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Perhaps you have heard the old joke about an even older behavior. “How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?” The answer is twenty two. One to hold the ladder, one to actually change the bulb, and twenty to talk about how good the old one was. I’ve heard that joke a dozen times and seen it a hundred times... but it still makes me laugh.

Being a pastor requires a strange skill... more of an art, actually. Any skilled pastor needs to be able to cultivate talking about the old days with fondness and at the same time introduce a new light bulb, with energy, hope and celebration. Its easier to pull a rabbit out of my robe on a Sunday morning.

We all know that if we don’t change the burnt out bulb we will descend into the darkness of blind repetition. Even though it sounds and looks ridiculous to everybody else, we want to keep flipping a switch in hopes that old bulb emits new light. I’ve heard it said that if 1972 ever comes back... the church is ready.

With all that said, I must commend the leaders and people of Bethany church. I don’t need to pull any rabbits out of my robe on Sunday. I feel it in the air that God is doing an amazing thing. We are both celebrating good days, good leaders and good results from our past AND looking for our next new light source.

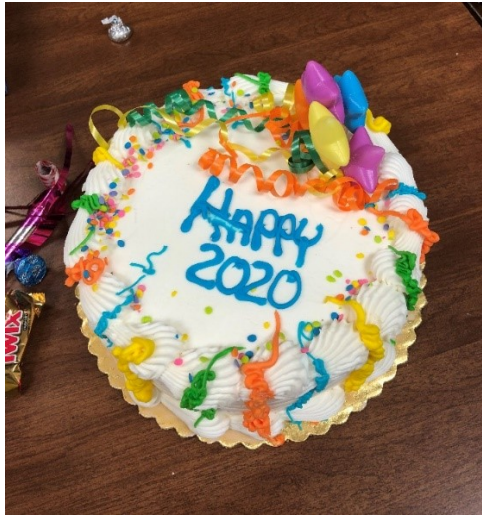
I hear key leaders describe what we did last year that was good, and what they changed for this year that is even better. Yesterday, someone at the 6pm service asked me what I thought about doing a modern service. I described the potential to introduce vast numbers of young adults to Christ in ways they could fully relate to. We envisioned a future of what our sanctuary would look if we took care of folks who keep the old lightbulb working while at the same time bringing in the new light God wants to shine among us.

During the coming weeks, I will be preaching the Christ centered values of Bethany Church--Transformation, inspiration, education and mission. This IS the light of Christ! God wants this light to shine, whether from an old bulb or a new bulb. When a stranger finds this light, they have found their church. When this light shines in the littlest detail, God makes disciples. When children and young people grow up in this light, they find the life God has for them.

How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb? All of them!

See you in church,

Pastor Bill



Thanks again for all your love and support as I was away for parental leave. We enjoyed our Christmas with our special gift from God, baby Luke. Luke and my wife Esther are doing well. I'm learning so much about myself through parenting and I have a whole new level of respect for parents.

Our BYG youth group started with a 2020 New Year's Celebration to kick off the year. We enjoyed a time of fun, much laughter, caught up, learned a new praise song, and studied with our "One minute Bible." This year we plan to meet every Sunday from 4 to 6pm unless posted otherwise. We also had our youth parents meeting and I shared some important calendar events and resources for parents to use to disciple to their children. Also look out for the Right Now Media discipleship resource as we continue to engage with new ways to do discipleship at Bethany.

BYG Calendar of Events:

February 16th Youth Mission Information Meeting at 12pm to 1pm – Our youth will be going to Philadelphia for 2020 from June 28th to July 3rd and we will discuss all the planning and how to sign up.

February 16th The Event 3.0 Praise Night with youth groups in the greater Pittsburgh area at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church from 6pm to 8pm. Want to vanpool be at church by 5pm. Sign up by January 26th. \$5/person. \$25 for hoodie. Contact Pastor Jae for details.

February 26th to April 11th 2020 Lent – Starting with Ash Wednesday our youth will have a lent plan to experience it fully and have time to reflect for this season. Right Now Media "The Lent Experience"

*Dates and Events subject to change please check church calendar online for updates.

I hope you are excited for the blessings God has in store for us in 2020.

Peace,

Pastor Jae Cho



Bethany Youth Group is looking for your feedback!

If you are a Bethany Youth or the family member of one, please complete the survey with information about how BYG can best fit your needs. We are looking for honest and constructive feedback as we move forward into the new decade! The survey has been emailed out to youth and their families, but can also be accessed by QR code.

