

**\* 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.**

**\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**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.**

**STORY TIME** *Isaac and Rebecca*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE** *Genesis 24:22-27*

**SERMON** *"Led Along the Way"*

**PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD**

**OFFERTORY** *Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Orlando Gibbons* Healey Willan

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**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 #507: *"I Come with Joy"*

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSIONS 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: 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**  
Insert: *"He Leadeth Me"*

**\* BLESSING**

**\* POSTLUDE** *Chorale Prelude on the Tune "Bevan" by John Goss* Healey Willan

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:** Katherine Helmlinger Mooney of Sarasota, FL passed away on August 28<sup>th</sup>. She was the daughter of Isabel Fife Helmlinger, our accomplished organist for many years. Katherine leaves daughters Amy and Meghan and granddaughter Anna. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**NELL ERWIN MEMORIAL SERVICE:** The Erwin family is planning a Graveside Service for Nell on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. Friends of Nell's are welcome to join the family for this service. (Participants can park in our church parking lot and walk to the cemetery office building.)

**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, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, Team 2 – Heather Hunter.

**MEMBERS IN SERVICE**

**LITURGISTS:** Cathy Misko; Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Courtney Kiesling

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:** Families C & D; Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Families E - H

**CHILD CARE:** Child Care rooms are open, but not staffed due to the holiday; Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> The Decker Family

**WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM:** Team 12: Pat & Bill Brown, Carole Legleitner, Stacey\* & Brad\* Lucidore; Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - Team 1: Greg Smith, Pam & Conrad Adomaitis, Tom Hultz\*, Betty Bauer\* (\*Chairlift)

**SANCTUARY COORDINATORS:** Pam Decker; Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Carol MacDonald

**GRAPHICS TEAM:** Robin Macherey; Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Larry Jay

**SOUND BOARD:** Frank Jackson; Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Steve Kloc

**CHANCEL FLOWERS:**  
In Loving Memory of Philip DeHuff, given by Marilyn.  
In Loving Memory of Sylvia Brandenburg, given by Art Brandenburg & family.



**THE DEACONS WISH TO SAY "THANK YOU" TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!** Thank you for getting the word out on the Rummage Sale. Thank you for bringing in your items to sell. Thank you for helping to unload items and price them. Thank you for helping to set up. Thank you for helping the day of the sale and for packing the unsold items after the sale. You are an awesome church family and you made our sale a huge success!

**DEAR CHURCH FAMILY:** Regarding my husband's recent operation ... I want to take this time to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. And also for the extra thoughtfulness and kindness in providing transportation, food, etc. Bob is resting comfortably and we ask for your continued prayers.

*Love,  
Mabel Dare and Family*

**SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES:** In order to fully stock the shelves at the Food Pantry, South Hills Interfaith Movement is requesting donations of jars of spaghetti sauce, canned pineapple and baking items. Also, they need plastic grocery bags so clients can take their produce home. All donations are appreciated and can be left at the Marshall Road entrance.



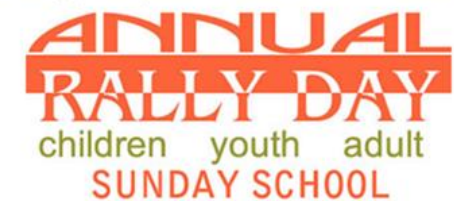
**THE WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will resume on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the McMillan Room. We will be reading the book of Nehemiah. He was a "man with a plan" and with God's help accomplished his goal. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible.

**LADIES' SMALL GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT:** Join us beginning Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, on Rally Day for studying "A Box of Butterflies" by Roma Downey (from the hit TV show Touched by an Angel). Books will be sold for \$10. Please see Jessica Kelecava, Kathy Crump or Carrie Virgin for a book!

**LET'S GO TO THE THEATER!** We are rescheduling the date for viewing Moses on Stage from the Lancaster Sight and Sound Theater at South Hills Village AMC 10. This is a video recording of Lancaster's Sight and Sound Theater's production of Moses. There will be a viewing on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 12:55 p.m. Please let Jessica Kelecava know by Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, if you would like to come. There is a sign-up sheet on the way to Fellowship.

