

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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 "If We Will Seek the Lord" Don Besig

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: We belong to you, O God; we are yours alone. We bring these gifts of love and dedication to you in gratitude and commitment. Use us as you will and keep us faithful to you as you are faithful to us - in all things, great and small. Amen.

* CLOSING SONG

Hymn #307: "Fight the Good Fight"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

"Marching to Zion"



FIGHT The Good FIGHT
★ 1 TIMOTHY 6:12 ★

10:30 AM SUNDAYS THIS FALL

- September 15 The Good Fight: GRACE
- September 22 The Good Fight: PRAYER
- September 29 The Good Fight: CONTENTMENT
- October 6 The Good Fight: COURAGE
- October 20 The Good Fight: PURPOSE
- October 27 The Good Fight: TRUTH
- November 3 The Good Fight: ENDURANCE

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sept. 22nd Church Picnic
Sept. 29th Communion Class for Children and Parents
Oct. 12th Fall Cleanup Day
Oct. 27th Trunk or Treat

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, October 6th - Team 3, Stacey Lucidore.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Mary Helen Burroughs; Sept. 29th Barbara Jay

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families E - H; Sept. 29th Families I - L

CHILD CARE: The Stefancin Family; Sept. 29th Child Care rooms are open, but not staffed.

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 7: Sueann & Don DeFurio, Angus MacDonald, Lisa Wilfong*, Pam Rawlings*; Sept. 29th - Team 8: Carole Carroll, Gail Anderson, Wendy Roithner, Marian Rhodes*, Hazel Knapp* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Pam Decker; Sept. 29th Carol MacDonald

GRAPHICS TEAM: Courtney Kiesling; Sept. 29th Larry Jay

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; Sept. 29th Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Florence Malkmes, given by Cliff & Pam Decker & family.
In Loving Memory of George & Margaret Williams, parents, and stepmother Jackie Hanley, given by Cheryl E. Williams.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hartley Baird, Hank Barr, Betty Bauer, Gary Bittner, Carl Bonanni, Marilou Booth, Marina Bowser, Art Brandenburg, Michele Cobb, Phyllis Criss, Bob Dare, Sueann DeFurio, Marilyn DeHuff, Bob Ericson, Cliff Fair, Ginny Flynn, Bill Franciscus, Bettyjean Gamble, Steve Kloc, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Whitten Little, Carol MacDonald, Carol McDonald, Emily Parise, Donna Puglisi, 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



Monday Nights Oct. 7-Dec. 2
Basic.
Who is God? | What is Church?
meeting at Pastor Cathie's home
7:00-8:00 pm



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 September 22, 2019

Bethel Presbyterian Church Picnic

Sunday, September 22

3:30-6:30 pm

at Woodland Crest Shelter in South Park

Pot-Luck Dinner and Games for All Ages
Watch for sign-ups coming soon!

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.



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

AUGUST 2019 PLEDGES

Pledges YTD	\$132,369
Budgeted Pledges YTD	\$140,664
Difference	-\$8,295

As you can see, pledges received so far in 2019 have not kept pace with what is expected or needed to meet our ongoing ministry expenses. 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/offerings for a few weeks, please consider a catch-up donation to help the church continue its faithful ministry in the coming weeks and months.

PLAYDATE! OCTOBER 12TH, 3:00-5:00 P.M.: Families with children of all ages are invited to come and hang out for an afternoon at the playground at Boyce-Mayview Park ... a nice day for the children to play together and parents to get a little actual adult conversation!



PLAYDATE
at Boyce-Mayview Park
Playground
Saturday, Oct. 12 3-5 pm
for families of all ages

TRUNK OR TREAT! On Sunday, October 27th, 4:30-6:00 p.m., we will welcome children from our church, Preschool, Child Care and the community to the church for some Halloween fun as they "trick or treat" in our parking lot (or inside if it rains). We need lots of decorated cars or trucks in the lot for children to come to! Can you help make this great outreach happen? Sign up in the hallway!

