

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*** SONG OF GRACE**

Hymn #383: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 "God So Loved the World" John Stainer
Chancel Choir

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Giving and generous God, we thank you for your grace, for this community of faith, for the gifts of our lives. Bless these offerings today that they might be used to further your reign of righteousness here and now. Work through each of us and through the ministries of this congregation that we might glorify you in all we do. Amen.

*** SONG FOR SENDING**

Insert: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

*** POSTLUDE** "Andante in E Minor" Ch. Rinck

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, April 7th, - Team 4, Angel Jackson

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Mary Helen Burroughs; March 17th Barbara Jay

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families P - SL; March 17th Families SM - Z

CHILD CARE: The Schultz Family; March 17th Wendy Roithner & Jessica Kelecava

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 3: Pat Kaczmarek, Ken Niemeier, Ted Keenan, Jean Smith*, Ruth Stotesbery*; March 17th - Team 4: Cindy Fair, Mary Pursglove, Brooke Cashman, Dottie Frazier*, Nancy Carr* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Carol MacDonald; March 17th Pam Decker

GRAPHICS TEAM: Courtney Kiesling; March 17th Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; March 17th Steve Kloc

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, Betty Bauer, Gary Bittner, Marilou Booth, Art Brandenburg, Pat Brown, Michele Cobb, Sueann DeFurio, Bob Dare, Linda Dermotta, Cliff Fair, Jean Fishel, Ginny Flynn, Bettyjean Gamble, Linda Hackett, Tom Hultz, Dick Jones, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Whitten Little, Emily Parise, Leanne Parise, Donna Puglisi, Betty Ramsey, Dave Rawlings, Ann Reid, Sue Schoenberger, Joan Sherbak, Sally Sinatra, Anne Unger, Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Edith Wallace, Russell York, Sam Zimmerman

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE DIXON FAMILY: We received this information from Laura Dixon Prisbylla ...

My brother, Michael J. Dixon, passed away on February 17, 2019. There are many who may remember him and my family and it occurred to me that since we are having a private burial and did not publish an obituary, some may not have heard this news. My brother, sister (Lynn Ellen Dixon) and I (Laura Dixon Prisbylla) are the children of Joseph and Margaret Dixon, who became members in the 1950's and passed away in 1997 and 1998. Michael was a bell ringer for many years and became well known for his hand bell solo. He also sang in the choir as a child and adult. His remarkable musicianship stemmed from his virtuoso piano playing. He served in the US Army (1971-1977) and later became an electronics assembler, retiring from Industrial Scientific. In recent years, he has been remarkably cared for by the VA in Oakland and clinics in Washington, PA. He has been cremated and will be buried with our parents in Bethel Cemetery.

**Congregation Life
Weekly Newsletter
March 10, 2019**

TODAY IS SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY FOR SHIM: Please place your change in the containers during Fellowship Hour. This is a great way to assist our neighbors in need during this Lenten Season. South Hills Interfaith Movement is in the midst of its Annual Campaign to raise money to benefit the Food Pantries.

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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: On Saturday, March 30th, Southminster Presbyterian Church will host a Stephen Ministry Workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Churches from all over the area are invited to attend to learn more about Stephen Ministry. The cost is \$15 per person or a maximum of \$50 per church. Snacks will be provided. If anyone is interested, please let Kathy Crump, Kathy Young or Nancy Carr know by March 15th.

2019 PER CAPITA GIVING: Do you know that each year Bethel Presbyterian Church supports the missions and services of the larger Presbyterian Church through our Per Capita offering?

The Pittsburgh Presbytery, the Synod of the Trinity and the National Presbyterian Church U.S.A. are funded by these gifts from each member congregation. The Presbytery keeps an eye on the bigger picture serving needs such as poverty, disaster assistance, abuse and neglect, but the key source of funding is the Per Capita giving from each and every member of the Presbyterian Church. Bethel Presbyterian Church was the recipient in 2018 from disaster assistance for all the flooding in Bethel and we were able to help our neighbors financially.

Bethel Presbyterian Church's Per Capita assessment for 2019 is **\$33.05 for each confirmed member** of the congregation, totaling more than **\$9,000**. You can do your part and pay the \$33.05 all at once or throughout the year. If you don't pay, BPC still has to pay the larger Presbyterian Church for each confirmed member, so we ask that you prayerfully consider and submit your families expected contribution for each confirmed member and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Bethel Presbyterian Church is a very giving congregation and our offerings directly support dozens of local and global missions as well as the needs of those in our own church family.

In Christ's service,
BPC Finance Committee

UPDATE: Our Deacons are working to put together the annual care packages for college students. The students always look forward to receiving a special treat and the Deacons enjoy continuing to help support this blessing. If you know of any college students who would enjoy receiving a special package, please contact Rebecca Smith at 412/216-8963 or at dangreg@comcast.net. Please provide the name and current complete address of the student for package delivery. Also, please mention any special food allergy or health restrictions that should be considered. Care packages will be sent in late March.



