

SCRIPTURE Genesis 16: 1-15

SERMON The God Who Sees

PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY *Impromptu- William Stickles*

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, and community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

* SONG FOR SENDING

Precious Lord, Take My Hand #404

* BLESSING

* POSTLUDE *Prelude in D Major- Dietrich Buxtehude*

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, Team 3

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Barbara Jay: July 22nd Stacey Lucidore

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families C & D: July 22nd Families C & D

CHILD CARE: Schultz Family: July 22nd Smith Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 5 – Dave Long, Carl Parise, Russ Lautenschlager, Marilyn* & Dan* Beckstrom (*Chairlift); July 22nd Team 6- Hank and Paula Barr, Diane and Jack Miller, Barbara nd Larry Jay

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Gary May; July 22nd Gary May

GRAPHICS TEAM: Robin Macherey; July 22nd Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; July 22nd Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS: In Loving Memory of Philip DeHuff, Jr., given by Marilyn DeHuff

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 15, 2018**

HEARTFELT APPRECIATION (From Kathy Young): I have to be one of the luckiest people to receive so many cards, flowers, basket and , most of all, the prayers from my friends. I realize what a fortunate day it was for me when I came to BPC and I wouldn't change a minute of it. It is a privilege to know you all and I can't wait to be back at my desk. Love & appreciation, Kath

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.

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.



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 15 (Daily Readings: Psalm 103, 150; Joshua 1:1-18; Acts 21:3-15; Mark 1:21-27)

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 C & D
11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:00 p.m. Youth Group Pizza Party and Water Games
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting

Monday, July 16 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5, 145; Joshua 2:1-14; Romans 11:1-12; Matthew 25:1-13)

Vacation Bible School Set Up
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, July 17 (Daily Readings: Psalm 42, 146; Joshua 2:15-24; Romans 11:13-24; Matthew 25:14-30)

Vacation Bible School Set Up
10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, July 18 (Daily Readings: Psalm 89: 1-18; 147:1-11; Joshua 3:1-13; Romans 11:25-36; Matthew 25:31-46)

Vacation Bible School Set Up
7:00 p.m. Macdonald Band Practice
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Matthew)

Thursday, July 19 (Daily Readings: Psalm 97; 147: 12-20; Joshua 3:14-4:7; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 26:1-16)

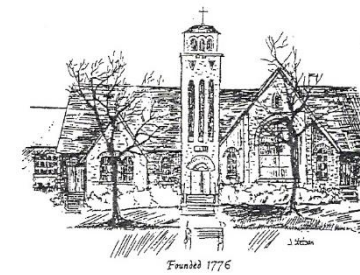
Vacation Bible School Set Up
5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate

Friday, July 20 (Daily Readings: Psalm 51, 148; Joshua 4:19-5:1, 10-15; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 26:17-25)

Saturday, July 21 (Daily Readings: Psalm 104, 149; Joshua 6:1-14; Romans 13:1-7; Matthew 26:26-35)

Sunday, July 22 (Daily Readings: Psalm 19, 150; Joshua 6:15-27; Acts 22: 30-23:11; Mark 2:1-12)

10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor: Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Families E-H
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class of 2017 Reunion at the Kieslings



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
July 15, 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 *How Great Thou Art*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

One: Loving God; How we adore you. You are almighty, above and beyond everything. You are victorious. Darkness, sin, and death are under your feet. You are holy, beautiful and full of love. We marvel at all you are, and at the depth of your love. How we wonder at the waves of your grace.

All: **And yet we get so carried away with the busyness of each day, never stopping to dwell in your love. We allow the stresses and demands of work and family to erode and wear away our hope. We get caught up in conflict, frustration and resentment instead of giving out forgiveness. We seek to find our fulfillment and joy in the things of this world rather than feasting on your truth. We desire for ourselves, rather than work for your love and justice for all. We are deeply sorry. Forgive us, heal us, and bring us back to right worship and faithful service. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF PRAISE**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #464

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.

REPORT FROM REACH MISSION TEAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION