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## Winter Smiles

A forwarded email inspired me recently. It was from one of our members and it had pictures splashed across the top, of flowers in full bloom.

Inspiration came from the words, “Pennsylvania dahlias have adapted and become African dahlias!” An enterprising anthophile among us had boxed up a bunch of tubers and sent them to a friend in Malawi, with best wishes. Apparently, the flowers did not miss home, because they multiplied like rabbits. The proof was in the pictures, and the happy thank yous of an African friend.

Something about this scenario made me chuckle for two days. I commended Doug for the novelty of the very idea. I wonder why I never thought of that. Spreading joy and beauty around the world through flowers, who knew? I secretly hoped there were no slugs who went along for the ride.



Part of my mirth came from imagining the way the Holy Spirit works in our world. Like church without walls, God’s Spirit wanders without destination. You can always tell where She’s been by what is left behind. I’m sure the love of God can look like a tapestry of color, displacing barren landscape. Likewise, when we are at our best, we become the love of God, coloring and connecting our world.

Lent is here. It is a season set apart by the early church to tune us in to the significance of the resurrection of Jesus. Without a watchful spirit, we can miss our part in the flood of beauty God wants to release. Easter can pass us by and leave us unchanged. During these weeks, I’ll be issuing an invitation. An invitation to walk with Jesus toward his resurrection. When we accept each invitation, we make all the decisions we need to be part of Easter transformation.

Let’s be part of the love God has showered upon all people. It floods outside our walls. This love connects and colors our world.

See you in church,

*Pastor Bill*





There are a lot of exciting things going on at Bethany. Our youth enjoyed Event 3.0 in February as the Presbytery organized all the youth groups to come together at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church and enjoy fellowship and worship with a

message that God's love casts out all fear.

As we prepare for lent this year what are some ways you would like to grow in Jesus Christ? How about joining us to pray at the prayer walk on March 6<sup>th</sup> as we pray from 2pm to 8pm for the community, the neighborhoods, and the world.

I hope you are excited for our youth confirmation night where our youth confirmands will share their statements of faith on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. And they will be received by the congregation on March 29<sup>th</sup>. We are excited as a church and thankful for all the parents, teachers, mentors, and pastors who guided them in this faith journey. And we look forward as a church to continue to nurture them in their faith life so please join us for those worship services.

Our youth mission to Philadelphia is coming sooner than you think and we need an initial deposit of \$100 that is due on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please turn it in the office or to Pastor Jae with a check payable to Bethany Presbyterian Church. Subject line Youth Mission 2020 Deposit with the name of youth. Let's continue to pray as the Lord leads us to serve and share the good news at Philadelphia this year on June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Baby Luke is doing well and you may have seen him around at church, and at youth group. We are planning to baptize Luke on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the second service. After the service, we want to invite you to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> day. This is a milestone in Korean culture as it represents he is healthy and will live a long life. Food and cake will be provided. It is our thank you for all your support and prayers as we transitioned into parenthood with Luke. Hope to see you there!

Peace,

Pastor Jae Cho

# Acolytes Needed

Seeking Children  
3rd - 6th grade

Bring the *Light of God*  
into the sanctuary

If interested or for  
more information:

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# March 2020



**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

1 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship 4:00 PM BYG Jr. & Sr. High 6:00 PM Worship	2 9:30 AM Preschool 6:00 PM Engagement Team 6:15 PM PW Workout 7:00 PM Dartball League Meeting 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting	3 6:30 PM Men's Huddle Group 7:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 PM Coed Dartball	4 9:30 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Fellowship of Prayer 4:30 PM Confirmation Workshop 6:00 PM Ringers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Choir	5 9:15 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Knitters 6:00 PM AA Mtg 6:30 PM Locking Arms Mens Group 7:30 PM Dartball	6 9:30 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Womens Small Group Bible Study 12:00 PM Preschool Lunch Bunch 2:00 PM Prayer Walk	7 9:00 AM LAST UPWARD GAMES DAY
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# MARCH

