

*** 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 *(Sing first verse only.)*

Insert - Hymn #755: "Speak O Lord"

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

FIRST READING *Psalm 51:1-12*

ANTHEM "What Wondrous Love Is This" Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Bell Choir

SECOND READING *Matthew 19:16-26*

SERMON "The Question of Perfection"

*** SONG OF RESPONSE**

Hymn #391: "Take My Life"

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 "Seek First the Kingdom" Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all peoples and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** SONG FOR SENDING**

Hymn #339: "Be Thou My Vision"

*** BLESSING**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

*** POSTLUDE** St. John's Passion: J. S. Bach
"Petrus, Der Nicht Denkt Zuruck"

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 Thursday, March 29th (Team 3, Roy Burford).

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Barbara Jay; March 18th Marilyn Beckstrom

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families A & B; March 18th Families C & D

CHILD CARE: The Stefancin Family; March 18th The Schultz Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 11: Morris* & Ann* Lindsay, Lana & Jason Kling, Marilyn DeHuff; March 18th - Team 12: Pat & Bill Brown, Carole Legleitner, Stacey* & Brad* Lucidore (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Pam Decker; March 18th Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Alicia Ericson; March 18th Larry Jay

SOUND BOARD: Steve Kloc; March 18th Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Jacob Robert Dunn, given by Shirley and Bob Gales.
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, 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
March 11, 2018

THANK YOU to all who participated in Rise Against Hunger! We received all of the money needed to pay for the meals and we had so many volunteers that it only took 1½ hours to pack 11,000 meals. The Mission & Outreach Committee is extremely thankful for everyone who set up, packed meals, cleaned up and contributed. You have made a difference!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION GATHERING: Today, following worship, the Membership Committee and Pastor Cathie will host an informal gathering for anyone interested in learning more about Bethel Presbyterian Church - our history, our beliefs, our programs and ministries, and how you can be a part of what we are and do. We will meet after worship in the McMillan Room (the lounge by the Church Office).

TODAY IS SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY FOR SHIM: Please deposit your change in the containers during Fellowship Hour. This is a great way to assist our neighbors in need during this Lenten Season. Currently, South Hills Interfaith Movement is in the midst of its annual campaign to raise money to benefit the Food Pantries. During the campaign, the Buhl Foundation will be matching donations up to \$25,000, so our donations will go twice as far.

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: The shelves at SHIM are in need of salad dressing, creamed soups and paper towels. These items, or any nonperishable food, would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Upcoming Dates!

Wednesdays in Lent
Sunday, Mar. 18th
Sunday, Mar. 25th
Thursday, Mar. 29th
Friday, Mar. 30th
Sunday, Apr. 1st

Dinner and All-Ages Interactive Study
Blanket Sunday
Palm Sunday
Maundy Thursday Worship
Good Friday Worship
Easter Sunday

JANUARY 2018 BUDGET REPORT



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

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

2018 Chancel Flowers

This year we have several Sundays without Sponsors.

Here are the Sundays that are open:

- 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

Miracles

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

Purpose

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

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

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, March 11 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 150, Gen. 48:8-22, Rom. 8:11-25, John 6:27-40)

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Lent 4
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families A & B
- 11:30 a.m. Membership Information Gathering
- 3:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Clean QM Cupboard
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting

Monday, March 12 (Daily Readings: Psalm 119:73-80, 145, Gen. 49:1-28, 1 Cor. 10:14-11:1, Mark 7:24-37)

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

Tuesday, March 13 (Daily Readings: Psalm 34, 146, Gen. 49:29-50:14, 1 Cor. 11:2-34, Mark 8:1-10)

Preschool Closed

- 7:00 a.m. Special Election Voting
- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 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, March 14 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5, 147:1-11, Gen. 50:15-26, 1 Cor. 12:1-11, Mark 8:11-26)

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Spring Picture Day
- 9:00 a.m. South Branch Retreat
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Preschool Soccer Shots
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner & Study
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting

Thursday, March 15 (Daily Readings: Psalm 27, 147:12-20, Exod. 1:6-22, 1 Cor. 12:12-26, Mark 8:27-9:1)

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Spring Picture Day
- 5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 16 (Daily Readings: Psalm 22, 148, Exod. 2:1-22, 1 Cor. 12:27-13:3, Mark 9:2-13)

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Spring Picture Day
- 9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup
- 7:00 p.m. Small Group - Book Review

Saturday, March 17 (Daily Readings: Psalm 43, 149, Exod. 2:23-3:15, 1 Cor. 13:1-13, Mark 9:14-29)

Sunday, March 18 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 150, Exod. 3:16-4:12, Rom. 12:1-21, John 8:46-59)

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Lent 5
Blanket Sunday
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families C & D
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:30 a.m. VBS Leadership Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Tartan Day Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 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 "Come, Ye Disconsolate" Terry Osman
Bell Choir

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
All: His steadfast love endures forever.

Liturgist: Give thanks to the God of gods;
All: His steadfast love endures forever.

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord of lords;
All: His steadfast love endures forever.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the Lord.

*** SONG OF ADORATION**
Hymn #276: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Liturgist: Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,
All: Forgive us;

Liturgist: For the things we have failed to do that we regret,
All: Forgive us;

Liturgist: For the times we have acted without love,
All: Forgive us;

Liturgist: For the times we have reacted without thought,
All: Forgive us;

Liturgist: For all the times we have withdrawn care,
All: Forgive us;

Liturgist: For all the times we have failed to forgive,
All: Forgive us;

Liturgist: For hateful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,
All: God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

at Bethel Presbyterian Church

PALM SUNDAY 10:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 AM

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