAY IS SPARE CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY: Every \$5 donated to SHIM allows the organization to purchase five times that amount of food at the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. SHIM will soon be starting its Community Gardens ... a project that will supply fresh produce to all of the Food Pantries. Additional funds are necessary to get this project underway. The money we collect during Fellowship helps many of our neighbors living in the South Hills.



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO PROVIDED PLANTS FOR OUR PRAYER STATIONS! Please pick up your plants from the McMillan Room. Contact Jessica Kelecava with any questions.



Join us on Wednesdays, April 11th and 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.

PLEGGED GIVING— February		\$ February Stewardship Report	
Received	\$15,568.00	MINISTRY EXPENSES— February	
Expected	\$19,417.00		
TOTAL INCOME— February		Actual	\$45,869.34
Actual	\$21,354.85	Expected	\$39,476.00
Goal	\$26,787.00	MINISTRY EXPENSES— Jan.-Feb.	
TOTAL INCOME— Jan.-Feb.		Actual	\$92,631.87
Actual	\$63,201.74	Expected	\$79,388.00
Goal	\$57,574.00	Expected expenses are calculated as 1/12 of the annual expected expense. Higher expense levels in January and February reflect one-time expenses that occur early in the calendar year. 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.

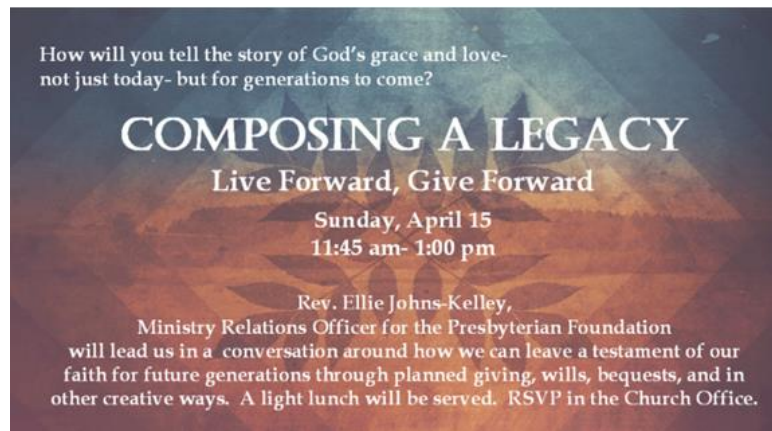
SEWERS NEEDED



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



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 8 (Daily Readings: Psalm 93, 150, Exod. 14:5-22, 1 John 1:1-7, John 14:1-7)

Youth Group Retreat at Windy Ridge
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - Small Groups
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 Communion Sunday – Team 4
 Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families I - L

Monday, April 9 (Daily Readings: Psalm 97, 145, Exod. 14:21-31, 1 Peter 1:1-12, John 14:{1-7} 8-17)

1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, April 10 (Daily Readings: Psalm 98, 146, Exod. 15:1-21, 1 Peter 1:13-25, John 14:18-31)

10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
 7:00 p.m. Coin Club Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting
 7:30 p.m. PW Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 11 (Daily Readings: Psalm 99, 147:1-11, Exod. 15:22-16:10, 1 Peter 2:1-10, John 15:1-11)

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

Thursday, April 12 (Daily Readings: Psalm 47, 147:12-20, Exod. 16:10-22, 1 Peter 2:11-3:12, John 15:12-27)

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

Friday, April 13 (Daily Readings: Psalm 96, 148, Exod. 16:23-36, 1 Peter 3:13-4:6, John 16:1-15)

9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

Saturday, April 14 (Daily Readings: Psalm 92, 149, Exod. 17:1-16, 1 Peter 4:7-19, John 16:16-33)

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 Stroech and Mary Love
 Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
 Guest: Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley
 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



Bethel Presbyterian Church
 Worship for the Lord's Day
 Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 April 8, 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.)**

PRELUDE Easter Medley

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is risen!
All: Now what?

Pastor: The disciples clung to each other. They huddled in the upper room, waiting.
All: Would the authorities come to take them, too?

Pastor: Instead, Jesus himself appeared, despite the locked door.
All: What next?

Pastor: Next came doubts and questions, assurances and instructions, and a last word:
All: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Pastor: Christ is risen! Now what?
All: Now we come together to wait for him.

Pastor: May the risen Christ bless us as we worship what we have not seen, yet believe.

*** SONG OF ADORATION**
 Hymn #111: "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

*** ACT OF CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS AND FAITH**
All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

*** SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Liturgist: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord.