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Let Us Pray!

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy...for all of you"
-Philippians 1:3

Last summer I was sensing the need for the church to enter a season of prayer. We had grieved the passing of some beloved church members. And soon I would be announcing my plans to retire. But it was more than that; it was a call of the Holy Spirit for us as the body of Christ to be in prayer.

About that time I got a call from a church member who sensed the same call from God. (Becky Yanak did not know yet of my retirement plans.) We agreed that we needed to be obedient to God.

Since then I have shared this calling with the Session and ministry teams and as many folks and groups I could. I believe that now is the time for us to be in prayer together. You will find on pages 3 and 4 of the newsletter, a guide for our prayer for Bethany. The prayers should be of joy and compassion, hope and confidence—in God's work and plans for Bethany, now and into His future for Bethany.

I urge you: Pray! Let this tool lead you into deeper prayer and pray for God's church. Pray with us in worship. Pray with your family. Pray in your church group. Pray in your personal prayers.

We will begin this season of prayer as a church on Sunday, October 6 and continue through November. But you begin now!

God has great plans for Bethany...and an incredible assembly of disciples—including you.

So—let us pray!

In Christ's Love,

John Hamilton



The Youth Kick-Off went amazingly well as 25 youth joined 5 teachers with excitement! This was by far the largest group I've ever seen in Bethany and we want to continue building a sustainable youth group that has a faith of a mustard seed that impacts the lives of the church, the city, and the world.

Check out the youth events scheduled for October and join us every Sunday from 4-6pm for youth from 6th to 12th grade. Also sign up for the remind app @bygnow to receive the latest youth news and updates.

October 4th 7pm to 11pm Mercy Me and David Crowder Concert at PPG Arena Cost is \$35/person – Vanpool from Bethany Church at 6pm. Last day to sign up is September 29th. Please contact Pastor Jae or Laurie Sysak if you need tickets at lauriesteedlesysak@yahoo.com

October 19th – Fall Fest at Bedner's Farm 11am-2pm – Activities include Pumpkin Picking, Hayride, Zip line, Food Truck, and more! \$7/person discounted youth group rate. For more info check out bednersgreenhouse.com Contact Melanie at melanie.bedner@gmail.com

October 25-27th – Fall Youth Retreat at Pine Springs Camp – Cost is \$85/youth for 6th to 12th grade. Due by October 19th. Contact Pastor Jae at jae@bethanypresby.org

Our Sunday School was amazing with more people joining than ever before. A new Old Testament and New Testament foundation class that will help our church read the entire bible in a year. Right Now media is blossoming before our eyes. More than 100 members have embraced it as their own discipleship resource. We currently have 4 Sunday School classes dedicated to using Right Now Media as their curriculum for the year, including the adult classes “Lazarus Awakening” and “The Unshakeable Truth”.

This past month, I have enjoyed spending time with various members of the church and helping where I can: allowing the church to care for members who just needs a friend, being blessed by church member who invited her to go to a concert, and also helping others who gave some direction for affordable housing. I am so glad we have a church that welcomes and loves people in difficult circumstances experience the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please be sure to join us for worship for our Fall sermon series as Pastor John and I have spent extensive time praying and meditating on the sermon on the mount in Matthew at our Pastor's Retreat this past summer. You really don't want to miss any of the next two months as we unpack the word of God that transforms lives even today. We look forward to seeing you!

Peace,
Pastor Jae Cho

A Ministry of Prayer for Bethany Presbyterian Church

Purpose: To lift up the church in prayer in this season of transition – as disciples and as a whole church.

This includes prayer for:

The health and strength of this body of Christ characterized by...**grace, hope, love, unity, humility**

The health and strength of this body of Christ expressed in vibrant worship, Bible study, Sunday School, Youth Group, mission and all the ministries and mission of the church

The Session Transition Team in their search for an Interim Sr. Pastor

The Pulpit Nominating Committee when they begin their search for a long term Sr. Pastor.

* This can be used by individuals and groups. Be sure to keep the focus on scripture, prayer, and the qualities noted. (Not gossip, opinions, or chatter)

Week 1: Theme: Grace: it all starts with grace – from God to us and through us.

Philippians 1:1-2: “To all the saints...grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Prayer: Lord, we begin our prayers with one reality – grace...grace that comes from You and is most fully expressed in Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. May our prayers for your church called Bethany be in that spirit of grace... (silent prayer and/or group prayer)

Week 2: Theme: Hope: our confidence is not in ourselves, but in our great God who is at work in his beloved church.

Philippians 1:3-6: “I am confident in this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion...”

Prayer: Lord, we pray for this church, not in panic, but in confidence – confidence in your love for this church and your purpose and power in us...