I want to thank everyone who donated coats for the SHIM Coat Drive. We certainly helped a lot of people stay warm this winter!

Thank you,
Debbie May, PW Mission Coordinator

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



2019 Chancel Flowers

With the new year comes the need to update the Chancel Flower Calendar. The following Sunday is still open for 2019:

October 20



If you would like to sponsor flowers, please contact:
Bethel Presbyterian Church
2999 Bethel Church Rd.
Bethel Park, PA 15102
412/835-0405

Thank you to all those who sponsor our Chancel Flowers.
Carol MacDonald

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Mar. 13th - Apr. 10th Wednesday Night Lenten Dinners and Studies
Apr. 7th Newcomers/New Members Information Gathering
Apr. 14th Easter Eggstravaganza

Stephen Ministry

Getting Older ...

Your doctor shook his head the last time you saw him. It seems as if you are always on some kind of medication. Simple household jobs that you used to do with ease are beginning to be too much for you. You're not ready for this. You feel angry, upset and a little bit worried. A Stephen Minister would like to listen and care.



SUNDAY, 3/17 NOON-2 PM

Bethel Presbyterian Church
2999 Bethel Church Rd.

IT'S TACO TIME!!

Items for purchase:

Walking tacos

Baked Potatoes

Tacos (hard or soft shell),
Nachos and Loaded Nachos!!

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Director of Music and Worship: Jason Wilcox, 412/651-4638

Organist: Cody Soska, 412/877-9139

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Financial Secretary: Nancy Carr, 412/835-0405

Custodian (Day): Bob Murphy, 412/835-0405

Custodian (Evening): Rob Roche, 412/835-0405

Sunday Child Care: Jill Bower, 412/835-0405

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 150, Jer. 9:23-24, 1 Cor. 1:18-31, Mark 2:18-22)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
10:30 a.m. Worship, Blanket Sunday
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship: Families P - SL
12:00 p.m. VBS Vision Meeting
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Monday, March 11 (Daily Readings: Psalm 119:73-80, 145, Deut. 8:1-20, Heb. 2:11-18, John 2:1-12)

1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting
5:45 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
6:30 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, March 12 (Daily Readings: Psalm 34, 146, Deut. 9:{1-3} 4-12, Heb. 3:1-11, John 2:13-22)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Conference Day
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
7:30 p.m. PW Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 13 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5, 147:1-11, Deut. 9:13-21, Heb. 3:12-19, John 2:23-3:15)

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Preschool Soccer Shots
6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner and Study
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, March 14 (Daily Readings: Psalm 27, 147:12-20, Deut. 9:23-10:5, Heb. 4:1-10, John 3:16-21)

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

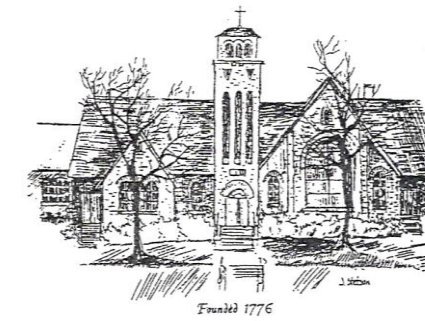
Friday, March 15 (Daily Readings: Psalm 22, 148, Deut. 10:12-22, Heb. 4:11-16, John 3:22-36)

9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup
1:00 p.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit

Saturday, March 16 (Daily Readings: Psalm 43, 149, Deut. 11:18-28, Heb. 5:1-10, John 4:1-26)

Sunday, March 17 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 150, Jer. 1:1-10, 1 Cor. 3:11-23, Mark 3:31-4:9)

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 SM - Z
11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:00 p.m. Youth Group Fiesta Fundraiser
2:00 p.m. Tartan Day Meeting
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting



Bethel Presbyterian Church

Worship for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

10:30 A.M.

Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World"

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

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

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

* SONGS OF ADORATION

Hymn #487: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (Verses 1, 3 and 4)
Hymn #288: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (Verses 1 and 3)

MORNING PRAYER

SONG OF PREPARATION

Insert: "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

(As we sing, children are invited forward for their special time.)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG OF PREPARATION

Insert: "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

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

SCRIPTURE 1 John 1:5-9

ANTHEM "A Purple Robe" David Wilson
Bell Choir Arr. Kevin Mazimas Ko

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-18

SERMON "Flashlight"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Look deep into our hearts, O God. Shine the light of discovery in us. Search out our hidden thoughts and motives. Show us where our words have hurt another, show us where our will has denied yours, show us where we have failed to care for your creation, show us where we have forgotten to love, show us where we have been dishonest, show us where our pride has taken hold. Shine your discovery light in us and show us all our brokenness. Lead us to humility and confession. And forgive us we pray. Amen.

* SILENCE