Saturday, October 12
9 am- Noon

TWO PROJECTS

1. Bring yard tools and work gloves and help get the building and grounds ready for colder weather.

2. Bring wire cutters and scissors to help repair and refresh the Chrismon ornaments to get ready for Christmas.



MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION: Are you new to Bethel Church or have you been coming for some time with questions about our life together or how to take the next steps to membership? Join Pastor Cathie after worship on Sunday, October 20th, in the McMillan Room to learn more about our church and how you can find your home and place here!

Interested in learning more about BPC and finding your place in our life together?

Membership CLASS

Sunday, October 20 after worship

PW WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO TOOK SUPPLIES TO MAKE GIFT BASKETS FOR HOLIDAY-A-FAIR THIS YEAR! We had a great response to this effort, but there is still more that can be done. We would like to have donation gift cards in denominations from \$10 up, to either add to baskets or in our ALL gift card basket. If you have gift cards to donate, please see Lana Kling, Cathy Misko or they can be turned in at the church office. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions!

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, September 22 (Daily Readings: Psalm 67; 150; 2 Kings 4:8-37; Acts 9:10-31; Luke 3:7-18)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
(child care provided for infants up to 5 years of age)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families E - H
3:30 p.m. Church Picnic
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting

Monday, September 23 (Daily Readings: Psalm 57; 145; 2 Kings 5:1-19; 1 Cor. 4:8-21; Matt. 5:21-26)

9:00 a.m. Preschool, First Day Lunch Bunch and Curious Kids
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, September 24 (Daily Readings: Psalm 54; 146; 2 Kings 5:19-27; 1 Cor. 5:1-8; Matt. 5:27-37)

10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
7:00 p.m. Deacons & Stephen Ministers Meeting
7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 25 (Daily Readings: Psalm 65; 147:1-11; 2 Kings 6:1-23; 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11; Matt. 5:38-48)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Photo Day
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Galatians Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipers Band Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, September 26 (Daily Readings: Psalm 143; 147:12-20; 2 Kings 9:1-16; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Photo Day
1:00 p.m. American Sewing Group
5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 27 (Daily Readings: Psalm 88; 148; 2 Kings 9:17-37; 1 Cor. 7:1-9; Matt. 6:7-15)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Photo Day
9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup

Saturday, September 28 (Daily Readings: Psalm 122; 149; 2 Kings 11:1-20a; 1 Cor. 7:10-24; Matt. 6:19-24)

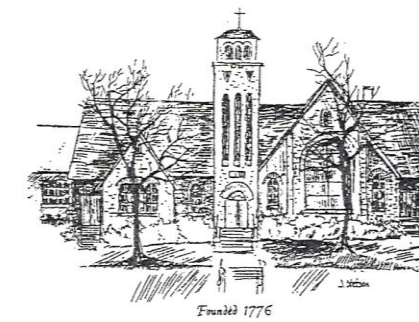
Sunday, September 29 (Daily Readings: Psalm 108; 150; 2 Kings 17:1-18; Acts 9:36-43; Luke 5:1-11)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families I - L
11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:00 p.m. Youth Group
2:00 p.m. Communion Preparation Class

Stephen Ministry

Retirement ...

No more alarm clocks. No more packed lunches. A chance to do all the things you've been planning for years. Retirement! But sometimes, just sometimes, you long for the way it used to be. During this great change in your life, a Stephen Minister can give you a little extra support.



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
September 22, 2019
10:30 A.M.

"Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World"

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

PRELUDE *"Blessed Assurance"*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

*** SONG OF ADORATION**
Hymn #263: *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Gracious God, you know our sin; we have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and in great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your ways. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*** SONG OF GRACE**
Insert: *"In Christ Alone"*

(Children are invited forward for their special time.)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG OF PREPARATION
Insert: *"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"*

(As we sing, children may return to their seats.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING *Matthew 6:9-13*

ANTHEM *"Lead Me, Lord"*

Arr. Fred Bock

SECOND READING *1 Timothy 2:1-7*

SERMON *"The Good Fight: Prayer"*

*** SONG OF RESPONSE**
Hymn #403: *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*