

thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place. May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over. May they be our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NIV Version)

SERMON "First Fruits"

PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY "Celtic Communion" Arr. Mark Hayes

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Liturgist: Please join me as we dedicate these offerings to God's use and purposes.

All: Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

*** COMMUNION SONG**

Hymn #514: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: 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: In deep gratitude for this moment, this meal and for these people, we give ourselves to you, most holy God. Take us out into the world to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much in us, encourage many through us. May we dedicate our lives to your glory. Amen.

*** CLOSING SONG**

Hymn #414: "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" (Verses 1 and 3 Only)

*** BLESSING**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

*** POSTLUDE** Variations on "Kingsfold" Ralph Vaughan Williams

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, Nov. 4th, Team 3 – Stacey Lucidore.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Mary Helen Burroughs; Oct. 14th Angel Jackson

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families SM - Z; Oct. 14th Families A & B

CHILD CARE: Carrie Virgin & Marilyn Beckstrom; Oct. 14th Rob McKinley & Jessica Kelecava

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 5: Dave Long, Carl Parise, Russ Lautenschlager, Marilyn* & Dan* Beckstrom; Oct. 14th - Team 6: Hank & Paula Barr, Diane & Jack Miller, Barbara* & Larry* Jay (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Greg Smith; Oct. 14th Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Larry Jay; Oct. 14th Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; Oct. 14th Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Bonnie's father, David Lowry, and her sister, Katherine Lowry, given by Bonnie, Erika and Greg Opsal.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hartley Baird, Hank Barr, Betty Bauer, Gary Bittner, Marilou Booth, Art Brandenburg, Ginny Burford, Michele Cobb, Sueann DeFurio, Bob Dare, Linda Dermotta, Cliff Fair, Jean Fishel, Ginny Flynn, Bettyjean Gamble, Linda Hackett, Dick Jones, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Whitten Little, Emily Parise, Leanne 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

Upcoming Events

Oct. 13th Fall Cleanup Day
 Oct. 13th - 18th Malawi Visitor
 Oct. 27th Older Adult Fellowships
 Oct. 28th Trunk or Treat
 Nov. 10th Holiday-A-Fair

Congregation Life

Weekly Newsletter

October 7, 2018

MARY & MARTHA CIRCLE: Circle will meet Monday evening, Oct. 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in the McMillan Room. All ladies are invited to attend. We have a light meal, devotion, Bible Study and fun Christian fellowship. No reservation required; just show up and join us. We would love to have you!

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY (Meets at 7:30 p.m. in the McMillan Room): Join Jessica and Pastor Cathie as we spend the year reading and discussing the book *Unafraid*, by Adam Hamilton. We will dive into current issues of why we live in a society of fear and how that impacts our Christian faith. How can we respond and learn and find joy and strength in Christ? We will look at such fears as loneliness, financial burden, terrorism and aging. Adam Hamilton teaches us how to cling to Jesus' famous phrase: "Do not be afraid." Books are available from Jessica for \$15.

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: The Food Pantry at SHIM is in need of canned pineapple, jars of pasta sauce and personal care items such as soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. All donations can be left at the Marshall Road entrance.

Saturday, October 13
9 am- Noon



Bring yard tools and work gloves and help get the building and grounds ready for colder weather.


There will be something for everyone to do, including a special project for children!



WHEN ENTERING OUR PARKING LOTS, please use caution. The speed limit is 5 miles per hour once you enter the parking lots. We need to protect our Preschool and Child Care children, staff and visitors. ***Drive slowly and watch carefully!***

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

AUGUST 2018

	Pledged Giving August	Total Income August	Total Income Jan-August	Ministry Expenses August	Ministry Expenses Jan-August
Actual	\$17,987	\$25,820	\$223,498	\$51,724	\$296,351
Expected	\$22,167	\$26,289	\$230,278	\$33,095	\$300,374

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.

OCTOBER 14TH WILL BE OUR NEXT SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY FOR SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT: The gardens that helped provide fresh produce for the families using SHIM's services have reached the end of their growing season. Our donations will help SHIM purchase fresh produce from the Greater Pittsburgh Food Pantry.



PRAYER SERVICE: On Sunday, Nov. 4th, our Stephen Ministers would like to invite you to the Annual Memorial Prayer Service after worship. This is a special time of reflection to remember our loved ones who have passed away. *(No advance sign-up is needed to attend.)*



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

HOLIDAY-A-FAIR IS ONLY WEEKS AWAY (SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH)! PW is looking for home-crafted items to add to our craft table. Do you have an item you would like to donate? Please see Mary Helen Burroughs or Lana Kling or you can place your donation in the McMillan Room. (Please leave a note with your name if you are leaving your donation in the McMillan Room.)



Stephen Ministry

It can't be that bad ...

But it is! And no one seems to understand what you're going through. At times like this, you need a concerned Christian friend who will listen while you work through your feelings. A Stephen Minister can be that friend.

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, October 7 (Daily Readings: Psalm 103, 150, Hos. 5:8-6:6, 1 Cor. 2:6-16, Matt. 14:1-12)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
10:30 a.m. Worship, Dedication Sunday
Communion Sunday, Team 2
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
Fellowship: Families SM - Z
11:30 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting
6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, October 8 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5, 145, Hos. 6:7-7:7, Acts 22:30-23:11, Luke 6:39-49)

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. Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 9 (Daily Readings: Psalm 42, 146, Hos. 7:8-16, Acts 23:12-24, Luke 7:1-17)

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

Wednesday, October 10 (Daily Readings: Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, Hos. 8:1-14, Acts 23:23-35, Luke 7:18-35)

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

Thursday, October 11 (Daily Readings: Psalm 97, 147:12-20, Hos. 9:1-9, Acts 24:1-23, Luke 7:36-50)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Trax Farm Trips
5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 12 (Daily Readings: Psalm 51, 148, Hos. 9:10-17, Acts 24:24-25:12, Luke 8:1-15)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Trax Farm Trips
9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

Saturday, October 13 (Daily Readings: Psalm 104, 149, Hos. 10:1-15, Acts 25:13-27, Luke 8:16-25)

9:00 a.m. Host Malawi Visitor
Fall Cleanup and Kids' Project

Sunday, October 14 (Daily Readings: Psalm 19, 150, Hos. 11:1-11, 1 Cor. 4:9-16, Matt. 15:21-28)

9:15 a.m. Host Malawi Visitor
10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
Worship, Malawi Visitor
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
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Fellowship: Families A & B
6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Youth Group



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
World Communion Sunday
October 7, 2018
10:30 A.M.

"Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World"

** Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

PRELUDE "All Beautiful the March of Days" Ralph Vaughan Williams

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

*** SONG OF ADORATION**
Hymn #229: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

CALL TO HUMILITY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

All: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; 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. 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.

Liturgist: This we can know, this we can trust. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to live for him.

All: Thanks be to God!

*** 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.

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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

PLEDGE DEDICATION PRAYER

All: Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. The pledges we bring this morning are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us; and they are pledged in