

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY *It Is Well With My Soul* **The Ericson Family**

*** 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** *Let Us Break Bread Together* **#513**

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.**

Pastor: Loving God...

All this we pray in the name of Jesus, our savior, who taught us when praying to say,

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: **We bless you, God, for gifts of bread and cup, for sustaining us in hope, every day of our lives. We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world you have made. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*** SONG FOR SENDING** *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* **# 466**

*** BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE** *O Light Eternal* **Philip Kreckels**

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, Sept. 2nd, Team 1.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Courtney Kiesling; August 12th TBD

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families M-O: August 12th Families P-SL

CHILD CARE: Carrie Virgin and Marilyn Beckstrom: August 12th Blum Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 8: Carole Carroll, Gail Anderson, Wendy Roithner, Marian Rhodes*, Hazel Knapp* (*Chairlift); August 12th Team 9 –Phyllis Criss, Judy and Fred Shoemaker, Barb* and Scott* Schnabel (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Gary May; August 12th Gary May

GRAPHICS TEAM: Larry Jay; August 12th Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; August 12th Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS: In Loving memory of Jim Kling, given by Lana and Jason Kling.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hartley Baird, Hank Barr, Gary Bittner, Marilou Booth, Art Brandenburg, Ginny Burford, Michele Cobb, Sueann DeFurio, Linda Dermotta, Bert Drummond, 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



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
August 5, 2018

WELCOME BACK KATHY YOUNG. Kathy has been easing back into her return to the office this past week. We all are very happy to see her back at her desk.

SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY: Sunday, August 12th, will be the next Small Change Collection Sunday for South Hills Interfaith Movement. SHIM is currently serving approximately 1,800 individuals each month, at their Food Pantries. Please join Mission and Outreach in supporting SHIM.

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 potato products. Plastic grocery bags are needed so that produce from the gardens can be bagged for the clients. All donations are appreciated and can be left at the Marshal 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 donations will benefit our missions.

ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATION CONSIDERATIONS: The Bethel Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee is beginning now to meet to discern the 2021 slate of Elder and Deacon nominations. Your input is welcome! Please consider the qualifications listed on the Bulletin insert and submit names you prayerfully feel are qualified individuals.

NEXT BETHEL LIGHT: Articles for the Fall issue of the Bethel Light are due to Kathy Young by August 13th, mailing scheduled for August 22nd.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER/CHILD CARE TEACHER POSITION: Preschool teaching position available 2 mornings a week for the 2018-2019 school year. Possible candidates must have a teaching degree and previous teaching experience. If you are interested in joining our team of dedicated Preschool teachers, please send your resume to **Andrea** at: *bethelpresps@verizon.net* or **Bethel Presbyterian Preschool, 2999 Bethel Church Rd. Bethel Park, PA 15102.**

Upcoming Dates!

- Aug. 19th Young Families Play Date
- Aug. 19th Youth Group Swim Party
- Aug. 25th Deacons’ Rummage Sale
- Aug. 26th Catch Up Sunday
- Sept. 9th Rally Sunday
- Sept. 15th PWPP Fall Gathering
- Sept. 16th Ladies 80’s Sunday
- Sept. 16th Youth Group Kick -Off
- Sept. 30th Homecoming Picnic at Oliver Miller Homestead

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
June 2018**

	Pledged Giving June	Total Income June	Total Income Jan-June	Ministry Expenses June	Ministry Expenses Jan-June
Actual	\$20,779	\$34,722	\$174,056	\$25,291	\$202,148
Expected	\$22,167	\$31,289	\$167,000	\$37,872	\$232,959

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Donation statements as of July 31, 2018 are now available in the Narthex. Please pick up at your convenience.



**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

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, August 5 (Daily Readings: Psalm 108, 150; Judges 6:1-24; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Mark 3:20-30)

10:30 a.m. *Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper (child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)*
11:30 a.m. *Fellowship Families M-O and Bethel Serves Picnic*
7:00 p.m. *Cub Scout Committee Meeting*

Monday, August 6 (Daily Readings: Psalm 62, 145; Judges 6: 25-40; Acts 2:37-47; John 1:1-18)

1:00 p.m. *Church Staff Meeting*
6:00 p.m. *Boy Scout JLC Meeting*
7:00 p.m. *Boy Scouts Troop 215*
7:00 p.m. *Nominating Committee Meeting*
7:00 p.m. *Worship and Music Committee Meeting*

Tuesday, August 7 (Daily Readings: Psalm 12, 146; Judges 7:1-18; Acts 3:1-11; John 1:19-28)

10:00 a.m. *Quilters Meeting*
5:00 p.m. *Soccer Shots*
7:00 p.m. *Christian Education Committee Meeting*
7:00 p.m. *Supportive Services Committee Meeting*

Wednesday, August 8 (Daily Readings: Psalm 96; 147:1-11; Judges 7:19-8:12; Acts 3:12-26; John 1:29-42)

7:00 p.m. *McDonald Pipe Band Rehearsal*
7:00 p.m. *Girl Scout Meeting*
7:30 p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous*

Thursday, August 9 (Daily Readings: Psalm 116; 147: 12-20; Judges 8:22-35; Acts 4:1-12; John 1:43-51)

5:00 p.m. *Kinder Karate*

Friday, August 10 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 148; Judges 9:1-16, 19-21; Acts 4:13-31; John 2:1-12)

Saturday, August 11 (Daily Readings: Psalm 63, 149; 23:1-16; Judges 9:22-25, 50-57; Acts 4:32-5:11; John 2:13-25)

Sunday, August 12 (Daily Readings: Psalm 103, 150; Judges 11:1-11, 29-40; 2 Corinthians 11:1-11, 29-40; Mark 4:35-41)

10:30 a.m. *Worship – Guest Pastor: Rev. Tara Thompson (child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)*
11:30 a.m. *Fellowship Families P-SL*



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
August 5, 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 *Prelude for the Organ in G Major* Fanny Hensel

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving Father, We praise and worship you, for you are a great and loving God. We thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to show us that love, and to help us to see how you want us to share that love with all around us. But as we come before you in worship, we also come in humility, knowing that in our actions and reactions we have failed you. In our loving and forgiving we have fallen short of your mark. And in our believing and trusting we have denied your grace and power. But we have heard your promise, that if we confess our sins you will forgive us and cleanse us. So, we pray: forgive us, cleanse us, and help us to live more fully and faithfully for you. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

*** SONG OF PRAISE** *I've Got Peace Like A River* #368

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Genesis 18:1-15

SERMON The Improbable Promise

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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