

SERMON "Report from Malawi"

UPDATE ON MALAWI VISITOR

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Insert: "Come! Live in the Light!"

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

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 "You Are Forever God" Pepper Choplin

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist: Please join me in prayer as we dedicate our offerings to God's purposes ...

All: Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions - signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us - Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* SONG FOR SENDING

Hymn #535: "Go with Us, Lord" (Sing two times.)

* BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE "Blessed Assurance" Christian Heinrich Rinck

Upcoming Dates!

Sept. 30th Homecoming Picnic at Oliver Miller Homestead
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

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, Oct. 7th, Team 2 - Heather Hunter.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Stacey Lucidore; Sept. 30th Debbie Smith

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families M - O; Sept. 30th Families P - SL

CHILD CARE: The Schultz Family; Sept. 30th Wendy Roithner & Jessica Kelecava

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 3: Pat Kaczmarek, Ken Niemeier, Ted Keenan, Jean Smith*, Ruth Stotesbery*; Sept. 30th - Team 4: Cindy Fair, Mary Pursglove, Brooke Cashman, Dottie Frazier*, Nancy Carr* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Carol MacDonald; Sept. 30th Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Robin Macherey; Sept. 30th Larry Jay

SOUND BOARD: Frank Jackson; Sept. 30th Steve Kloc

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of George & Margaret Williams, parents, and stepmother Jackie Hanley, given by Cheryl Williams.
In Loving Memory of Florence Malkmes, given by Cliff & Pam Decker & family.



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

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.

Congregation Life Weekly Newsletter September 23, 2018

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.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE GROWING YOUNG ASSESSMENT: As our congregation continues to seek to be a place of welcome to people of all ages and to better express that welcome to youth, young adults and families, Session invites you to complete a brief online assessment to help us meet that goal. This survey is based on the work of the Fuller Youth Institute, specifically the research presented in the book Growing Young: 6 essential strategies to help young people discover and love your church. We anticipate it will take you approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete and your responses will remain confidential as they are incorporated into a larger report.

Please complete the survey by September 30, 2018. The survey is available at www.oursurvey.church/BethelPresbyterianChurchBethelPark. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP 2019 - FIRST FRUITS: Stewardship baskets will start making the rounds the week of September 23rd. Watch for a visit from your neighbor.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AUGUST 2018

Table with 6 columns: Actual, Pledged Giving August, Total Income August, Total Income Jan-August, Ministry Expenses August, Ministry Expenses Jan-August. Rows for Actual and Expected values.

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.



CHOIR REMINDER: For those interested in joining our musical ensembles, there is still time. The Bell Choir (in the Sanctuary) and the Chancel Choir (in the Choir Room) meet at their respective times (6:30 p.m./7:45 p.m.). Both of these ensembles are looking for new members and we encourage participation in the music program at BPC. If you are interested in joining, please see Jason Wilcox for more information.



THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE DEACONS for organizing and leading a fantastically successful Rummage Sale! With the help of so many people we were able to extend a real sense of care and welcome to our community and to express love in such a tangible way to Emily and her family!

**Can you believe this total?
\$4,232.50!**



**Fall 2018
Sunday School and Small Group Offerings**

1. Children's Sunday School

Lower Preschool Rooms
9:30-10:15AM
Holy Moly
Preschool/Kindergarten
and 1st-4th Grade

2. Youth Sunday School

Generation Change
Youth Room
9:15-10:15AM

3. Women's Book Group

John McMillan Room
Box of Butterflies
by Roma Downey
9:30-10:30AM

4. Men's Bible Study

The Miracles of Jesus
Coming Mid-October

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

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, September 23 (Daily Readings: Psalm 67, 150, Esther 3:1-4:3, James 1:19-27, Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18)

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 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 M - O
- 11:30 a.m. Stewardship Captains Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, September 24 (Daily Readings: Psalm 57, 145, Esther 4:4-17, Acts 18:1-11, Luke {1:1-4}, 3:1-14)

- 1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, September 25 (Daily Readings: Psalm 54, 146, Esther 5:1-14, Acts 18:12-28, Luke 3:15-22)

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
- 5:30 p.m. Child Care Fire Safety and First Aid
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons and Stephen Ministers Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Mission & Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, September 26 (Daily Readings: Psalm 65, 147:1-11, Esther 6:1-14, Acts 19:1-10, Luke 4:1-13)

- 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, September 27 (Daily Readings: Psalm 143, 147:12-20, Esther 7:1-10, Acts 19:11-20, Luke 4:14-30)

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

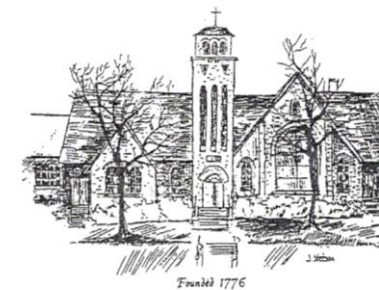
Friday, September 28 (Daily Readings: Psalm 88, 148, Esther 8:1-8, 15-17, Acts 19:21-41, Luke 4:31-37)

- 9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

Saturday, September 29 (Daily Readings: Psalm 122, 149, Esther 9:1-32, Acts 20:1-16, Luke 4:38-44)

Sunday, September 30 (Daily Readings: Psalm 108, 150, Hos. 1:1-2:1, James 3:1-13, Matt. 13:44-52)

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
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- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families P - SL
- 2:00 p.m. Oliver Miller Homestead Day/Picnic



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
September 23, 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 "Postlude in G Major" Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Let us sing to the Lord and bless His name; let us tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: Let us declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

*** SONG OF ADORATION**

Hymn #423: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

*** CALL TO HUMILITY**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*** WORDS OF GRACE**

*** SONG OF PRAISE**

Insert: "Give Thanks" (Sing two times.)

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(When the music begins to play, you may return to your seat and children may come forward for their special time.)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG OF PREPARATION (Sing first verse only.)

Insert: "Ancient Words"

(As we sing, children may return to their seats.)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 98:1-9a

CHORAL ANTHEM "Be Strong in the Lord" Tom Fettke

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:11-22