## Birthdays

03/01	Peggy Patterson	03/12	Amelia Smith	03/23	Ruth Bedner
03/01	Molly Regan	03/12	Dawn Lane	03/23	Dawn Dunlap
03/02	Lorelei Smith	03/12	Angelo Poiche	03/24	Annabelle Fulton
03/02	Darcie Biancini	03/13	Victoria Beattie	03/24	Andrew Sommerfield
03/02	Brandon Postler	03/14	Sarai James	03/24	John Hunter
03/02	Amy Ramage	03/15	Charles Lacher	03/25	Carl Suppo
03/03	Nicklaus Lytle	03/16	Wilma Zavodnik	03/25	Jeffrey Nowak
03/03	Joann Johnston	03/16	Dominic DiDomenico	03/26	Casey McCaffrey
03/04	Casey Jackson	03/17	Marlene Knapp	03/26	Robert Grossi
03/05	Anthony Naples	03/17	Kristin Gricar	03/26	Katie Doyle
03/05	Janice Teller	03/17	Patricia Mishizen	03/26	Carrie Emerson
03/05	Madelyn Rutkowski	03/17	Scott Trimmer	03/27	Jordan Krieger
03/05	John Ramage	03/17	Allison Galbraith	03/27	Jake Hanich
03/05	Kelly Gilmore	03/18	Ann Griffin	03/27	Jesse Wilhelm
03/06	Laura Dugan	03/18	E. Dianne Fiorentini	03/27	Millie Wolstoncroft
03/07	Bruce Carman	03/18	Robert Rahr	03/27	Tanner Lacher
03/07	Anita Myers	03/18	Madison Turnbull	03/27	Darren Deemer
03/07	Mary Bressanelli	03/19	Camden Gullo	03/27	Elmer Heaps
03/07	Taylor Buchta	03/19	Elise Ramous	03/28	Eli Franchi
03/07	Meredith Stewart	03/19	Hailey Sabin	03/28	Thomas Gilmore
03/08	Aubriella Furman	03/19	James Jenkins	03/28	Kylie Turner
03/09	Kelli Watson	03/20	Brad Bowman	03/28	Bill Paviol
03/09	Barbara Crawford	03/21	Sarah Verduci	03/28	Nicole Ciaramella
03/09	Sarah Paviol	03/21	Marlene Brown	03/29	John Crawford
03/09	Kerri Kane	03/21	Richard Pyle	03/29	Edward Stewart
03/10	Alec Heiskell	03/21	Kelly Kain	03/30	Connor Gricar
03/10	Lori Jablonski	03/21	Taylor Barbaryka	03/31	Maria Reynolds
03/10	Nicole Beighey	03/21	Robert Joesbury	03/31	Steve Smith
03/11	Roman Baronio	03/21	Mason Tumulty	03/31	Alexis Padgelek
03/11	Omar Chaudhry	03/22	Thomas Clarke	03/31	Arthur Wells
		03/22	Casey Sisk	03/31	Presley Venum
		03/22	Adriana Romanelli	03/31	Randall Rastetter

## Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!



The Bethany Choir would love to add some singers to our ranks for Holy Week and Easter Services.

The music of Holy Week and Easter helps bring the message of Christ's passion and resurrection alive in the worship setting.

If you are interested in lending your voice to help us celebrate the journey with Jesus from the cross to the grave and to the Heavenly Kingdom, plan on attending Wednesday evening rehearsals on March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25 (or as many as you are able) beginning at 7:00 pm. You will be on your way by 7:45.

Some, sing a new song to the Lord!

## Evangelism Thought for the Month

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires: and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

2 Timothy 4 vs 3-5 : NASB



## Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service:



On Wednesday, February 26, the Deacons hosted the annual Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner for the families of Bethany. Approximately 160 people attended the dinner, with around 130 attending the service. Thank you to the deacons for hosting the gathering and to our church family for joining together in fellowship as we prepare for the resurrection of our Lord.

*Please pray for these members or family of members who have recently passed.*

- Ruth Wright on February 5, 2020.
- Fred Ellis, husband of Shirley Ellis on February 9, 2020
- Florence Drugmand on February 20, 2020.
- Florence Just, mother of member Bill Just.
- Beverly deTorres, sister of Rev. Bill Youmans.
- Ruth Ann Shaffer, sister of Edgar Shaffer.

### PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS



As we conduct the search for our Senior Pastor, it is important that the congregation be an active participant in this process. At this time, we are asking all members to complete a survey that will help us understand your perceptions of Bethany and what you believe are important attributes for the next Senior Pastor. Please take a moment to thoughtfully and prayerfully complete the survey. This can be done via paper or electronic format. The survey can be obtained electronically by utilizing the <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8NGS7LN> or by scanning the QR code. Anyone with questions about the survey should contact any member of the PNC. We thank you for your prayers and for being a part of this very important process.

Bob Julius, Sarah Paviol, Judy Davidson, Jim Myers, Becky Yanak, Tim Nagy and Pam Petrow

### SAVE THE DATES! UPCOMING EVENTS!

- ⇒ PW Spring Gathering, Friday, April 3rd, 7:00 PM
- ⇒ Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Saturday, April 4th at 9:30 AM
- ⇒ Bethany Men's Retreat, May 1-2, Ogelbay, WV
- ⇒ Bridgeville Memorial Day Festivities, Monday, May 25th
- ⇒ Bethany Golf Outing, Saturday June 27th at Ft. Cherry Golf Course



# News & Events

## Meeting God in Mission – Dominican Republic, January/February 2020

We each enjoyed our first experience on a new mission trip with MGM (Meeting God in Mission) to the town of Hato Mayor Del Rey in the Dominican Republic. MGM hosts short term mission trips and partners with Del Rey Ministries to serve the people that live there. Del Rey Ministries builds vibrant, self-sustaining, Christ-centered communities in the sugar cane villages of the Dominican Republic. They do this by identifying local Christians that God is calling into spiritual leadership and equipping them through sound Biblical instruction.

