

OCTOBER 2022

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Monthly Updates from Bethany Presbyterian Church

...from our Senior Pastor

Give glory to God! I know you hear it all the time. Give, give, give.

We enter a season of giving in October as a culture and as a church. We give out candy at the end of the month and by the time the year ends we are swimming in gifts given and received, and the wrapping paper to go with all of it. But the word glory, which we are called to give to God is, in its original language closely related to the same word as feast. To give glory to God is not far off from celebrating God.

It is one thing to enter a season of giving but then the church never really does that. We enter a season of returning. This occurs for many of us as the summer comes to an end and we return to those familiar routines of school and work that, while they can seem tedious at times, are also something we know we can deeply appreciate. When we talk about stewardship in the church, which we will be doing throughout October; it is less a time to think about what we can give, and more an opportunity to reflect on the ways God has blessed us through the year. What will our response be to the manifold grace we have received from God. Surely, glory and celebration are appropriate.

I am deeply appreciative of all the God has given my family this past year, including another year of being the pastor of Bethany Church. God's finger prints are all over our lives if we take the time to look. We give glory to God in our worship and our life together as our vocation to be Christ's witnesses, called and sent. Our purpose is to serve God's healing purposes for all the world as God's witnessing people to all the world. Your continued generosity, in returning to God a portion of the blessings that God has given to us all makes this possible, and for that we can give God all the Glory!

Blessings,

Pastor Brian Janssen

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...from our Associate Pastor

During a recent lunch meeting, I was given a book titled, "Steel Faithful: Stories of God at Work in Pittsburgh." The authors decided to start with Rev. Sam Shoemaker, an Episcopal priest who was once named one of the top preachers in the United States. Not only was he known for his preaching and leadership, his ideas strongly influenced the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 1955, Shoemaker founded The Pittsburgh Experiment, a Christian non-denominational ministry that provides spiritual resources to business professionals and area churches, helping people to apply their faith in day-to-day business relationships. The book includes chapters on the birth of the Catholic Charismatic movement, the development of the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation, and the growth of large ministries and churches in the past 30 years.

Only a few months ago on July 10th at the city-wide prayer event "Pittsburgh Prays," Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation President Lee Kricher opened with the following words: "In 1955, Time Magazine quoted Rev. Sam Shoemaker as saying, 'I have a vision that Pittsburgh will one day be as famous for God as it is for steel.' Those words inspired...thousands to give their lives to make a positive difference in our city. And today that legacy lives on as we gather in unity in Jesus' Name with a heart that our city will be more famous for God than for steel, or healthcare, or high tech, or even the Steelers!"

I share this with you because Pastor Brian and I will be reading this book together. You are invited to get yourself a copy, too! We think it's vital to understand the history of our city as we move forward, seeking how God wants to use this congregation in this community. Knowing and understanding the history can and will inspire, encourage, and make us aware - not only of how God has been at work - but how the Lord continues to move disciples of Jesus to impact lives in Western Pennsylvania.

The Lord has some great things in store for Bethany Church. Let's see how Bethany Church will be a part of writing the story of God at work in our city and our world.

Prayers Abound,
Pastor Ellen

...Music Notes

Calling all singers!

The adult choir year has begun. We rehearse Wednesday evenings at 7 in the choir room. Advent and Christmas are fast upon us so there is a lot of music to learn in the next few weeks.

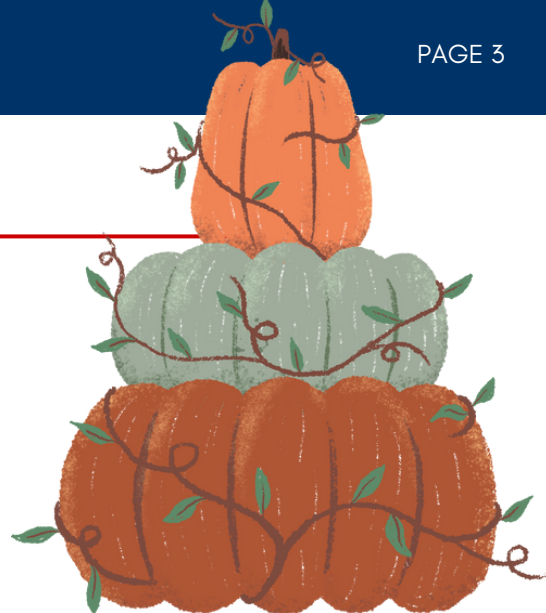
If you love to sing with a great group of people, come join us this Wednesday evening. Questions? Email me at music@bethanypresby.org.