**THE PW NAOMI CIRCLE** will resume their meetings on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., at the Bethel Park Retirement Center (across the street from the church). Please bring your Bible!

Sunday, September 9 9:30 am



Come learn about classes and options for the fall- and have some yummy treats, too!

**SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY:** September 9<sup>th</sup> will be our next Small Change Collection Sunday for South Hills Interfaith Movement. Fall is the time that SHIM begins its preschool, tutoring and mentoring programs so it needs not only financial support, but additional volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Debi Dempsey at 412/854-9120, Ext. 106.

**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.

PER CAPITA STATUS AS OF JULY 31, 2018			
Per Capita Invoice	Amount Budgeted	Amount Collected	Difference
\$8,603	\$4,000	\$3,508	-\$1,095

**CHOIR REMINDER:** For those of you who are returning or may be interested in joining our musical ensembles, our season will commence the week after Labor Day. Bell Choir (in the Sanctuary) and the Chancel Choir (in the Choir Room) meet at their respective times (6:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.). Both of these ensembles are looking for new members to join and we encourage participation in the music program at BPC. If you are interested in joining, please see Jason Wilcox for more information.

**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, Bert Drummond, Cliff Fair, Jean Fishel, Ginny Flynn, Bettyjean Gamble, Linda Hackett, Dick Jones, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Whitten Little, Jack Miller, 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

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#### CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

**Sunday, September 2** (Daily Readings: Psalm 108, 150, Job 11:1-9, 13-20, Rev. 5:1-14, Matt. 5:1-12)

10:30 a.m. Worship  
 Communion - Team 1  
 Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith  
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families C & D  
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting

**Monday, September 3** (Daily Readings: Psalm 62, 145, Job 12:1-6, 13-25, Acts 11:19-30, John 8:21-32)

Church Closed for the Holiday

**Tuesday, September 4** (Daily Readings: Psalm 12, 146, Job 12:1, 13:3-17, 21-27, Acts 12:1-17, John 8:33-47)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Orientation  
 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting  
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots  
 7:00 p.m. CE Committee Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Supportive Services Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, September 5** (Daily Readings: Psalm 96, 147:1-11, Job 12:1, 14:1-22, Acts 12:18-25, John 8:47-59)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Orientation  
 10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle  
 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, September 6** (Daily Readings: Psalm 116, 147:12-20, Job 16:16-22, 17:1, 13-16, Acts 13:1-12, John 9:1-17)

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

**Friday, September 7** (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 148, Job 19:1-7, 14-27, Acts 13:13-25, John 9:18-41)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Orientation

**Saturday, September 8** (Daily Readings: Psalm 63, 149, Job 22:1-4, 21-23:7, Acts 13:26-43, John 10:1-18)

11:00 a.m. Nell Erwin Graveside Service

**Sunday, September 9** (Daily Readings: Psalm 103, 150, Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6, Rev. 14:1-7, 13, Matt. 5:13-20)

9:30 a.m. Rally Day  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups Begin  
 10:30 a.m. Worship, Teacher Commissioning  
 Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith  
 (child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)  
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families E - H  
 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 1



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 available to listen to on  
 our website!!**

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**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
**September 2, 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** Variations on the Solid Rock

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us worship the eternal God,  
**All: The Source of love and life, who creates us.**

One: Let us worship Jesus Christ,  
**All: The Risen One, who lives among us.**

One: Let us worship the Holy Spirit,  
**All: The Living Presence, who renews us.**

One: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\* SONG OF ADORATION**  
 Hymn #138: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Wondrous God, who sets sun and moon above us, mountains and valleys beneath us and friends and strangers among us: how often we have tried to hide from your presence; how seldom we have looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand!  
**All: Christ, have mercy on us.**

One: Wondrous God, who took upon yourself our flesh in Jesus our brother and disclosed yourself in the face of Jesus Christ, how often we have forgotten you. How seldom we have really loved and followed you!  
**All: Christ, have mercy on us.**

One: Wondrous God, who pours out freely your Holy Spirit: how often we have asked for your help or accepted your gifts!  
**All: Christ, have mercy on us and call us back to you. Show us how to follow you, love you and serve you as we should. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**