

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All: Almighty God, we have opened our hands to you and our hands have been filled with good things. Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your care for us and help us to bless you with the dedication of our lives; through Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

*** COMMUNION SONG**

Hymn #517: "We Come as Guests Invited"

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: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

*** CLOSING SONG**

Hymn #538: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

*** BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

9:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL
CELEBRATION

RETURN TO
10:30 AM WORSHIP

12:00 PM
YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

RALLY DAY

**SUNDAY,
SEPT 8**

WORSHIP NOTES

THE FAMILY OF SUE SCHOENBERGER would like to express sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love and support! What an amazing church family!

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, October 6th – Team 3, Stacey Lucidore.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Cathy Misko; Sept. 8th Alexis Kiesling

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families SM - Z; Sept. 8th Families A & B

CHILD CARE: Child Care rooms are open, but not staffed due to the holiday; Sept. 8th The Decker Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 4: Cindy Fair, Mary Pursglove, Brooke Cashman, Dottie Frazier*, Nancy Carr*; Sept. 8th - Team 5: Dave Long, Carl Parise, Russ Lautenschlager, Marilyn* & Dan* Beckstrom (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Gary May; Sept. 8th Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Courtney Kiesling; Sept. 8th Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; Sept. 8th Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Philip DeHuff, given by Marilyn.

In Loving Memory of Sylvia Brandenburg, given by Art Brandenburg & family.

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

IN APPRECIATION: We want to thank our members who prepare the communion bread. If you would like to join our team, please contact Kathy Young in the church office.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Join Pastor Cathie
for a chapter-by-chapter
exploration of Galatians.

7:00-8:00 pm
Beginning Sept. 18

Congregation Life
Weekly Newsletter
September 1, 2019

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: In order to fully stock the shelves at the Food Pantry, SHIM is requesting donations of jars of spaghetti sauce, canned pineapple and baking items. They also need plastic grocery bags so clients can take their produce home. All donations are appreciated and can be left at the Marshall Road entrance.

CHOIR REMINDER: For those of you who are returning or may be interested in joining our musical ensembles, our season will commence the week after Labor Day. Bell Choir (in the Sanctuary) and the Chancel Choir (in the Choir Room) meet at their respective times (6:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.). Both of these ensembles are looking for new members to join and we encourage participation in the music program at BPC. If you are interested in joining, please see Jason Wilcox for more information.



FOOD DRIVE: PW is sponsoring a Food Drive for South Hills Interfaith Movement. Please consider helping our local residents who are in need. Check the poster at the Marshall Road entrance for suggestions. Thank you for your help!

Debbie May
General PW Mission Coordinator

JULY 2019 PLEDGES

Pledges YTD	\$117,794
Budgeted Pledges YTD	\$123,081
Difference	-\$5,287

Thank you for your ongoing love and support of the church and all God is calling us to be and do. If you missed your pledges and offerings for a few weeks due to weather, illness, or other reasons, please consider a catch-up donation to help the church continue its faithful ministry in the coming weeks and months.

SEPTEMBER 8TH IS OUR NEXT SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY FOR SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT. Fall is the time when SHIM offers Preschool, Tutoring and Mentoring Programs so they need additional volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Debi Dempsey at 412/854-9120, Ext. 106.

"WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED": On Wednesday, September 11th, you will "walk where Jesus walked" as Keren Fauth tells about her trip to the Holy Land with videos, maps, pictures and, of course, Keren's enthusiasm. She has so much to share that we will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the McMillan Room. Everyone is welcome.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will start September 18th, 10:00 a.m., in the McMillan Room. We will be reading Daniel with a Lion, a Fiery Furnace and Writings on the Wall. Everyone is welcome - all you need to bring is your Bible.

THE NAOMI CIRCLE will resume their meetings on September 4th, 10:00 a.m., at the Bethel Park Retirement Center (across the street from the church). Please bring your Bible!

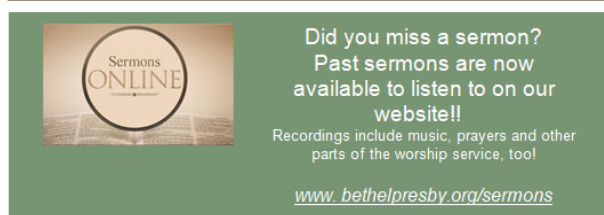
FOSTER LOVE PROJECT: There are two volunteer opportunities in September with this organization located in the old Dormont Presbyterian Church that services foster families. On Saturday, September 14th, help is needed to remove the summer clothing and stock the fall/winter clothing. On Monday, September 16th, in the evening, help is needed unloading a truck of donations at the church in Dormont. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094CAFA622A7FC1-2019> if you are interested.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sept. 8th Rally Day, Worship: 10:30 Start, Youth Group Kick Off
 Sept. 15th Ladies 80's
 Sept. 15th 3rd - 5th Grade Fellowship
 Sept. 22nd Church Picnic
 Sept. 29th Communion Class for Children and Parents

LIBRARY UPDATE: This summer I had the opportunity to visit the Pennsylvania Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (also part of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh) with the group called Friends of Church and Synagogue Libraries. We were given the tour of the facility, including the onsite recording studio where the digital audio books were made to be used with a digital recorder. We were able to sign up to have a free recorder for use in our own church. The recorder is easy to use with digital audio books or magazines. The recorder actually tells you what each button does. The audio books are sent to the church after we submit an order. I hope we can use this wonderful new resource at our church soon.

*Thanks,
 Mary Helen Burroughs*



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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1 (Daily Readings: Psalm 108, 150, 1 Kings 8:22-30, {31-40}, 1 Tim. 4:7b-16, John 8:47-59)

9:30 a.m. Worship, Communion Sunday – Team 2
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families SM – Z
 10:30 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Monday, September 2 (Daily Readings: Psalm 62, 145, 2 Chron. 6:32-7:7, James 2:1-13, Mark 14:53-65)

Church Office and Child Care closed for the holiday.

Tuesday, September 3 (Daily Readings: Psalm 12, 146, 1 Kings 8:65-9:9, James 2:14-26, Mark 14:66-72)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Orientation Conferences
 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
 7:00 p.m. Supportive Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 4 (Daily Readings: Psalm 96, 147:1-11, 1 Kings 9:24-10:13, James 3:1-12, Mark 15:1-11)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Orientation Conferences
 10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipers Band Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, September 5 (Daily Readings: Psalm 116, 147:12-20, 1 Kings 11:1-13, James 3:13-4:12, Mark 15:12-21)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Orientation Conferences
 5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 6 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84, 148, 1 Kings 11:26-43, James 4:13-5:6, Mark 15:22-32)

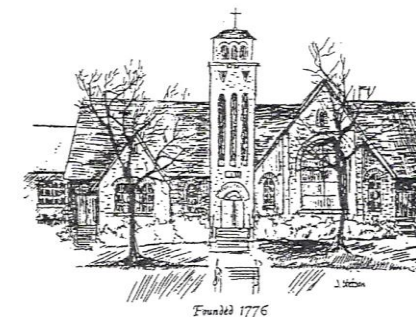
9:00 a.m. Preschool Orientation Conferences

Saturday, September 7 (Daily Readings: Psalm 63, 149, 1 Kings 12:1-20, James 5:7-20, Mark 15:33-39)

9:00 a.m. PWPP Meeting

Sunday, September 8 (Daily Readings: Psalm 103, 150, 1 Kings 12:21-33, Acts 4:18-31, John 10:31-42)

9:30 a.m. Rally Sunday, Sunday School/Small Groups
 10:30 a.m. Worship, Rally Sunday
 Baptism: Lillian Rae Schoenberger
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
 (child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families A & B
 12:00 p.m. Youth Group Kick Off



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
September 1, 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 "At the Font We Start Our Journey"

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

One: Eternal God, by your word you create and by your breath you give life. We worship you with joy and thanksgiving, praising you for the fullness that your presence brings to our lives and our life together. We praise you that by your word you feed us; we are satisfied and there is always more. Your goodness is displayed in your wonderful works for all humanity and in your perfect love.

All: And yet, in our humanity we doubt your love, we rebel against your will and we follow after foolish ideas which lead away from life with you. Forgive us and strengthen us to follow you more faithfully each day. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND CLAIM OF FAITH**

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

All: 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.

One: This we can know; this we can trust. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to live for him.

All: Thanks be to God!

*** SONG OF TRUST AND ADORATION**

Hymn #263: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:36-49

SERMON "Happily Ever After"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY "See, What a Morning"