Dr. Gretchen Franz
Interim Director of Music

about our members....

October Birthdays

WANDA CHILLEO	10/01	KODA MILLER	10/13		
LAURIE EDWARDS	10/01	ROBERT LYTLE	10/14		
JAMES MOURS	10/01	HEATHER HUNTER	10/14		
CATHY SCHULZ	10/02	WILLIAM GRAY	10/15		
AUDRIENNA LAMBERT	10/02	CALEB SCHWOTZER	10/15		
HAYDEN ZISSIS	10/03	GARY PHILLIPS	10/16	LINDSEY MYERS	10/25
RANDALL WILKERSON	10/04	GERRIE TURNBULL	10/17	REBECCA QUINN	10/25
ALAN DEPAOLI	10/04	CAILEE GIBSON	10/17	EDWARD SILASSY	10/25
DONNA MILLER	10/04	CAROLINE POICHE	10/17	KELLIE STEWART	10/25
BECKHAM VALENTINE	10/05	RONALD COULTER	10/18	ALAN WITWICKI	10/26
ALEX CONLEY	10/06	BECKY COOK	10/18	LACEY SCHWOTZER	10/26
DOLLY RASTETTER	10/06	ARLENE CAYE	10/18	AMI LAYNE WOLSTONCROFT	10/26
LOIS KIRSOPP	10/06	RACHEL DUNLAP	10/18	VIRGINIA SILASSY	10/27
ELIZABETH JUST	10/08	HANNAH FARABAUGH	10/19	EVA LACHER	10/28
DAWN MANZINI	10/08	KAREN VERDUCI	10/19	NOAH EDNEY	10/28
VIRGINIA PLATT	10/08	FRANK KATRIN	10/19	PATRICIA SWANSON	10/29
ISABELLA SYSAK	10/08	KATHRYN TELLER	10/19	ROSS WILKERSON	10/29
NANCY KREK	10/09	ASHLEY STROUSE	10/20	MARJORIE JABLONSKI	10/30
LOGAN NORTH	10/09	PAUL GASTGEB	10/20	BRUCE BARNHART	10/30
MATTHEW BIZZACK	10/10	MALLORY GOERDT	10/22	JANET JONES	10/30
LAYLA EDNEY	10/11	JOANN ALEXY	10/22	TENLEY MURACO	10/30
CHELSEA SCHULTZ	10/12	JESSICA DEMPE	10/24	JOHN TURNBULL	10/31
AMY RUSH	10/12	BRAYDEN UNDERWOOD	10/24	ZACHARY BEATTIE	10/31
TAMMY UNDERWOOD	10/13				



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Evelyn Barbish, Kim Hartnett, the Barbish and Hartnett families, on the death of Evelyn's sister (Kim's aunt), June Stewart, who passed away on September 5, 2022.

Upcoming Events

October 1

Upwards Basketball Registration - opens *online*

Enrollment for Kindergarteners to 2nd grade boys and girls opens!

Evaluations for registered players will be hosted on November 5th and 6th.

Let them learn and play the game with purpose!



October 9

Mortgage Burning Celebration

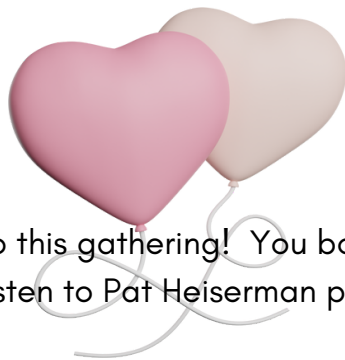
In 2005 Bethany Church took out a mortgage to finance renovations to our overall beloved church. We are beyond excited to announce that we have paid off that mortgage! To celebrate Pastor Dan Hrach and Pastor John Hamilton will be guest preachers. To keep the celebration going, bring your favorite side dish or dessert for a pot luck luncheon. To register, please call the church or go to:

<https://bethanypresby.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1426918>

October 20

Golden Oldies

Bring your sweetheart to this gathering! You both will be transported back in time as you dine on scrumptious food and listen to Pat Heiserman play love songs from the 50's on his guitar.