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 UPWARD BASKETBALL GAMES
2 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship 4:00 PM BYG Jr. & Sr. High 6:00 PM Worship	3 9:30 AM Preschool 6:15 PM PW Body Carpenter Workout 7:00 PM Dartball League Meeting 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting	4 9:00 AM Preschool Registration 6:30 PM Men's Huddle Group 7:00 PM Coed Dartball	5 9:30 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Fellowship of Prayer 6:00 PM Ringers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Modern Svc Rehearsal	6 9:15 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Knitters 6:30 PM Locking Arms Mens Group 7:00 PM Confirmation class paint night 7:30 PM Dartball 8:00 PM AA Mtg	7 9:30 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Womens Small Group Bible Study 12:00 PM Preschool Lunch Bunch	8 UPWARD BASKETBALL GAMES 11:00 AM Knitters
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16 BYG - The Event 3.0 Praise Night 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship 4:00 PM BYG Jr. & Sr. High - Mission Trip Info Meeting 6:00 PM Worship	17 6:15 PM PW Body Carpenter Workout 7:00 PM MOPS Steering Mtg	18 6:30 PM Men's Huddle Group 6:30 PM PW 7:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 PM Coed Dartball	19 9:30 AM Preschool 6:00 PM Ringers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Modern Svc Rehearsal	20 9:15 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Golden Oldies Luncheon 12:00 PM Knitters 6:30 PM Locking Arms Mens Group 7:30 PM Dartball 8:00 PM AA Mtg	21 9:30 AM Preschool 12:00 PM Preschool Lunch Bunch 6:00 PM Kids Night Out	22 9:00 AM PW Bible study 9:00 AM Supplemental Diaper Bank UPWARD BASKETBALL GAMES 11:00 AM Knitters
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Upward Basketball practices are Monday-Thursday beginning at 5:30 PM.
Upward Cheer practices are on Thursday at 6:30 PM.
Games are on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

02/01 Emily Smith
 02/02 Chase Lambert
 02/03 Tony Poiche
 02/04 Marcia Demnyan
 02/04 Michelle Zombek
 02/04 Luke Dunlap
 02/04 Talia Pyrdek
 02/05 Jay Squires
 02/05 Lynn Fulton
 02/05 Catherine Price
 02/06 Jackie Farrer
 02/06 Stacey Zwigart
 02/07 Peggy Unghajer
 02/07 Hope Bedner
 02/07 Sadie Sunderlin
 02/08 John Smith
 02/08 Patricia Pulice
 02/08 Brandy Padgelek
 02/08 Cianne McLaughlin
 02/08 Lorna Werner
 02/08 Emmersyn Barish
 02/09 Sharon DePaoli
 02/09 Kelsie Sabin
 02/10 Tish Liggins
 02/10 Anthony Doyle
 02/10 Courtney Doyle

02/10 Mia DeRoss
 02/11 David (DJ) Krieger
 02/11 Christopher Martinelli
 02/11 Zachary North
 02/12 Beverly Bowman
 02/12 Cynthia Gastgeb
 02/12 Alexis Wilkerson
 02/12 Kathryn Nagy
 02/12 Emalyn Harding
 02/12 Gunner Reynolds
 02/14 Emily Brady
 02/14 Lori Wilkerson
 02/15 Jessica Franchi
 02/15 Clark Julius
 02/15 Jackson Trimmer
 02/16 Dorothy Maxwell
 02/16 Ruth Doyle
 02/16 Lora Shildt
 02/17 Fred Gossic
 02/17 Erin Colvin
 02/17 Roberta Tumulty
 02/17 Julie Jackson
 02/17 Steve Orosz
 02/17 Caden Harbison
 02/17 Ian Sharp
 02/18 Bonnie Kopach

02/18 Kimberly Duda
 02/18 Caitlin Gibson
 02/18 Zachary Marrow
 02/19 Sharon Sharp
 02/19 Todd Mendenhall
 02/19 Christine Bearman
 02/19 Megan Shildt
 02/19 Sage Sienerth
 02/20 Lori Haviland
 02/21 Thomas Aspinall
 02/21 David Werner
 02/22 Gary McMillen
 02/22 David Doyle
 02/22 Rachel Vighetti
 02/22 Azjia Gardner
 02/23 Florence Drugmand
 02/23 John Brown
 02/24 Michael Gullo
 02/24 Amelia Sunderlin
 02/25 Robert McAuley
 02/25 Jeremy Hall
 02/26 Sandra North
 02/26 Thomas Morse
 02/26 David Reynolds
 02/27 Delores Kantorzyk
 02/27 Anthony Cersosimo

LENT

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26 – the day we observe Ash Wednesday. At Bethany, we gather for a meal at 6:00 pm and then worship together in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

Ashes will be administered to those who desire them; they are used as a reminder of our sinfulness, and need for God's grace.