As with all mission trips, it was a time of spiritual growth, encouragement and transformation. It was uplifting to spend a week away from the distractions and struggles of life and to spend intentional time in the Word, in prayer, in worship, in service and in Christian fellowship. The Holy Spirit encouraged each of us with exactly what we needed to hear in the message being preached throughout the week.

Some of the scriptures that I (Carl) benefited from was from Romans 8:1-4 and 1 John 4:18. The morning devotion and worship experience provided the best way to start each day, in the light and love of our Lord Jesus. Sherry and I (Eric) were really fed by the verses in Luke 5:1-11 and Mark 8:22-35. The focus was on Peter and his willingness to follow Jesus by stepping out in faith. It encouraged us to step out on our mission trip.

One thing that was different with this mission trip, was that there were multiple ministry opportunities available each day. We could sign up for whatever we wanted to and try something different every day. We could choose from: construction, medical, dental, optical, VBS, baseball and prayer & evangelism. It was a great way to try something fresh and new and serve outside of our comfort zones.

Since I (Carl) was not comfortable or even knowledgeable on how to share the Gospel, I spent a few days doing prayer and evangelism. I found that it was not as nearly as frightening as I imagined it to be. It can be as easy as starting a conversation and sharing how God has helped you through some struggles. Sometimes we need to ask deeper questions to find out where people really are in their faith and what is holding them back from accepting Christ in their life. A few key scripture verses help, because there is power in the Word of God.

Sherry and I (Eric) spent most of our days with the medical team ministering to people who needed medical attention. We set up a clinic in each village and did triage. Then the patients would see a doctor and get medication if needed. One day I went to a pastoral training for about a dozen Dominican pastors ministering in the villages.

We learned that we are just one piece of the puzzle in a person coming to Christ and we may not see the fruit of our labors. After all, we are not transforming hearts. Only God can do that. All we can do is plant seeds. We were blessed to learn and grow and to witness people in the Dominican Republic accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior!

Sherry & Eric Gregory and Carl Suppo



## **From Discipleship: Regeneration, The New Birth**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is 'born again' he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:1-3 ESV)

Don't we all love it when a heart is changed! When a man or woman becomes a new creation in Christ!

My good friend and Bethany PC member, Darren Deemer, went to a church in 2011 with his son. Darren said he had a very "opinionated belief" about Jesus Christ. As he listened to the preacher, the message he heard about Jesus was totally opposite of his opinion, and in an instance, he had been 'born again'. After the church service, Darren wanted to learn more about Jesus. He read the Bible, listened to videos, went to Sunday school and church. Now, fast forward a couple years later and Darren and I went fishing together. God blessed me with some amazing fishing that day, and Darren can attest to my fish story! But far greater than the fishing was the blessing of being in the presence of someone who had been 'born again', and was so full of the spirit!

The meeting between Jesus and Nicodemus teaches us about the necessary spiritual birth described by theologians as regeneration. Regeneration can be defined as the work of the Holy Spirit breathing life into a spiritually dead human soul. Charles Hodge describes regeneration as a spiritual resurrection; the beginning of a new life. From Presbyterian and reformed scholars, there are many, many good definitions of the phrase 'born again' and we will provide these as we develop this topic.

So let's take a deep dive into the meaning of this new birth. With the help of the Holy Spirit, the Bible, a teaching series titled "The New Birth" by Ligonier Ministries' teaching fellow Dr. Steven J. Lawson, and other sources, I hope to expand and improve our understanding of this amazing work of God through a series of articles in the newsletter. With their permission of course, I will provide 'born again' narratives from Bethany PC members who had experiences similar to Darren's. Some of the topics that we will expand on in future newsletters are indicated below. There is more to it than you think!

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A Necessary Birth      | 7. A Sovereign Birth     |
| 2. A Supernatural Birth   | 8. A Monergistic Birth   |
| 3. A Scriptural Birth     | 9. A Promised Birth      |
| 4. An Instantaneous Birth | 10. A Saving Birth       |
| 5. A Comprehensive Birth  | 11. A Transforming Birth |
| 6. A Cleansing Birth      | 12. A Permanent Birth    |

As I write this series, please feel free to reach out to me and provide your 'born again' experience. Pray continually that God works powerfully in the hearts of our friends and neighbors so that there are many more who are 'born again'.

Yours in Christ,  
Doug Bovard

### ***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](mailto: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  
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# 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

\*Family Friendly Hours\*

Children's Prayer Walk  
will be downstairs 6-8pm

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



**The Bridgeville Community Food Bank** served 96 families on February 15th.

That number included 45 children, 77 adults and 65 elderly. Thank you for your continued support for the Bridgeville community Food Bank.