October 22

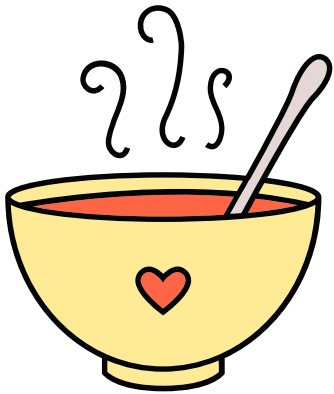
Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh

Join Andrew Hromoko and Bethany's Missions Team on October 22nd to help the Cox family in Clairton. They are suffering greatly from the suicide of their daughter. They are now raising their young grandson. There is much to be done at their home, and spiritual needs are also very significant. If you are feeling the call to help this family,

please add your name to the signup sheet in The Welcome Center.

Please know that experience is not necessary but if you do have handyman experience it is a welcomed plus!





October 23

Women's Ministries Luncheon with the ladies: Soup for our Souls

Join in on the discussion with the ladies of Bethany! Starting at 12:00PM, we will be hosting a soup luncheon with all the delicious toppings, bread bowls and flavors.

At 2:00PM it will be time to reveal our SECRET SISTERS!

Be sure to put it on your calendar and continue to uplift your secret sister.

October 29

Trunk or Treat



The parking lot here at Bethany will be transformed from 12:30 - 2PM as witches and warlocks, superhero's, princesses, monsters and enthusiasts come together and enjoy all the tricks and treats of Halloween! To ensure we have enough treats for all participations, registration is encouraged.



November 17, 2022

Golden Oldies

Calling all history buffs! This afternoon is all for you!

Bethany's own, Joe Oyler will be hosting a discussion on the History of Fallen Hero's, entitled "Almost Forgotten." The wonderful fellowship and delicious food Golden Oldies is known for will also be served.



Mission News



A non-profit mission organization is selected for enrichment during Bethany's Vacation Bible School. This year, Feed My Starving Children was selected. Each afternoon, during closing announcements the children attending VBS would anxiously await to find out who was in the lead, the GIRLS or the BOYS. Regardless of the outcome, the sanctuary would erupt into a thunderous roar of excitement. They were so proud of themselves for giving what they could to help benefit other children in the world.



On Saturday, September 10th, the proceeds from VBS were put into use. The \$1,414 the children raised and so much more that was donated by others locally packed 109,000 meals in less than 6 hours. Many Bethany Church Members participated in the event. In fact, members Celina and Jeff Farabaugh were the hosts! They welcomed children ages 5+ to come and help. A lot of the children whom attended our VBS were able to experience the full circle of their summertime donations. Aside from packing meals a light duty option was also available; Celina and Jeff made sure that there was something everyone could do!




MISSION TEAM SARRIS CANDY SALES FOR OCTOBER

Throughout the month of October, the Mission Team's funds from selling Sarris Candy will be going towards supporting James and Zoe. James and Zoe are the Missionaries we support in Africa that have warmed our hearts when they have come to share their experiences and pray with us. They are scheduled to return home at the end of the year, this funding will help them achieve continued success.

Church Calendar for October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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COMMUNION Worship at 8:15AM & 10:45AM 9:30AM -Sunday School	6PM-PW Seated Workout 7PM-Deacon Mtg 7PM-Body Carpenter Workout	6:30PM – Men's Huddle 7PM – Coed Dartball	10AM –Fellowship of Prayer 7PM – Choir Practice 7PM – Boy Scouts	9AM – Quilters 12PM – Rotary 12PM – Knitters 7PM-Dartball 8PM – AA		11:30AM – Knitters
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The Deacons are hosting this year's Trunk or Treat!



on
Saturday, October 29th
from 1:00-2:30



We hope to see you there - don't be scared!



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