Week 3: Theme: Love: at the heart of our calling as a church is love, the practice of love in our life together and mission to others.

Philippians 2:1: “If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love...any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete...”

Prayer: Lord, help us to love others, not just in concept, but in practice. May love characterize our life together and our service to others...

Week 4:

Theme: Unity: our unity is not something we “make”, but a reality we practice. Our unity is in Christ.

Philippians 2:2: “Make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being of full accord and of one mind.”

Prayer: Lord, you tell us that You take great joy seeing your children united in love. May we practice our oneness in Christ as a church...and bring a smile of joy to your face...

Week 5:

Theme: Humility: As pride separates us from God and others, humility opens us to God and one another.

Philippians 2:3: “Do nothing form selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves...”

Prayer: Lord, setting aside our pride and self-importance, we come to You in humility. In our brokenness and sin – we receive your grace ...and give that grace to others...

Week 6:

Theme: Selfless Love: When we lose ourselves in love for God and service to others, we find ourselves.

Philippians 2: 4-8: “Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...who emptied himself...even to death on a cross.”

Prayer: Lord, I pray for “the mind of Christ”, the selfless love that finds its fullest joy and purpose in loving You and serving others. In silence, I give myself to you...

Week 7:

Theme: Joy: Our greatest joy is in living in the light of the resurrected Jesus. Praise be to God!

Philippians 2: 9-11: “Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Prayer: Praise be to You, O God, whose love is victorious in the risen and living Christ! We praise You! We bow before You! We confess our faith in “that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” May we move forward in that joy and trust...

Save the Date

November 24—Pastor John's Last Sunday

- ◇ Pastor John's retirement is coming up quickly, with his last Sunday at Bethany on November 24. Planning has begun for a Congregational Celebratory Retirement luncheon on 11/24, and many of the Bethany groups are planning their own celebrations for Pastor John. If you would like to honor Pastor John on your own, you are encouraged to do so! If you would like to be a part of a planning team, or if you have an idea of how we can be honoring Pastor John, contact Beckie Price, Clerk of Session, at clerk@bethanypresby.org, or 412-427-5941.

Baby SHOWER

November 3rd ~ 12:30pm

Presbyterian Women are hosting a baby shower for Pastor Jae and his wife Esther who are expecting their first baby in December. PW is still planning and will get details out to the congregation soon.

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 UPWARD REGISTRATION BEGINS 9:30 AM Womens Day Out 6:30 PM Men's Huddle Group	2 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 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM New Members Class 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship 4:00 PM BYG Jr. & Sr. High 6:00 PM Worship	7 9:30 AM Preschool 6:00 PM Engagement Team Mtg 6:15 PM PW Body Carpenter Workout 7:00 PM Dartball League Meeting 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting	8 9:30 AM Womens Day Out 6:30 PM Men's Huddle Group	9 9:30 AM Preschool 6:00 PM Ringers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Modern Svc Rehearsal
13 Stewardship Campaign 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM New Members Class 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Congregational Meeting 10:45 AM Worship 12:00 PM LWW Potluck Lunch 4:00 PM BYG Jr. & Sr. High 6:00 PM Worship	14 6:15 PM PW Body Carpenter Workout 7:00 PM Session Teams	15 9:30 AM Womens Day Out 6:30 PM Men's Huddle Group 6:30 PM PW Planning Meeting	16 9:30 AM Preschool Bedner's Farm off site 6:00 PM Ringers 6:30 PM Beth Moore Bible St 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Modern Svc Rehearsal
20 Octogenarian Sunday Stewardship Campaign 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM New Members Class 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship 4:00 PM BYG Jr. & Sr. High 6:00 PM Worship	21 9:30 AM Preschool 6:00 PM Preparedness And Response Presentation 6:15 PM PW Body Carpenter Workout 7:00 PM MOPS Steering Mtg	22 9:30 AM Womens Day Out 6:30 PM Men's Huddle Group	23 9:30 AM Preschool 6:00 PM Ringers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Modern Svc Rehearsal
27 BYG Fall Retreat Stewardship Campaign 8:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM New Members Class 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship 4:00 PM BYG Jr. & Sr. High 6:00 PM Worship	28 9:30 AM Preschool 6:15 PM PW Body Carpenter Workout 7:00 PM Session Meeting	29 9:30 AM Womens Day Out 6:30 PM Men's Huddle Group	30 10:00 AM Preschool Halloween Party 6:00 PM Ringers 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Modern Svc Rehearsal

Evangelism Thought for the Month: “If you are not called to work in mission in a distant place, do not think that you have no grand mission. Every deed that comes to you in God’s allotted time is the *greatest* deed that could be yours, since God appointed it to you.”
(Anna Temple/edited JR)

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3 9:15 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Thursday Knitters 7:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study 7:30 PM Dartball 8:00 PM AA Mtg	4 9:00 AM Womens Small Group 9:30 AM Preschool 12:00 PM Preschool Lunch Bunch 7:00 PM BYG Concert - off site	5
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	24 9:15 AM MOPS 9:15 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Thursday Knitters 7:00 PM Beth Moore Bible Study 7:30 PM Dartball 8:00 PM AA Mtg	25 BYG Fall Retreat 9:30 AM Preschool 12:00 PM Men's Friday Lunch 12:00 PM Preschool Lunch Bunch	26 BYG Fall Retreat 9:00 AM PW Bible study 9:00 AM Supplemental Diaper Bank 11:00 AM Saturday Knitters
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Happy Birthday!

10/01	Wanda Chilleo	10/12	Amy Rush	10/25	Lindsey Myers
10/01	Laurie Edwards	10/12	Chelsea Schultz	10/25	Rebecca Quinn
10/01	James Mours			10/25	Edward Silassy
10/01	James Scalise	10/13	Marie Findley	10/25	Kellie Stewart
		10/13	Koda Miller		
10/02	Michael Barish	10/13	Tammy Underwood	10/26	Lacey Schwotzer
10/02	Audrieanna Lambert			10/26	Alan Witwicki
10/02	Cathy Schulz	10/14	Heather Hunter	10/26	Ami Layne Wolstoncroft
		10/14	Robert Lytle		
10/03	Hayden Zissis			10/27	Virginia Silassy
		10/15	William Gray		
10/04	Kathy Brown	10/15	Caleb Schwotzer	10/28	Noah Edney
10/04	Alan DePaoli			10/28	Eva Lacher
10/04	Mary Meta	10/17	Ian McKee		
10/04	Donna Miller	10/17	Caroline Poiche	10/29	Patricia Swanson
10/04	Randall Wilkerson	10/17	Geraldine Tschudi	10/29	Ross Wilkerson
10/05	Beckham Valentine	10/18	Becky Cook	10/30	Bruce Barnhart
		10/18	Ronald Coulter	10/30	Marjorie Jablonski
10/06	Louis Cimarolli	10/18	Rachel Dunlap	10/30	Janet Jones
10/06	Virginia Kirsopp			10/30	Tenley Muraco
10/06	Dolores Rastetter	10/19	Hannah Farabaugh		
		10/19	Frank Katrin	10/31	Zachary Beattie
10/08	Nathan DeGrave	10/19	Kathryn Teller	10/31	John Turnbull
10/08	Elizabeth Just	10/19	Karen Verduci		
10/08	Dawn Manzini				
10/08	Virginia Platt	10/20	Tracie Edwards		
10/08	Isabella Sysak	10/20	Paul Gastgeb		
		10/20	Ashley Strouse		
10/09	Nancy Krek				
10/09	Logan North	10/22	JoAnn Alexy		
		10/22	Mallory Goerd		
10/10	Matthew Bizzack				
		10/24	Jessica Dempe		
10/11	Layla Edney	10/24	Brayden Underwood		
10/11	Marlene Ostroskie				



Communion Dates for 2019

The Sacrament of Communion will take place on the following dates this year. If your school-aged child is interested in receiving communion, please speak with Pastor John or Pastor Jae.

October 6 (World Communion),
November 24, and December 24 (Candlelight Service)

COMMUNION



SCHEDULE

Baptisms

Congratulations to Josh and Michele Smith on the baptism of their daughter, Madison Nicole on September 22.

If you wish to have your child baptized, please call Jill Kolenda in the church office for a form. You will also have to meet with Pastor John or Pastor Jae. December 15th is the last scheduled date for baptisms this year.

Session Notes:

- ⇒ Remaining monies in our Hurricane fund, of almost \$3,000, collected following Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Maria, will be sent to the Bahamas through Samaritans Purse.
- ⇒ Our MOPS ministry will be recognized on Sunday, October 6 at the 10:45 service.
- ⇒ Volunteers are needed to help with the soundboard during our worship, particularly for the 8:15 service. Contact Sharon Salvini, or worship@bethanypresby.org, if you are interested in being a part of this ministry.
- ⇒ Fall New members class are scheduled to be held beginning in October. We will begin the 4 week class on Sunday, October 6th and then on the 13th, 20th and 27th. We will be meeting Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30AM.
- ⇒ Deb Pyle will now be the contact/liason person between Bethany and the La Croix/Pastor Pierre mission. Deb and the mission team are pulling together a mission trip to La Croix sometime in 2020. Keep an eye out for more information in the bulletin if you might be interested in being a part of the trip.
- ⇒ Registration for the 2020 Upward season will begin on October 1, 2019. Registration is done on line at our website. ***Our Upward program lost two very important people to our ministry, Earl Swanson and Tom Hayes this past year. We are in need of people to help in areas where they faithfully served, such as being a referee on game days, equipment management, and with practice night coverage. If you can spare a few hours each week through the months of January to March, we would appreciate having you as part of our team!*** See John Turnbull or Beckie Price, or send an email to upward@bethanypresby.org, for more information.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- October Team Meetings – Monday, October 14
- October Session Meeting – Monday, October 28
- November Team Meetings – Monday, Nov 4 –**please note this is the first Monday in November**
- Budget meeting for Team Chairpersons – Tuesday, November 12
- November Session Meeting – Monday, November 18 –**please note this is the third Monday in November**

