

MINUTE FOR MISSION: MALAWI PARTNERSHIP

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.

*** PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Genesis 9:8-17

SERMON "A New Beginning"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY "Christ Is Victorious"

*** 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 #280: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

*** BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE** "Prelude in D Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

Upcoming Dates!

July 23 rd - 27 th	Vacation Bible School
July 29 th	VBS Celebration
Aug. 3 rd - 5 th	Bethel Serves Weekend, Friday – Worship, Saturday – Work, Sunday – Picnic
Aug. 11 th	Young Families Play Date
Aug. 25 th	Deacons' Tag Sale

Stephen Ministry

"Pull yourself together ..."

You've heard it a million times. But things just aren't coming together. You're still hurting. You need someone to listen and to care, without judging or pushing you to get better. A Stephen Minister can be this person for you.

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, July 1st (Team 3, Stacey Lucidore).

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Mary Helen Burroughs; July 1st Courtney Kiesling

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families P – SL; July 1st Families SM - Z

CHILD CARE: The Lucidore Family; July 1st Child Care rooms are open, but not staffed due to the holiday.

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 2: Heather & Jim Hunter, Lora Spence, Mary Helen Burroughs*, Kathy Crump*; July 1st - Team 3: Pat Kaczmarek, Ken Niemeier, Ted Keenan, Jean Smith*, Ruth Stotesbery* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Gary May; July 1st Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Alicia Ericson; July 1st Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; July 1st Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:
In Loving Memory of Joel Denney, given by Tom Hultz & 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, Joan Sherbak, Anne Unger, Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Kristi Wade, Edith Wallace, Russell York, Sam Zimmerman

BEGINNINGS & Blessings

A series of worship and message in Genesis, exploring the relationship of God with His people from the very beginning...


May-October 2018 Sundays at 10:30 am

Bethel Presbyterian Church
www.bethelpresby.org

Congregation Life
Weekly Newsletter
June 24, 2018

JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER BIBLE STUDY! We are diving into the book "Six Themes in Matthew Everyone Should Know" by Dr. James Davison. Pastor Cathie and Jessica are leading this study in the McMillan Room at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The book is \$10, but is not required to join us for the study. Any questions, please contact Jessica Kelecava.

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: SHIM hosts food pantries at three sites. They are requesting donations of ketchup, canned pineapple and salad dressing, but any nonperishable food item is appreciated. Plastic grocery bags are also needed so produce from the gardens can be bagged for the clients. Please leave your donations at the Marshall Road entrance.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT MAY 2018					
	Pledged Giving May	Total Income May	Total Income Jan-May	Ministry Expenses May	Ministry Expenses Jan-May
Actual	\$17,520	\$24,133	\$139,334	\$20,321	\$176,535
Expected	\$22,167	\$26,289	\$136,411	\$33,543	\$195,087

Thank you for your support of our church. Please keep in mind that we are running a deficit budget and your continued support and prayers will be needed over the coming months.



Did you miss a sermon?
Past sermons are now available to listen to on our website!!

Recordings include music, prayers and other parts of the worship service, too!

www.bethelpresby.org/sermons



MALAWI PARTNERSHIP - A NEW HORIZON FOR BPC

Please read the following letter from Marissa Virgin introducing you to this new partnership!

Hello all!

I am so thrilled to be finally sharing the good news that Bethel Presbyterian is taking part in the International Partnership of Pittsburgh Presbytery with the Synod of Blantyre in Malawi and the South Sudan Presbyterian and Evangelical Church. For my first letter on the partnership, I would like to take a moment to share with you all the journey that I, and the Mission and Outreach Committee, took to get to this place.

I first became aware of the partnership between Pittsburgh Presbytery and the Synod of Blantyre when I was in high school (circa 2004). My good friend, Brooke Merry, had just returned from living in Malawi for a year, where her dad, Rev. Dan Merry, was acting as

a liaison between the Presbytery and Synod. It was from hearing those first stories of this country that I knew something special had been developed. I knew that Bethel Presbyterian needed to be a part of this, but it was not yet the time. For the next 13 years, I kept praying that one day we would have the opportunity!

