

All: Thanks be to God!

* SONG OF GRACE

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.

ANTHEM "Walk Worthy" Joseph M. Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Psalm 119:1-16, 97-105

SERMON "Sweeter than Honey"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY "Celtic Communion" Arr. Mark Hayes

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND ILLUMINATION

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.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Hymn #458: "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSIONS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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: Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living may be part of your kingdom and that our love may

be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* SONG FOR SENDING

Hymn #450: "Be Thou My Vision"

* BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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, March 1st, Team 4, Angel Jackson.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Dan Beckstrom; Feb. 9th Stacey Lucidore

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families P - SL; Feb. 9th Families SM - Z

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 2: Heather & Jim Hunter, Lora Spence, Mary Helen Burroughs*, Kathy Crump*; Feb. 9th - Team 3: Pat Kaczmarek, Ken Niemeier, Ted Keenan, Ruth Stotesbery* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Pam Decker; Feb. 9th Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Ben Smith; Feb. 9th Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Frank Jackson; Feb. 9th Steve Kloc

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Janet Hultz, given by Tom Hultz.

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, Whitten Little, Carol MacDonald, Carol McDonald, Emily Parise, Dave Rawlings, Pam Rawlings, 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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

TODAY! Souper Bowl Sunday
Feb. 7th - 8th 30 Hour Famine
Feb. 9th Skating Party
Feb. 25th Pancake Dinner



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
February 2, 2020

THANK YOU TO MY CHURCH FAMILY: I am truly grateful for everything you have done to be there for me after the loss of Bob. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your support during this difficult time. You have made an awful time in my life more bearable. I appreciate what wonderful, loving friends I have in you.

Mabel Dare



SPRING BETHEL LIGHT ARTICLES are due to Kathy Young by Monday, February 10th. (The Spring Bethel Light covers March, April and May.)

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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will resume on February 12th, 10:00 a.m., in the McMillan Room. Please join us as Mary Helen Burroughs and Beth Mundsinger lead us on a journey through the Gospel according to Mark.

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

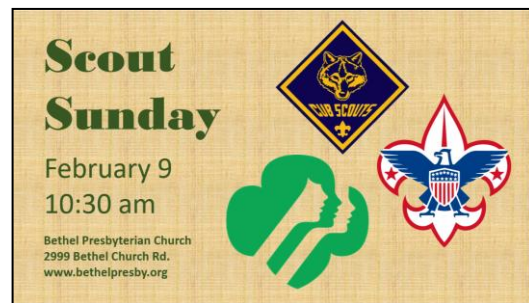
THE NAOMI CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, February 5th, 10:00 a.m., at the Bethel Park Retirement Center. Please bring your Bible!

THE MISSION COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE HOLDING ITS SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY: Members are asked to consider participating in the Youth Group's Souper Bowl Event. Donations will benefit South Hills Interfaith Movement.

HOLIDAY-A-FAIR EVALUATION MEETING: Anyone who was involved with the bazaar this past year is invited to attend this meeting, whether you chaired a part of it, worked at it or whether you just attended and would like to give us feedback on what we did well, what we need to improve on or if you have some new ideas to help continue to make this a success. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9th, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., in the McMillan Room.

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.

BOOK CLUB: We will be meeting on Friday evenings, February 7th, 21st and 28th and March 6th, 20th and 27th, at Panera in South Park Shops, 7:00 p.m. The book is *Joshua, A Parable for Today*, by Joseph F. Girzone. (I ordered mine from Discoverbooks.com.) Please read the first three chapters and be ready for some good conversation. Any questions, please contact Sue or Don DeFurio.



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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, February 2 (Daily Readings: Psalm 108; 150; Gen. 18:16-33; Gal. 5:13-25; Mark 8:22-30)

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
Communion Sunday - Team 3
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families P - SL
- 11:30 a.m. Souper Bowl of Caring
- 2:30 p.m. Financial Peace Class
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Monday, February 3 (Daily Readings: Psalm 62; 145; Gen. 19:1-17, {18-23}, 24-29; Heb. 11:1-12; John 6:27-40)

- 1:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout JLC Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Planning Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 4 (Daily Readings: Psalm 12; 146; Gen. 21:1-21; Heb. 11-13-22; John 6:41-51)

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
- 6:30 p.m. Committee Night
- 7:00 p.m. Supportive Services

Wednesday, February 5 (Daily Readings: Psalm 96; 147:1-11; Gen. 22:1-18; Heb. 11:23-31; John 6:52-59)

- 10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipers Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, February 6 (Daily Readings: Psalm 116; 147:12-20; Gen. 23:1-20; Heb. 11:32-12:2; John 6:60-71)

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit
- 1:00 p.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit
- 4:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 7 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84; 148; Gen. 24:1-27; Heb. 12:3-11; John 7:1-13)

Youth Group 30 Hour Famine

Saturday, February 8 (Daily Readings: Psalm 63; 149; Gen. 24:28-38, 49-51; Heb. 12:12-29; John 7:14-36)

Youth Group 30 Hour Famine

Sunday, February 9 (Daily Readings: Psalm 103; 150; Gen. 24:50-67; 2 Tim. 2:14-21; Mark 10:13-22)

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Scout Sunday
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families SM - Z
- 11:45 a.m. Holiday-A-Fair Evaluation Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Financial Peace Class
- 3:00 p.m. All Church Skating at South Park



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
February 2, 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 "The Old Rugged Cross"

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing joyfully to the Lord, praise the Lord with music. Sing to him a new song, sing with skill and joy!

All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, blessed are the people God chose for an inheritance. From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all humanity; from the Lord's dwelling place.

One: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear God, on those whose hope is in God's unfailing love.

All: In God our hearts rejoice, for we trust in the holy name of our Lord. May God's unfailing love rest upon us, for we put our hope in the Lord.

One: Sing joyfully to the Lord, praise the Lord with music. Sing to him a new song, sing with skill and joy! Come, let us worship the Lord!

*** SONG OF ADORATION**
 Hymn #611: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*** ACT OF CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS AND FAITH**

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son, Amen.

Moment for Silent Prayer

One: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord.

All: He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary and suffered under Pontius Pilate. He was crucified, dead and buried.

One: 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,

All: 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.

One: This we can know; this we can trust. In Jesus Christ, the light has come into the world and we have been forgiven.