* SONG OF GRACE

Hymn #341: "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-5

SERMON "Elephant Tale"

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Insert: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" (Verses 1-5, Repeat 1)

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 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

* 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.

* CLOSING SONG

Hymn #535: "Go with Us, Lord" (Sing two times.)

* BLESSING

* **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, August 4th, Team 1 – Barbara Jay.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Maria Jay; July 21st Alexis Kiesling

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families SM - Z; July 21st Families A & B

CHILD CARE: The Schultz Family; July 21st Kasey Wilfong & Volunteer

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 9: Phyllis Criss, Judy & Fred Shoemaker, Tom Hultz*, Joanne Wells*; July 21st - Team 10: Monica, Chris, Miranda & Leah Day, Jerry* & Kris* Wade (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Gary May; July 21st Gary May

GRAPHICS TEAM: Courtney Kiesling; July 21st Larry Jay

SOUND BOARD: Steve Kloc; July 21st Gail Anderson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hartley Baird, Hank Barr, Betty Bauer, Gary Bittner, Marilou Booth, Marina Bowser, Art Brandenburg, Pat Brown, Michele Cobb, Sueann DeFurio, Bob Dare, Linda Dermotta, Bob Ericson, Melanie Ericson, Cliff Fair, Jean Fishel, Ginny Flynn, Bettyjean Gamble, Linda Hackett, Dick Jones, Steve Kloc, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Whitten Little, Russ Lautenschlager, Carol McDonald, Diane Miller, Jack Miller, Emily Parise, Donna Puglisi, Betty Ramsey, Dave Rawlings, Ann Reid, Sue Schoenberger, Joan Sherbak, Sally Sinatra, Jean Smith, Anne Unger, Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Ansley Virgin Basso, Kristi Wade, Edith Wallace, Lisa Wilfong, Russell York, Sam Zimmerman



UPCOMING EVENTS!

July 27 th	Idlewild Day
Aug. 10th	Parents of Young Children Meet
Aug. 11 th	Youth Group at Moraine State Park
Aug. 18th	Youth Group End of Summer Pool Party
Aug. 24th	Concert and BBQ
Aug. 25th	Youth Sunday

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SHIM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: The Mission Committee is looking for volunteers to help sort school supplies at SHIM on Saturday, August 3rd, 9:30 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet located by the bulletin board at the bottom of the Narthex stairs. We had fun doing this last year and it only takes a couple of hours. Please consider joining us!

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: In order to fully stock the shelves at the Food Pantry, SHIM is requesting donations of canned pineapple, tomato soup and food low in sodium. 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 Marshall Road entrance.



MIDYEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX:

Please review your statement carefully and contact Nancy Carr in the church office (412/835-0405) with any questions or corrections. If you have a friend or neighbor who has not claimed their statement and you can deliver it to them, it would help reduce our mailing costs. Thank you.

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE: The Presbyterian Women of BPC (PW) are collecting school supplies for SHIM. The donations need to be at SHIM by Friday, August 2nd. Thank you in advance for your support!

Debbie May General PW Mission Coordinator

Shopping Ideas

Binders (no bigger than 2" thick)
Scissors
Pens/Highlighters
Mechanical Pencils
Folders/Rulers/Glue Sticks
Combinational Locks
Colored Markers & Pencils/Crayons



If anyone has any gently used scientific calculators to donate (especially Texas Instruments), they would be greatly appreciated. *Place your donations in the Marshall Road entrance, in the area designated for SHIM Back-To-School Supplies.*

ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATION CONSIDERATIONS: The Bethel Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee is beginning now to meet to discern the 2022 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 (you may also include yourself for consideration).

MARILYN AND DAVE KUNKLE NEW ADDRESS:

Mr. & Mrs. David Kunkle 5354 Bojangles Lane Evansville, IN 47715

TODAY IS SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY FOR SOUTH HILLS INTER- FAITH MOVEMENT: SHIM has been helping our neighbors in the South Hills for over fifty years. During this past year, the Food Pantry has supported more than 1,700 individuals.

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

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

<u>Sunday, July 14</u> (Daily Readings: Psalm 103, 150, 1 Sam. 17:50-18:4, Rom. 10:4-17, Matt. 23:29-39)

9:30 a.m. Worship

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith

(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families SM - Z

Monday, July 15 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5, 145, 1 Sam. 18:5-16, {17-27a}, 27b-30, Acts 11:19-30, Mark 1:29-45)

11:15 a.m. Child Care – Stretch and Grow7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, July 16 (Daily Readings: Psalm 42, 146, 1 Sam. 19:1-18, {19-24}, Acts 12:1-17, Mark 2:1-12)

10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting 5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, July 17 (Daily Readings: Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, 1 Sam. 20:1-23, Acts 12:18-25, Mark 2:13-22)

7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

<u>Thursday, July 18</u> (Daily Readings: Psalm 97, 147:12-20, 1 Sam. 20:24-42, Acts 13:1-12, Mark 2:23-3:6)

5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate

Friday, July 19 (Daily Readings: Psalm 51, 148, 1 Sam. 21:1-15, Acts 13:13-25, Mark 3:7-19a)

Saturday, July 20 (Daily Readings: Psalm 104, 149, 1 Sam. 22:1-23, Acts 13:26-43, Mark 3:19b-35)

Sunday, July 21 (Daily Readings: Psalm 19, 150, 1 Sam. 23:7-18, Rom. 11:33-12:2, Matt. 25:14-30)

9:30 a.m. Worship

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith

(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families A & B

10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting

Saturday, July 27

Only \$28.50 per person! children 2 and under free

Reserve your tickets in the church office!



Park open 10:30-8:00 (Soak Zone 11:30-6:00)

We'll meet up at our own shelter for snack and dinner breaks and special treats throughout the day!

Bring a side, sweet, or snack to share- hotdogs and drinks provided!



Bethel Presbyterian Church Worship for the Lord's Day July 14, 2019 9:30 A.M.

"Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World"

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

PRELUDE

Improvisations on the Day's Hymns

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein:

All: For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

One: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

All: Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who do not lift up their soul to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.

One: They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation.

All: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Iacob.

One: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

One: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

One: Come, let us worship the Lord!

* SONG OF ADORATION

Hymn #138: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, in the light of your holiness we see ourselves as we really are and we are ashamed. We confess that we are people of impure thoughts and unclean lips; we think too highly of ourselves and too little of others. We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world that we cannot open our hands to receive blessings from above. Our feet follow the paths of sin; we wander so far astray that we become strangers to righteousness. Forgive us and set us again on the path that leads to life. Deal with us, not as we deserve, but according to your mercy; not because we are worthy, but because you are gracious. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS