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### November 3rd

- **Fall Back! Daylight Savings Time ends** at 2AM on Sunday morning. Please remember to turn your clocks back before going to sleep Saturday night.
- **Dedication Sunday**—Please bring your Estimate of Giving Cards.
- **Baby Shower for Jae and Esther Cho at 12:30 PM**—All church members are invited to share in fellowship with Pastor Jae and his wife Esther.
- Please return your Operation Christmas Box by today along with your check.

### November 10

- **Thank Offering Sunday**

Join Presbyterian Women as they welcome the Rev. Sharon Stewart as the guest speaker.



### November 17



- **New Member's Sunday**—New members will be welcomed into Bethany at all three services.
- **Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast**—Troop 2 is holding their annual pancake breakfast all morning in the Great Room. This is their biggest fundraiser of the year.

### November 24

#### **Special Service Schedule for November 24, 2019.**

**9:30 AM—Worship Service**

**11:00 AM—Annual Congregational Meeting**

**12:00 PM—Retirement Luncheon/ Celebration for Pastor John**

Please join your entire church family as we celebrate and say goodbye to Pastor John who is retiring.

Don't forget to RSVP to the luncheon by emailing or calling the church office. Please RSVP by November 18th.

## **“Most Asked Questions About Pastor John’s Retirement”**



In our journey together as I approach retirement, I have been asked many questions. Here are some of the most common questions. Maybe you have been wondering...

### **Where will you be living?**

We plan to stay in our home here in the Pittsburgh area for the near term future. Our daughter and grand-son live with us. My cancer treatments continue for another two years, and it is good to have the continuity of medical care.

### **Where will you be worshipping?**

We plan to worship in a variety of churches in the area, including several pastored by colleagues for whom I pray and care. I would also love to experience varieties of worship, including churches outside my cultural and Presbyterian tradition.

### **What will you be doing in retirement?**

Resting: As a full time pastor, I have struggled to learn how to use the “off” button. After 46 years of pastoring, 42 ½ of them as an ordained pastor, I am ready for a rest.

Travelling: This will give Melany and me time to travel together to see our daughter and husband in Paris and our son and his wife and our granddaughter in Germany. Emma is now 2 ½ years old and needs her “Papa John.” We also look forward to seeing extended family, including Melany’s mother in North Carolina.

Growing: Not only do I plan on growing older but also growing deeper as a disciple of Jesus. Praying, walking, reading, studying and writing will be a larger part of my life. Melany is a priceless companion in that journey.

Praying and Praising: Though I will not be your Pastor and will need to step away so that others may lead, I will be praying and praising God for you, the congregation of Bethany Presbyterian Church. The journey we have shared together in these 9 ½ years has been priceless. I have been changed forever by serving and worshipping with you, weeping and rejoicing with you. My work with you will end; my love for you will continue.

God bless you,

John Hamilton



We have so much to be thankful for this November with thanksgiving on the way. Our Bethany Youth Group is continuing to meet every Sunday from 4-6pm with fellowship, worship and small groups. We want to invite all 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders to come check it out if you haven't already or if you have come a couple times to commit for the next 6 months to experience growth both spirituality and relationally with peers.

This year we are giving away tools to help our youth grow in their faith with "One Minute Bibles" for devotion and Right Now Media video resource for discipleship. You can sign up for Right Now media by texting RIGHTNOW BETHANYPRES to 41411. We also have a new communication tool called Remind app which allows us to chat and make announcements with important news for BYG. Sign-up for Remind @bygnow to 81010.

As of this writing our youth group is going to the Fall Youth Retreat at Pine springs to grow in fellowship and know more about God's saving grace. And last week we raised over \$800 from our Youth Mission Fundraiser for Philadelphia in 2020 partnering with City Service Mission (CSM). We want to be prepared to serve so our youth will continue to distribute the Rubbermaid lunch Blox containers for November 3 & 10. Thank you for all your support.

Also it's an honor to be a part of a church that is making a real impact in the community. As The Chamber of Commerce does Excellence Awards every year; and this year, Bethany has won Best Religious Organization in Bridgeville. All this happened thanks to every person at Bethany who loves like Jesus and brings people to Jesus through his church.

Last but not least Esther and I are so thankful for the generosity at Bethany for hosting a Baby Shower on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1230pm. Thank you for all your prayers and support through this season of transition in our lives. We are getting ready by going to birthing classes, reading parenting books and preparing the home for the baby to be part of the family. And we pray for all the families at Bethany who are part of this journey.

May God Bless you Abundantly in Thanksgiving,

Pastor Jae Cho

## **Evangelism Thought for the Month:**

***"The treatment of our neighbor is a gauge by which our love of God is measured." -author unknown***

# November 2019

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

					1 9:30 AM Preschool 12:00 PM Preschool Lunch Bunch 5:00 PM Upward	2 8:00 AM Upward Evaluations
3 <b>Stewardship Sunday</b> 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship 12:00 PM New Members Received By Session 12:30 PM Esther Cho Baby Shower 4:00 PM BYG Jr. & Sr. High 6:00 PM Worship	4 6:00 PM Engagement Team Mtg 6:15 PM PW Body Carpenter Workout 7:00 PM Dartball League Meeting 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting 7:00 PM Session Teams	5 9:30 AM Womens Day Out 10:00 AM SHWC 6:30 PM Men's Huddle Group 7:00 PM Coed Dartball	6 9:30 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Fellowship of Prayer 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Modern Svc Rehearsal	7 9:15 AM MOPS 9:15 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Knitters 7:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study 7:30 PM Dartball 8:00 PM AA Mtg	8 9:30 AM Preschool 12:00 PM Men's Friday Lunch 12:00 PM Preschool Lunch Bunch	9 9:00 AM PW Bible study 11:00 AM Knitters
10 <b>THANK OFFERING SUNDAY</b> 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship 4:00 PM BYG Jr. & Sr. High 6:00 PM Worship	11 9:30 AM Preschool 6:15 PM PW Body Carpenter Workout	12 9:30 AM Womens Day Out 6:30 PM Men's Huddle Group 7:00 PM Budget Committee 7:00 PM Coed Dartball	13 9:30 AM Preschool 6:00 PM Ringers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Modern Svc Rehearsal	14 9:15 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Knitters 7:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study 7:30 PM Dartball 8:00 PM AA Mtg	15 9:30 AM Preschool 12:00 PM Preschool Lunch Bunch 6:00 PM Kids Night Out	16 7:30 AM Food Bank 11:30 AM Lean on Me
17 7:00 AM Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship with Service of Reception for New Members 12:15 PM Orchestra Rehearsal 4:00 PM BYG Jr. & Sr. High 6:00 PM Worship	18 9:30 AM Preschool 6:15 PM PW Body Carpenter Workout 7:00 PM MOPS Steering Mtg 7:00 PM Session Meeting	19 9:30 AM Womens Day Out 6:30 PM Men's Huddle Group 6:30 PM PW Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Coed Dartball	20 9:30 AM Preschool 6:00 PM Bethany Ringers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Modern Svc Rehearsal	21 9:15 AM MOPS 9:15 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Golden Oldies Luncheon 12:00 PM Knitters 7:30 PM Dartball 8:00 PM AA Mtg	22 9:30 AM Preschool 12:00 PM Men's Friday Lunch 12:00 PM Preschool Lunch Bunch	23 9:00 AM PW Bible study 9:00 AM Supplemental Diaper Bank 11:00 AM Knitters
24 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Annual Congregational Meeting After Service 12:00 PM Retirement/ Celebration Luncheon For Pastor John	25 9:30 AM Preschool Pasta Party 4:00 PM TURKEY DINNERS PREP 6:15 PM PW Body Carpenter Workout	26 8:00 AM TURKEY DINNERS PREP 9:30 AM Womens Day Out 6:30 PM Men's Huddle Group	27 8:00 AM TURKEY DINNERS PACK AND DELIVER 7:00 PM Modern Svc Rehearsal	28 <b>THANKSGIVING</b> office closed 	29 office closed	30

# Happy Birthday!

11/01	Tanner Zissis	11/11	Bonnie Hendershot	11/22	Julie Marrow
11/03	Carrie Stitch	11/12	Ava Orosz	11/22	Sandra Casciola
11/03	Carl Skerl	11/12	Kelly Barish	11/23	Leo Vighetti
11/03	Lenore Buchta	11/12	Geri Phillips	11/23	Landon Gossic
11/03	JaCoby Davis	11/13	Andrew Shrewsbury	11/24	Grace Schneider
11/03	Brandon Dempe	11/13	Enzo Franchi	11/24	Olivia Goerd
11/04	Rocco Matusic	11/13	Steven Lower	11/25	Michal Barbaryka
11/04	Sharon Salvini	11/13	Gregory Pitzer	11/25	Jean Roemer
11/04	Kitty Rackley	11/15	Erica Anderson	11/25	Heather Dempster
11/04	Samantha Berton	11/15	Amy Miklavic	11/26	Roman Franchi
11/05	Raymond Browner	11/15	Sydney Niegorski	11/26	Becky Yanak
11/05	Phillip Carman	11/16	Aiden Harding	11/26	Melanie Bedner
11/05	Sean Carman	11/17	Michele Rutkowski	11/27	Michelle Gastgeb
11/05	Aaron Timco	11/17	William Gray	11/28	Mackenzie Timco
11/05	Madison Marrow	11/18	Judith Davidson	11/28	Antonio DePaoli
11/06	Garnet Mikush	11/18	Nancy Hartz	11/28	Joseph Underwood
11/06	Jeanine Rainone	11/18	Brandon Davis	11/29	Linda Karns
11/07	Amanda Doty	11/18	David Reynolds	11/30	Jacob Nelson
11/07	Kasey Rothermund	11/19	Malia Padula		
11/08	Katie Regan	11/19	Alice Montagna		
11/08	Arthur Rutkowski	11/20	Hunter Hoffman		
11/08	John Evans	11/21	Beverly Lytle		
11/08	Earl Marlett	11/21	Taryn Briggs		
11/09	Haley Nicholson	11/21	Katelyn Gilmore		
11/09	Evan Zombek	11/22	Maxwell Hanich		
11/09	Stephen Zombek	11/22	Tawyna Shrewsbury		
11/09	Logan Leigh	11/22	Carole Aspinall		
11/10	Robert Matusic				
11/10	Kaitlyn Black				



## Musical Notes *by John Henninger*

### Ministry Opportunities

The annual Advent Cantata will be offered to the Glory of God in worship on Sunday, December 8. The Bethany Choir has started to learn the music for this special Sunday, and the orchestra is assembled.

If you would like to sing with the choir for this special Sunday, come to practices on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm. We spend about 40 minutes on the music for the cantata.

CDs are available to help you learn the music. Come and give the choir a try!

**(There is NO rehearsal on November 6 or November 27)**



### Christmas Eve

The Bethany Choir would be grateful to have your voice join to celebrate the birth of our savior. The Bethany Choir sings on Christmas Eve at the 8:00 pm service. If you would like to join the choir on Christmas Eve, please contact me; or just come to Wednesday evening rehearsals beginning December 4.



## Session Notes:

1. The decision has been made to hold only one worship service on December 29, 2019, at 10:00am. Final plans for services on Christmas Eve will be finalized at the November Session meeting.
2. Anyone interested in helping with the sound board/audio during our worship services should contact Ron Gastgeb, or the Worship team at [worship@bethanypresby.org](mailto:worship@bethanypresby.org).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS :

- ♦ Special Session Meeting to receive new members - Sunday, November 3, after the 10:45am service
- ♦ November Team Meetings – Monday, November 4 –**please note this is the 1st Monday in November**
- ♦ November Deacon Meeting - Monday, November 4
- ♦ Budget Team meeting – Tuesday, November 12
- ♦ November Session Meeting – Monday, November 18 -**please note this is the third Monday in November**
- ♦ Annual Congregational Meeting and Pastor John's last day in worship – Sunday, November 24
- ♦ December Joint Session/Deacon meeting – Monday, December 2

*Baptism*— Aiden Sisk, son of Tom and Casey Sisk was baptized on October 13, 2019.

### ***With Deepest Sympathy***

*Keep in your prayers the family of those who have recently passed:*

- *Anthony Zwigart, father of Shawn Zwigart, on October 1, 2019*
- *Julia Rose Bedner, daughter of Russ and Melanie Bedner, on October 23, 2019*
- *John O. Stephan, uncle of Facility Supervisor Bill Stephan, on October 25, 2019*
- *John "Jack" Townsend, husband of Georgina Townsend, on October 28, 2019*

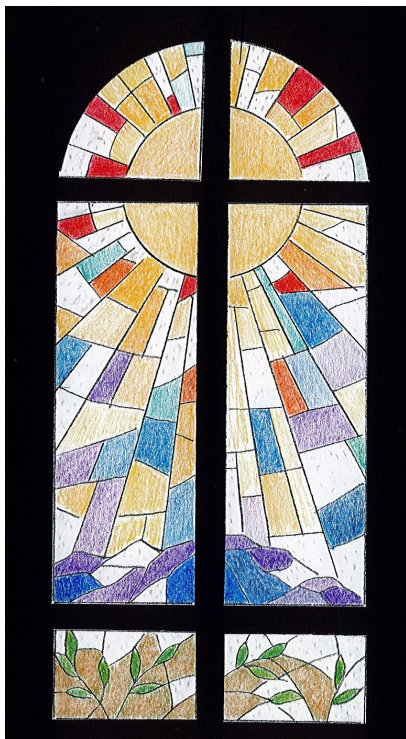
*"Let not your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me.*

*In my Father's house are many mansions..."*

*John 1*

## Transition Team Update

The Transition Team continues to work towards the hiring of our Interim Senior Pastor. We have identified several candidates and have interviews scheduled for the last week in September. Please continue to keep the team in your prayers as they seek God's direction in selecting the right candidate for Bethany.



### New Stained Glass Window for the Chapel!

To the left is an artists rendition of the new stained glass window that will be installed in Bethany's Chapel off the Welcome Center.

The cost of the window is being covered by the Bethany Stained Glass Memorial Fund.

Rex Glass designed and is installing the window.

It will be lighted at night and be visible from Washington Avenue.



On October 21, Bethany hosted over 200 leaders from Churches around the South Hills to hear a Disaster Preparedness Presentation by the Homeland Security Department. This presentation highlighted what churches can do to make their members feel safe. The Property Team and Session are reviewing Bethany's plan and making changes if needed.

### Annual Thanksgiving Dinner - Volunteers Needed!

Please look in this month's bulletins for volunteer opportunities to help with the making, packing and delivery of the Thanksgiving meals.

Bob Julius is the Bethany contact for volunteers.



**The Bridgeville Community Food Bank** served 89 families on October 19th.

That number included 41 children, 73 adults and 61 elderly. Thank you for your continued support for the Bridgeville community Food Bank.



Bethany Presbyterian Church has won the award for "Best Religious Organization" from the South West Chamber of Commerce for 2019. Pastor Jae, Caroline and Domenic Poiche, Pat Swanson, and Jean Roemer attended the ceremony and accepted the award on Bethany's behalf.

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Bethany Golden Oldies will gather again in Fellowship Hall for Fun, Food, Fellowship at noon on Thursday, November 21. If you want to have Fun, go on day and overnight trips, enjoy spending time with new and longtime Friends **PLEASE** join us.

### ***Presbyterian Women Christmas Gala***

Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 1:00PM

Entertainment provided by pianist Xuelzi Wu Talerico

Activities to include a White Elephant Christmas Ornament Exchange



### ***Breakfast with Santa at the Manger***

#### ***Save the Date!***

The Annual Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday December 14 from 9 AM to Noon.

Please look in the church bulletins and December's newsletter for more information.