The Choir needs YOU!

The Bethany Choir would like to invite you to join us for Holy Week and Easter services this year. We would love to have some extra singers join us....we will be singing joyful music on Easter morning, including the 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's oratorio 'The Messiah'. If you would like to join the choir for any or all of Holy Week and Easter services, plan on attending Wednesday evening rehearsals beginning March 18 at 7:00 pm.

-John Henninger, Music Director



Evangelism Thought for the Month

"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but *only God* makes the seed grow." 1 Corinthians 3:7 NAS

(Therefore, our job as evangelists for Christ is to spread the Word, plant the seeds of faith and nourish them! God, Himself, does the rest!)

From Session:

The presbyteries, synods, and General Assembly of our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) annually make financial assessments, called Per Capita, of members. Our session is committed to paying the full assessment for all the members on our roll because we treasure our relationship with the wider church, and the congregation benefits when members contribute their share to the whole.

Why do we pay this assessment known as per capita? Because we value our Presbyterian heritage and identity. As a congregation we derive many material benefits from our Presbyterian association, including the oversight of preparation for ministers and the mechanisms for calling new ministers, and the maintenance of the wonderful Presbyterian historical collection in Philadelphia. Our per capita also supports the nation and global outreach of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

Our per capita assessment for 2020 is \$34.79 per member.

We look forward to your participation in per capita giving, an expression of your commitment to ministry both within our congregation and beyond

Membership Notes:

- ⇒ Baptisms took place on January 12, 2020. *Kylie Lynn Turner*, daughter of Cody Turner and Jessica Deemer and *Talia Charlotte Pyrdek*, daughter of Scott and Emily Pyrdek were baptized.
- ⇒ Please keep in prayer the family of member *Rosemarie Thielet* who passed away on January 9, 2020



QUILTING GROUP

The Bethany Quilters are in need of quilt tops to finish. If you have a quilt top that needs to be sewn, please call the office and Sandy will get back to you. The quilters do beautiful hand stitching on all their quilts.

The quilters donate all money earned from their quilting to Presbyterian Women.

SAVE THE DATES!



Bethany Men's Retreat—May 1-2, 2020 at Oglebay, WV.

Bethany Golf Outing—June 27, 2020 at Ft. Cherry Golf Outing



Bethany Golden Oldies



The February 20th meeting will share important information with everyone and celebrate an early Mardi Gras time. More trips information will be available. Come ready to have a good time with long-time Friends. Please welcome our new Friends into our group as we all come together to Fellowship, enjoying a tasty meal while having Fun.

News & Events

Do you have a heart for service? Bethany's Mission Team is the place for you!

The mission team is inviting congregation members to join us and be apart of the great work Mission team does for our local community and communities afar. If you would like to be a part of organizing mission trips, charitable giving, and spreading the word of God through service join us for a behind the scenes experience of how mission and outreach happen at Bethany. Help us share our blessings with the community around us. We meet once a month and would love to share this experience with you. E-mail: mission@bethanypresby.org for more details. We would love to have your help. We are blessed to be a blessing.

Bethany Presbyterian Church Needs Your "SELFIE"

The membership committee has been able to upload the photo's from last years' photo directory into the church database and we are now able to produce our own directory moving forward. If you did not participate in the directory or if you would like to replace or update your professional photo, we are asking for you to send your photo or "selfie" to the office email office@bethanypresby.org as soon as possible so that we may get you into this years' directory. Simply snap a shot or have someone else take your photo and forward it along with your name to the office to be included in the next update.

Bill Paviol, 412-722-3102 cell
Membership Chairperson

The Bridgeville Community Food Bank served only 66 families on January 18th. A snow and ice storm that morning caused the light turnout.

