

*** 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**

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread #505

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.

One: Holy God, we praise you. We bless 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.

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**

The God of Abraham Praise #488

*** BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE** "Faith of Our Fathers" Henri F. Hemy & James G. Walton

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' Rummage Sale

Stephen Ministry

Sadness ...A sadness settles so softly on us. It is seemingly without cause. Yet it lingers like the winter fog. A caring, trained Stephen Minister is ready to help you find your way through the mist. He or she will not judge you or push you to get better; instead, your Stephen Minister will listen and care for you while you work through your feelings.

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, August 5th

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Courtney Kiesling; July 8th Angel Jackson

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families SM – Z; July 8th Families A & B

CHILD CARE: Child Care rooms are open, but not staffed due to the holiday. July 8th Decker Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 3: Pat Kaczmarek, Ken Niemeier, Ted Keenan, Jean Smith*, Ruth Stotesbery* (*Chairlift); July 8th – Team 4: Cindy Fair, Mary Pursglove, Brooke Cashman, Dottie Frazier*, Tom Hultz*, (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Carol MacDonald; July 8th Gary May

GRAPHICS TEAM: Robin Macherey; July 8th Larry Jay

SOUND BOARD: Frank Jackson; July 8th Steve Kloc

CHANCEL FLOWERS: In Loving Memory of Donald Alan Dare, In Honor of husband Robert Dare, son David Dare, granddaughters Brittany and Shannon Dare, given by Mabel Dare.

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, Kathy Young, Sam Zimmerman



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


**Congregation Life
Weekly Newsletter
July 1, 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.

DEACONS RUMMAGE SALE: It's time to donate your extra stuff. The Deacons are having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 25th. We will accept books, children's clothing, stuffed animals, furniture, toys, household, yard, garden, kitchen, and holiday items, tools, jewelry, and games. We cannot accept Readers Digest books, encyclopedias, medical texts, school texts, TVs, electronics, mattresses, and upholstered furniture. Please make sure all items are clean and gently used with no missing parts. The sale of your stuff will benefit our missions.

**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.



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

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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, July 1** (Daily Readings: Psalm 67,150; Num. 21:4-9, 21-35; Acts 17:12-24; Luke 13:10-17)
10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion, Team 3
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship – Families SM – Z
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting
- Monday, July 2** (Daily Readings: Psalm 57, 145; Num. 22:1-21, Rom. 6:12-23; Matt. 21:12-22)
6:00 p.m. Boy Scout JLC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, July 3** (Daily Readings: Psalm 54, 146; Num. 22:21-38; Rom. 7:1-12; Matt. 21: 23-32)
10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
7:00 p.m. Supportive Services Meeting
- Wednesday, July 4** (Daily Readings: Psalm 65;147:1-11; Num. 22:41---23:12; Rom. 7:13-25; Matt 21:33-46)
Church closed for holiday.
Child Care closed for holiday
- Thursday, July 5** (Daily Readings: Psalm 143,147:12-20; Num. 23: 11-26; Rom. 8: 1-11; Matt. 22 1-14)
5;00 p.m. Kinder Karate
- Friday, July 6** (Daily Readings: Psalm 88, 148; Num. 24: 1-13; Rom. 8: 12-17; Matt. 22: 15-22)
- Saturday, July 7** (Daily readings: Psalm 122; 149; Num. 24: 12-25; Rom. 8: 18-25; Matt. 22: 23-40)
- Sunday, July 8** (Daily Readings: Psalm 108; 150; Num. 27: 12-23; Acts 19: 11-20; Mark 1: 14-20)
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor: Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
Baptism: Austin James Virgin and Logan William Virgin
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Families A & B
All Church / Family Outing
3:30 p.m. Christian Concert and
5:35 p.m. Wild Things Ballgame



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 "Improvisations on the day's hymns"

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND CLAIM OF FAITH

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord. Conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he was crucified, dead and buried. On 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. I 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.

*** SONG OF PRAISE**

From All that Dwell Below the Skies #229

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 MOMENT God Calls Abram

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:1-4a

SERMON The Strong Step of Faith

PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY