

SCRIPTURE Romans 14:5-9

SERMON "Life in Balance: Life and Death"

\* SONG OF RESPONSE

Hymn #808: "When Memory Fades"

(Children may come forward as we sing the last verse for their special time.)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children may return to their seats.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION - BLANKET SUNDAY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY "Grace" Arr. Mark Hayes

\* DOXOLOGY

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Help us, Faithful God, to see you in the needs that confront us daily. Help us to see you in those who are weak, and lonely, and hungry, and afraid. And as we offer our gifts to your use and service, may they, with your blessing, bring warmth and shelter, comfort and healing, hope and love to those who are in need of these things. Amen.

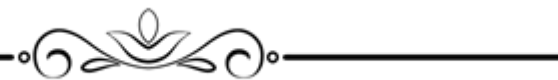
\* SONG FOR SENDING

Hymn #822: "When We Are Living"

\* BLESSING

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

\* POSTLUDE "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"



WORSHIP NOTES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the Van Horn family on the loss of Martha. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers at this most difficult time.

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, March 1st, Team 4, Angel Jackson.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Alexis Kiesling; Feb. 26th Barbara Jay; Mar. 1st Alexis Kiesling

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families C & D; Mar. 1st Families E - H

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 5: Dave Long, Carl Parise, Russ Lautenschlager, Marilyn\* & Dan\* Beckstrom; Mar. 1st - Team 6: Diane & Jack Miller, Barbara\* & Larry\* Jay (\*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Pam Decker; Feb. 26th Gary May; Mar. 1st Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Larry Jay; Feb. 26th Robin Macherey; Mar. 1st Ben Smith

SOUND BOARD: Frank Jackson; Mar. 1st Steve Kloc

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Friends & Family, given by Cathy Misko.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hank Barr, Ansley Basso (Virgin), Betty Bauer, Gary Bittner, Carl Bonanni, Marilou Booth, Marina Bowser, Art Brandenburg, Michele Cobb, Phyllis Criss, Marilyn DeHuff, Pete Edwards, Ginny Flynn, Bill Franciscus (Marilyn DeHuff's son), Bettyjean Gamble, Steve Kloc, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Carol MacDonald, Carol McDonald, Jack Miller, Emily Parise, Dave Rawlings, Pam Rawlings, George Ritchie, Joan Sherbak, Sally Sinatra, Jean Smith, Lynne Smith (Pastor Jim's wife), Anne Unger (Pastor Cathie's sister), Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Edith Wallace, Russell York

Congregation Life  
Weekly Newsletter  
February 23, 2020

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: During the past months, South Hills Interfaith Movement has seen its client list continue to grow. As a result, the Food Pantry is low on some staples. They need jars of spaghetti sauce, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing and boxes of cereal.

TAX RELIEF FOR YOUR GIVING TO OUR CHURCH!

At the age of 72, the IRS requires you to withdraw a certain amount from your IRA and pay ordinary income tax on it. This is called a required minimum distribution or "RMD". A portion of this required withdrawal can be transferred directly from these accounts by your financial advisor to our church and be part of your pledged giving or a special additional gift. This credit will avoid taxes on these monies and perhaps lower one's overall tax rate. Check with your financial advisor for details.

2020 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 2020 is \$34.79 for each confirmed member of the congregation, totaling more than \$8,800. You can do your part and pay the \$34.79 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: The following paragraph will be included in the 2019 Annual Report:

The Reverend Doctor James Smith joined our staff on August 1, 2019, with an emphasis on pastoral care and visitation. We are blessed to have him and the experience he brings to our church family.

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES: Our Deacons will once again be sending our church college students special "Care Packages" to let them know we care and to wish them good luck on their finals. We need your help in updating and confirming addresses for all our current college students. Please let us know the student's name, the college they are attending and their current address. Contact Kathy in the church office at 412/835-0405 or email this information to Pat Brown at patqbrown4@gmail.com as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.