The Session of Bethany has called a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 10:30AM in the Sanctuary for the purpose of hearing the report of our Nominating Committee and electing the following slate of candidates for the Pulpit Nominating Committee for our new Senior Pastor:

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

With Deepest Sympathy

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

Bill Warman on September 21, 2019

Donald Ziegler, husband of Claudia Ziegler on September 21, 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.



Come one, come all to: **Humor Me !**

A "one man show" featuring the works of many comedians and humorists!

Mark Rackley, a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church, will give impersonations of various comedians and share personal reflections on his Christian walk. Come join the fun!!

When? October 17, 2019

Pizza, Salad, and Cookies at 6:30pm

(free will offering) Program will start at 7:00PM.

Where? Bethany Presbyterian Church

The Bridgeville Community Food Bank served 99 families on September 21st.

That number included 45 children, 75 adults and 66 elderly. Thank you for your continued support for the Bridgeville community Food Bank.



The amazing journey of a simple shoebox gift begins with you.

Operation Christmas Child begins October 13!

Boxes will be in the Welcome Center..

Don't Forget!

Golden Oldies Luncheon on October 17th at Noon. All are welcome!

Money for the trips is due!



Living Waters of the World—Mission Trip to Haiti

The Bethany Presbyterian Church “Living Waters for the World” Mission trip was successful and there is now a water purification system operating within the compound of the Salt & Light Church and school in the community of Morne-Rouge in Cap Haitien, Haiti.

Health education training was done each day for a team of teachers and they had fun learning each lesson via a translator. The goal was to learn proper hygiene and how important it is to use “BON DLO” (Good Water). They learned by doing skits and songs and made clay models of Germs! They even did a science experiment with petri dishes to show how much bacteria was on each of their hands!



The people that we met from Salt & Light Church were very grateful, warm and friendly and are really excited to be able to provide Good Water to their neighborhood. They couldn't say enough nice things about the congregation of Bethany Presbyterian Church and the sacrifice of time, money and effort that has been put forth to provide them with this gift. They are very humbled and feel blessed by our gift to them.

Our team experienced first-hand the problems that these people have been going through daily. You might expect it in the countryside, but even in the city of Cap Haitien there is a lack of infrastructure. There is no running water, no sewage system and only sporadic electricity. To provide electricity, some places may have a generator, but gasoline is now \$14.00 US a gallon, if you can find it. To put this into a different perspective, the average Haitian lives on less than \$2.00 US a day.

A large part of our gift to this church is that this new water treatment system is powered by two Solar Panels, eliminating the need for a gasoline generator to pump and purify the water. These panels provide a little excess power so we ran an extension cord into the building next door to operate a fan and plug strip to charge cell phones in the church office. They may not have running water and only sporadic electricity but everybody has cell phones and needs to charge them. This uncovers a small additional revenue stream that will help to make their new water system financially self-sustaining. Electricity is now being generated by the sun for free and the water team can charge the public a small fee to charge their cell phones while they get their water bottles filled with Bon Dlo!

Because of some circumstances out of our control, we could not complete the entire project, but the water system is working and the last few steps will be completed by our Living Waters for the World in-country technicians.

To Bethany Presbyterian Church from the Salt & Light Baptist Church and School: *Mèsi bokou !*

There will be a Potluck Luncheon on October 13th after the 10:45 service with more discussions, Q & A and photos.

Watch the bulletin for updates.



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Musical Notes by John Henninger

Advent Presentation

The Bethany Choir will soon begin working on the music for our annual Advent Presentation. This year it will fall on Sunday, December 8.

We team together with an orchestra of church members and friends and work together to make our musical offering as fitting as it can be; perfecting our gifts so that we offer only our best to our God and King.

If you would like to join us for a limited commitment, please start by coming to practices beginning Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00 pm. We begin with the special music for the Advent Presentation, so you will be committing to about 45 minutes on Wednesday evenings. We also have CDs of the music so you can listen and learn where it's convenient for you. Please join us this year!



The Choir Members
received their new
robes in recent weeks.
Look for them in service!