

SERMON *"The Wonder of the Kingdom"*

\* SONG OF RESPONSE  
Insert - Hymn #519: *"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"*

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 *"Jesus, So Lowly"* Harold Friedell  
Chancel Choir

\* DOXOLOGY

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: In gratitude we bring these gifts to you, dear Lord. Accept them, bless them and use them, and use us too, for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

\* SONG FOR SENDING  
Hymn #155: *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*

\* BLESSING

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

\* POSTLUDE *St. John's Passion:* J. S. Bach  
*"In Meines Herzens Grunde"*

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, March 4<sup>th</sup> (Team 2, Heather Hunter).

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Alexis Kiesling; Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> Cathy Misko

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families P - SL; Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> Families SM - Z

CHILD CARE: The Kiesling Family; Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> The Lucidore Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 9: Phyllis Criss, Judy & Fred Shoemaker, Barb\* & Scott\* Schnabel; Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> - Team 10: Monica, Chris, Miranda & Leah Day, Jerry\* & Kris\* Wade (\*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Carol MacDonald; Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> Greg Smith

GRAPHICS TEAM: Larry Jay; Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Steve Kloc; Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:  
In Loving Memory of Hugh Criss, husband, and son Eric, given by Phyllis Criss.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hartley Baird, Hank Barr, Gary Bittner, Marilou Booth, Art Brandenburg, Ginny Burford, Sueann DeFurio, 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  
February 25, 2018

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: During the past months, South Hills Interfaith Movement has seen its client list continue to grow. As a result, the Food Pantry is low on some staples. SHIM needs jars of spaghetti sauce, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing and boxes of cereal.

FOOD PACKAGING EVENT: On Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Mission & Outreach is hosting a food packaging event. Rise Against Hunger is the new name for Stop Hunger Now who partnered with us two years ago for a food event in our Auditorium. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, we will pack 11,106 meals. We will need 50 volunteers to pack food and 10 volunteers to set up and clean up after the event. It is the host's responsibility to not only provide the volunteers, but also fund the event, so if you feel led to sponsor some meals, check out the bulletin board by the chairlift to track our progress and learn more about Rise Against Hunger. We are "Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World" and this is an excellent opportunity to live out that mission.

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.



Thank you so very much to everyone who participated in the Youth Group's spaghetti dinner this past Sunday! We had a blast sharing raffle prizes, line dancing, yummy food and laughter with you! Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$600 toward our trip to Hurricane, WV in June. We feel so blessed!

Thank you,  
The Youth Group and CE Committee

DEACON COLLEGE PACKAGES: The Deacons are asking parents to send us updated addresses for your college students by **March 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please send the information to Rebecca Smith at [dangreg@comcast.net](mailto:dangreg@comcast.net) or by calling her at 412/216-8963.

Upcoming Dates!

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| Wednesdays in Lent              | Dinner and All-Ages Interactive Study  |
| Saturday, Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Cub Scout Spaghetti Dinner             |
| Sunday, Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>    | Rise Against Hunger Food Packing Event |
| Sunday, Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>   | Membership Informational Gathering     |
| Sunday, Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Blanket Sunday                         |
| Sunday, Mar. 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Palm Sunday                            |
| Thursday, Mar. 29 <sup>th</sup> | Maundy Thursday Worship                |
| Friday, Mar. 30 <sup>th</sup>   | Good Friday Worship                    |
| Sunday, Apr. 1 <sup>st</sup>    | Easter Sunday                          |

Wednesday Nights in Lent



Feb. 21, 28 & March 7, 14 and 21  
6:30-8:00 pm

Dinner, Music, Activities,  
and Bible Study  
for ALL AGES together!

sign up on the easel in the hallway

Stephen Ministry

The House Echoes ...

They are all scattered now ... two at college, one in an apartment of his own. It's hard to cook for just two again. While you are glad they're becoming independent, you still miss them - sometimes so much that it hurts terribly. A Stephen Minister can help you sort through your feelings at this time.



### JANUARY 2018 BUDGET REPORT

Pledges	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Net Gain/ Loss
\$15,895	\$19,417	\$34,345	\$42,314	-\$7,969

**“LEGACY TALES” BOOKLETS ARE HERE!** These stories celebrate and tell a unique part of our 241 year history at Bethel Presbyterian Church. Written by you ~ the congregation ~ the tales were compiled into a booklet which is waiting for you to pick up. For some fun reading, stop by the Church Office to get your copy!

#### 2018 Chancel Flowers

With the New Year comes the need to update the Chancel Flower Calendar. This year we have several Sundays without Sponsors.

Here are the Sundays that are open:

March 25  
April 22  
May 13  
June 10  
October 21  
November 11



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**

### Winter 2018

Join us Sunday morning as we explore the life, miracles, and teachings of Jesus through the lens of the Gospel According to Matthew

#### Beginnings

1/7 star light, star bright  
1/14 to the river, in the desert

#### Purpose

2/11 the one we follow  
2/14 the road we travel (Ash Wednesday)

#### Miracles

1/21 healed by his choice  
1/28 assured by his power  
2/4 restored by his love

#### Message

(the Sundays of Lent)  
2/18 all that and more  
2/25 the wonder of the kingdom  
3/4 the challenge of forgiveness  
3/11 the question of perfection  
3/18 the justice of grace

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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### CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

**Sunday, February 25** (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 150, Gen. 41:14-45, Rom. 6:3-14, John 5:19-24)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School - Small Groups  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Lent 2  
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith  
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families P – SL

**Monday, February 26** (Daily Readings: Psalm 119:73-80, 145, Gen. 41:46-57, 1 Cor. 4:8-20 {21}, Mark 3:7-19a)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Conference Day  
1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

**Tuesday, February 27** (Daily Readings: Psalm 34, 146, Gen. 42:1-17, 1 Cor. 5:1-8, Mark 3:19b-35)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Conference Day  
10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots  
7:00 p.m. Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting  
7:30 p.m. PW Holiday-A-Fair Evaluation and Planning Meeting

**Wednesday, February 28** (Daily Readings: Psalm 5, 147:1-11, Gen. 42:18-28, 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11, Mark 4:1-20)

10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Soccer Shots – Free Mini Camp  
6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner & Study  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Deacons & Stephen Ministers Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting

**Thursday, March 1** (Daily Readings: Psalm 27, 147:12-20, Gen. 42:29-38, 1 Cor. 6:12-20, Mark 4:21-34)

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

**Friday, March 2** (Daily Readings: Psalm 22, 148, Gen. 43:1-15, 1 Cor. 7:1-9, Mark 4:35-41)

#### World Day of Prayer

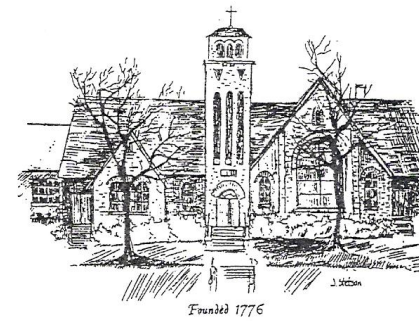
9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup  
7:00 p.m. Small Group - Book Review

**Saturday, March 3** (Daily Readings: Psalm 43, 149, Gen. 43:16-34, 1 Cor. 7:10-24, Mark 5:1-20)

4:30 p.m. Cub Scout Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday, March 4** (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 150, Gen. 44:1-17, Rom. 8:1-10, John 5:25-29)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School - Small Groups  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Lent 3  
Communion – Team 2  
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith  
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families SM – Z  
2:00 p.m. Rise Against Hunger  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting



**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
Worship for the Lord's Day  
Second Sunday of Lent  
February 25, 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**

*“Chorale in F# Minor”*

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* SONG OF ADORATION**

Hymn #220: *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of love, in the wrong that we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\* 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.**

**Note: As an act of care for our most vulnerable friends and family during this flu and cold season, we will not physically pass the peace to one another following the Gloria. Please be sure to share words of peace with one another as you depart from worship this morning!**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Hymn #333: *“Seek Ye First” (First Verse Only)*

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

**FIRST READING**

**Matthew 13:24-35**

**ANTHEM**

*“God So Loved the World”*  
Chancel Choir

John Stainer