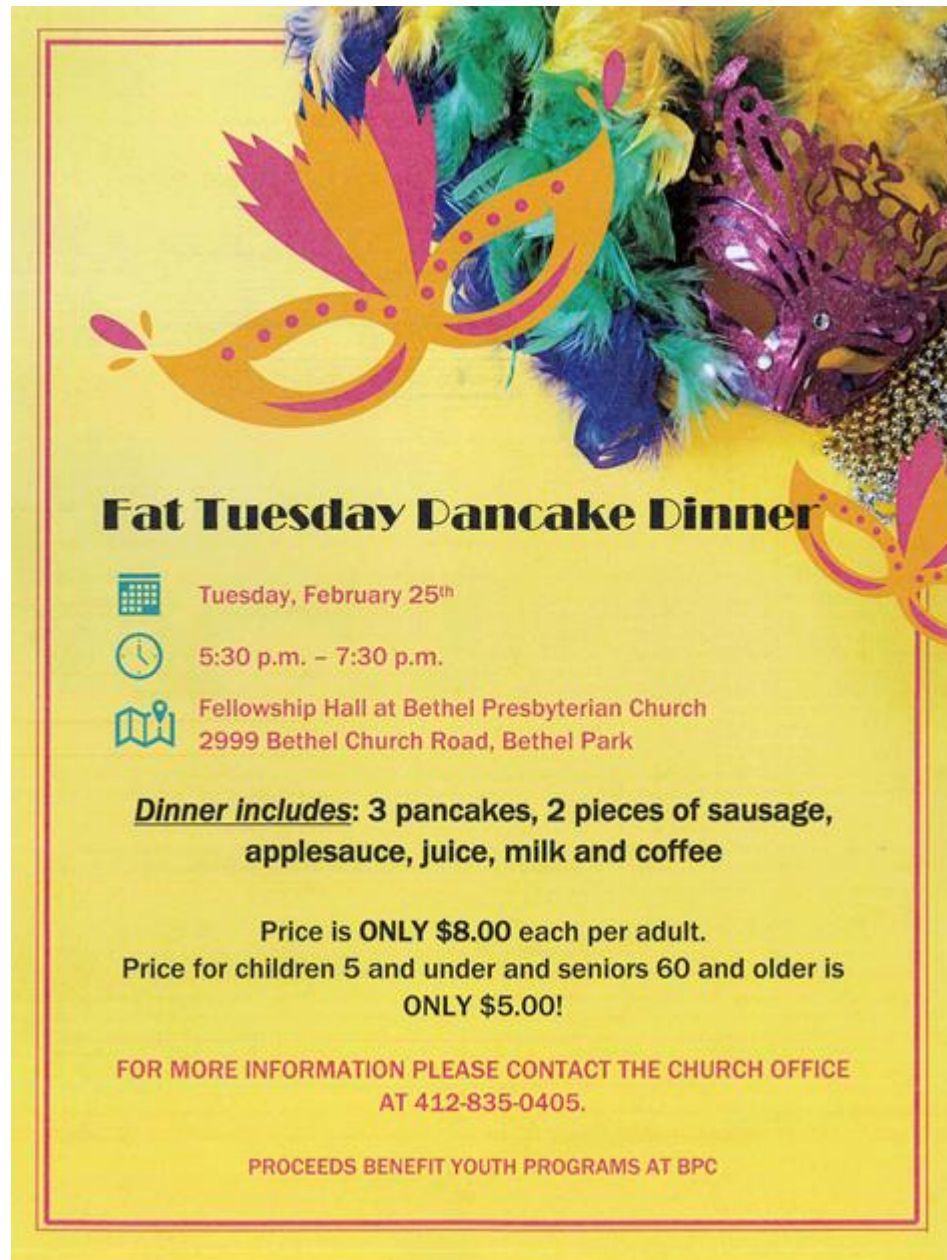
Stephen Ministry

Middle Age ...

Full of change, crisis and growth. We must deal with aging parents, adult children and our own mortality. If you are going through this crisis and need a sympathetic, trained listener, a Stephen Minister would like to be there for you.

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](http://www.bethelpresby.org/sermons)

**THANK YOU FROM PAM AND CONRAD ADOMAITIS:** We appreciate all of the prayers and get well wishes sent during our recent illnesses. We feel so grateful for your friendship and thoughtfulness. Good health is a treasure. When one loses it, she/he loses a precious thing. With your kind words and prayers, we have been restored.



**Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

**Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall at Bethel Presbyterian Church  
2999 Bethel Church Road, Bethel Park**

**Dinner includes: 3 pancakes, 2 pieces of sausage, applesauce, juice, milk and coffee**

Price is **ONLY \$8.00** each per adult.  
Price for children 5 and under and seniors 60 and older is **ONLY \$5.00!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE  
AT 412-835-0405.**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT YOUTH PROGRAMS AT BPC**

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### CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

**Sunday, February 23** (Daily Readings: Psalm 103; 150; Mal. 4:1-6; 2 Cor. 3:7-18; Luke 9:18-27)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Blanket Sunday  
Thanksgiving for the Life and Witness of Whitten Little  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families C & D  
12:00 p.m. Youth Group  
2:00 p.m. Tartan Day Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting

**Monday, February 24** (Daily Readings: Psalm 5; 145; Prov. 27:1-6, 10-12; Phil. 2:1-13; John 18:15-18, 25-27)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Conference Days  
5:45 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

**Tuesday, February 25** (Daily Readings: Psalm 42; 146; Prov. 30:1-4, 24-33; Phil. 3:1-11, John 18:28-38)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Conference Days  
10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Pancake Fundraiser for the Youth Group  
4:00 p.m. Staff Program Coordination Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots  
7:00 p.m. Deacons and Stephen Ministers Meeting

**Wednesday, February 26** (Daily Readings: Psalm 5; 147:1-11; Amos 5:6-15; Heb. 12:1-14; Luke 18:9-14)

10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Service**  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, February 27** (Daily Readings: Psalm 27; 147:12-20; Hab. 3:1-10, {11-15}, 16-18; Phil. 3:12-21; John 17:1-8)

1:00 p.m. American Sewing Group  
4:00 p.m. Kinder Karate  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee  
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, February 28** (Daily Readings: Psalm 22; 148; Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32; Phil. 4:1-9; John 17:9-19)

9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

**Saturday, February 29** (Daily Readings: Psalm 43; 149; Ezek. 39:21-29; Phil. 4:10-20; John 17:20-26)

**Sunday, March 1** (Daily Readings: Psalm 84; 150; Dan. 9:3-10; Heb. 2:10-18, John 12:44-50)

World Day of Prayer  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups  
10:30 a.m. Worship, Lent 1, One Great Hour of Sharing Kick-Off  
Communion - Team 4  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families E - H  
11:30 a.m. Lenten Luncheon  
12:00 p.m. Youth Group  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting



**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Blanket Sunday**  
**February 23, 2020**  
**10:30 A.M.**

**"Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World"**

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

**PRELUDE** "Eventide"

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* SONG OF ADORATION**  
Hymn #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**\* CALL TO HUMILITY**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All:** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

**\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\* SONG OF PRAISE**  
Insert: "Every Promise"

**OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

Please sign the friendship pad (the blue folder) and pass along to others in your row, greeting others by name after worship.

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE AND WITNESS OF WHITTEN LITTLE**

**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.

**ANTHEM** "Devotion" John Ness Beck

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**