Well, in the early parts of 2017, opportunity came “a-knocking”. Once again, Brooke was going to live in Malawi for a year. She encouraged me to take this as an opportunity to come visit the “warm heart of Africa”. As excited as I was at the prospect of travelling to Malawi, I knew that this was the time for Bethel Presbyterian. It was our time to step out of the rocking boat on the troubled seas and trust that God has a plan for our congregation.

What transpired rather quickly over the course of the next year was myself presenting the partnership idea to Pastor Cathie, sharing the idea with Jessica, meeting individually with members of Pittsburgh Presbytery's Partnership Committee, presenting the idea to Mission and Outreach, attending Partnership Meetings at Pittsburgh Presbytery, presenting the idea to Session and praying, praying, praying for wisdom and certainty that this was God's plan for us. Often, you hear people talk about God's timing. I never really knew what that felt like until this process. It seemed like every step of the way was a smooth transition into the next. As a Committee, Mission and Outreach voted to take the idea to Session, who unanimously voted to move forward with the partnership right before a cohort from Pittsburgh Presbytery was set to travel to Malawi. During that visit, they matched us with a congregation called Nthemba, meaning hope. In July, I will have the privilege of visiting that congregation as the first representative from Bethel Presbyterian in order to kick off our partnership! I hope that you are as excited as I am that we are embarking on this new spiritual partnership! Over the course of the next few months, I ask that you please pray for me and my journey to our sister church. If you feel so called to support this trip in any manner, I would greatly appreciate it. In closing, I would like to encourage you to pray about God's plan for your involvement in our new adventure!

Blessings,
Marissa Virgin

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, June 24 (Daily Readings: Psalm 19, 150, Num. 14:26-45, Acts 15:1-12, Luke 12:49-56)

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
11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, June 25 (Daily Readings: Psalm 135, 145, Num. 16:1-19, Rom. 3:21-31, Matt. 19:13-22)

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, June 26 (Daily Readings: Psalm 123, 146, Num. 16:20-35, Rom. 4:1-12, Matt. 19:23-30)

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

Wednesday, June 27 (Daily Readings: Psalm 15, 147:1-11, Num. 16:36-50, Rom. 4:13-25, Matt. 20:1-16)

7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Matthew)

Thursday, June 28 (Daily Readings: Psalm 36, 147:12-20, Num. 17:1-11, Rom. 5:1-11, Matt. 20:17-28)

Youth Group Trip to Kennywood
1:00 p.m. American Sewing Group
5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
6:45 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

Friday, June 29 (Daily Readings: Psalm 130, 148, Num. 20:1-13, Rom. 5:12-21, Matt. 20:29-34)

Saturday, June 30 (Daily Readings: Psalm 56, 149, Num. 20:14-29, Rom. 6:1-11, Matt. 21:1-11)

4:00 p.m. Millennium Park Outing
Bethel Park's 4th of July Celebration

Sunday, July 1 (Daily Readings: Psalm 67, 150, Num. 21:4-9, 21-35, Acts 17:{12-21} 23-24, Luke 13:10-17)

10:30 a.m. Worship
Communion Sunday - Team 3, Stacey Lucidore
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
11:30 a.m. Fellowship – Families SM - Z
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
July 1, 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 “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

All: You turn us back to dust and say, “turn back you mortals.” For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning. Our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

One: We are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

All: Turn, O Lord! Have compassion on your servants! Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us. Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF TRUST AND ADORATION**

Hymn #210: “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

STORY TIME “After the Flood”

INTERACTIVE PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please listen for instruction from Jessica Kelecava about how to present a written prayer of blessing and promise. If you do not feel comfortable or are not able to approach the front, please feel free to participate in your seat or give your prayer to another person to present up front. Thank you.

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.