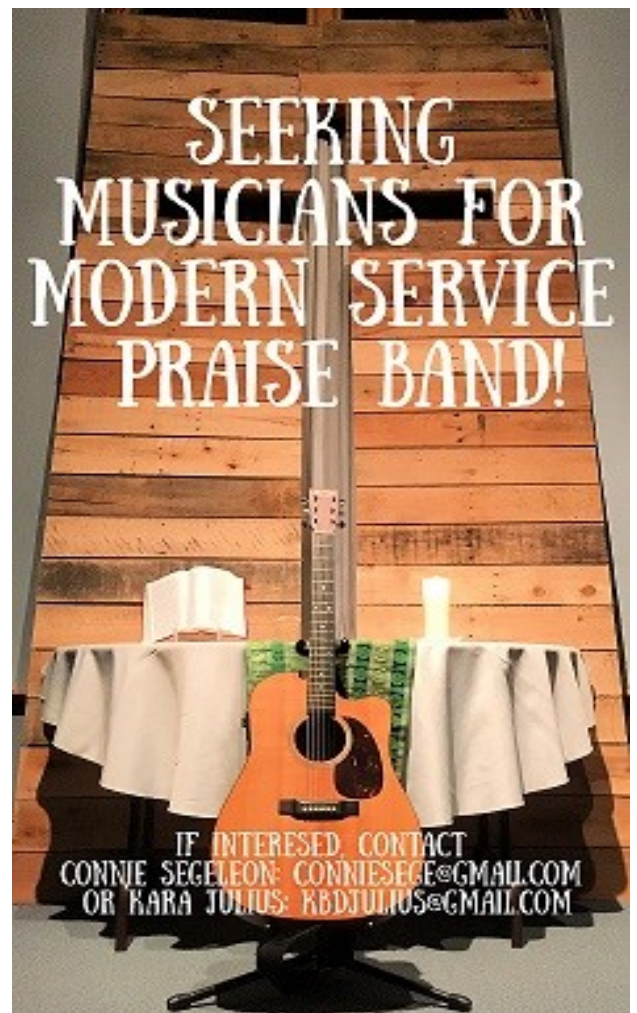
That number included 24 children, 46 adults and 45 elderly. Thank you for your continued support for the Bridgeville community Food Bank.

DIAPER BANK NEWS: It has been one year since the start of the Bethany Church Diaper Bank. During that time, we have distributed over 100 packages of diapers and wipes. It is a good beginning and we are happy to have helped the needs of the recipients and will continue to do so as long as there are those needs. Thank you for all your support and prayers for this ministry.

Blessings, Barb Crawford

The 2020 Diaper Bank Dates are:

February 22, March 28, April 25,
May 23, June 27, July 25, August
22, September 26, October 24,
November 21, and December 19



Bethany Prayer Walk

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. Jeremiah 29:12

March 6, 2pm - 8pm

***ALL ages welcome!**

A children's prayer walk will
be held downstairs

Join us at the church on
World Day of Prayer for a
guided prayer walk through
the building.

**PW is collecting supplies throughout the month of February –
the month traditionally known as the “Month of Love”**

Let's love on the men and women of our armed services who have been deployed

Due to the sudden and immediate nature of the recent deployment of thousands of troops, both from Fort Bragg, and Vincenzo, Italy, the Red Cross is critically in need of personal items for the soldiers.

Most soldiers left for this deployment with 12 to 24 hour notice, carrying only a single pack.

The Red Cross is embedded directly with troops, and provides aid stations where soldiers can go to get items to meet their immediate needs.

With the huge influx of soldiers, and donations for American troops waning in recent years, the Red Cross stations in many locations have literally nothing to offer to the soldiers.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR OUR SOLDIERS INCLUDES:

- Non-Perishable snacks (no chocolate)
- Wet Wipes or Baby Wipes
- Travel size personal toiletries (shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors)

There are a few items that don't immediately come to mind when you think of soldier needs, but are also in very short supply: Playing Cards, Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons), Ponytail holders (black/brown only), Bobby pins

Please feel free to include your name and a note of encouragement and support for the package.



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AshWednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 26, 2020. Please join your church family for dinner and worship as we begin the holy season of Lent.

Fish dinner starts at 6:00 PM in the Great Room. The Deacons will provide Fried or Baked Fish, macaroni and cheese and beverages. You are all asked to bring a dish to share according to your last name.

A-I—Desserts

J-Q—Salads

R-Z—Vegetable or Side Dish

Worship will begin at 7:00 PM upstairs in the Sanctuary.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP for dinner! Fill out the form in the bulletin or call Jill in the church office to reserve your dinner preference.