



**2019-2020**

**KICKOFF**

**September 8th 4-6PM**

**BYG Parents Meeting 1-2PM**

**ALL YOUTH GRADES 6-12 WELCOME!**

Our Bethany youth group (BYG) will be more devoted this year than ever as we dive into the word of God and grow deeper through our youth group community of faith.

Come join us as we study scriptures, learn new songs, pray, enjoy food, games, sports, small groups, mentorship, discipleship, worship, fellowship, retreat, and serve the community through Pittsburgh Project, Feed My Starving Children, and go on a mission trip in 2020.

Come find out more on September 8th and don't miss out this year for the time of your life!

**Join us every Sunday from 4-6pm  
at the Youth Lounge!\***

\*Unless posted on Church Calendar

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## **The View from the Mountain:**

### **Lessons on Following Jesus**

Outside of my hometown of Lewistown is an overlook called “Bellville Mountain.” You could drive up the mountain, park your car and gaze out into the fertile valleys of central Pennsylvania. You could even cross the road, climb some rocks and down the other side of the mountain.

What a perspective we had from the mountain! You could see endless mountains and fertile valleys...clouds floating by or loading up for rain...rocks jutting out and the road snaking through the valley. Big things looked small – cars and trucks and barns and houses. Little things, like soaring birds and wildflowers, seemed more precious. It changed my perspective, viewing the world from the mountain.

Jesus once ascended a mountain and began to teach. His lesson were on how to live richly and deeply, how to love and forgive and bless others. In his teachings he offered a mountain view: “big things” could be seen as small and “little things” as priceless. And oh, how you could almost see forever into God’s eternal plan and calling for his children!

This fall, beginning on September 8th and on each Sunday through November, we will be joining Jesus to view life from the mountain. Would you do me a favor? Would you come to every one of these services you can possibly attend? I yearn with all my heart for us to walk together into God’s future for us as disciples of Jesus. May we look to the future from the mountain, the Sermon on the Mount as we follow Jesus.

In Christ’s Love,

*John Hamilton*

PS. Please look below for the complete fall sermon series outline.



### ***Fall Sermon Series starts on September 8th***

#### **The View from the Mountain: Lessons on Following Jesus**

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| <b><u>September 8:</u></b>  | <b><i>“Blessed! From the Inside Out, Upside Down”</i></b> (Matthew 5:1-12)<br>Holy Communion * Rally Day for Sunday School of all ages |
| <b><u>September 15:</u></b> | <b>Pastor Pierre</b> from LaCroix New Testament Mission  |
| <b><u>September 22:</u></b> | <b><i>“The Blessed Journey from Anger to Forgiveness”</i></b> (Matthew 5:21-27)  |
| <b><u>September 29:</u></b> | <b><i>“Practicing Authentic Spirituality”</i></b> (Matthew 6:1-18)   |
| <b><u>October 6:</u></b>    | <b><i>“Mercy: Sweet and Savory”</i></b> (Matthew 5:38-45) World Communion Sunday   |
| <b><u>October 13:</u></b>   | <b><i>“Who Owns You?”</i></b> (Matthew 6:19-24)  |
| <b><u>October 20:</u></b>   | <b><i>“Salty Generosity”</i></b> (Matthew 5:13-16) Heritage/Octogenarian Sunday  |
| <b><u>October 27:</u></b>   | <b><i>“No Good Reason for Worry”</i></b> (Matthew 6:25-34)   |
| <b><u>November 3:</u></b>   | <b><i>“Ruins and Fruits”</i></b> (This is not a typo!) (Matthew 7:7-20) Dedication Sunday  |
| <b><u>November 10:</u></b>  | <b><i>Thank Offering Sunday</i></b>  |
| <b><u>November 17:</u></b>  | <b><i>“The Church: Rocky and Rock Solid”</i></b> (Matthew 7:24-29)   |
| <b><u>November 24:</u></b>  | <b><i>“Famous Last Words”</i></b> (Philippians 1:3-11)   |



It's been a great summer so far in the life of Bethany as we took a break in the summer to plan and get ready for the fall Youth kick off for Sunday School and Youth Group on September 8th. I hope you are all excited for the 2019-2020 season. As we have new ways to engage our groups integrating RightNow Media for discipleship. Also an Old Testament foundations class. In my recent sermon, I shared the importance of how all our ministries flow out from our worship.

In Romans 12:1-2 says, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

When we have true and proper worship we renew our minds and we know God's perfect will for us. Check out the "Why Worship?" sermon on the Bethany website.

We want to build a faith community at Bethany and allow the Holy Spirit to help us grow! I hope you can join us this fall as we enter into worship, Sunday school, men's and woman's groups, kid's night out, and youth group, and more. May God's love and blessing be with you now and forever!

Peace,

*Pastor Jae Cho*

## The Confessions of Two Long-time Sunday Morning Service Attenders

OK, we confess – over the years, we have always attended one of the morning services at Bethany. Oh, occasionally we would go to the old F.I.R.E. (Fellowship in the Refiner's Eyes) service at 6:00pm on Sunday evening. But, we were always drawn back to the morning service, usually the later service. Deb sings in the Choir and I teach Sunday School. We both enjoy the traditional hymns and that style of worship, and many of our church friends also attended a morning service. It just seemed a better fit for us.

Then, it happened, a few Sundays ago. We had spent the long weekend at our little lakehouse in Ohio with our Daughter Kim, her Husband Mike, and our three oldest grandchildren, Brady, Jack, and Camden. They left for home in the morning, and we hung around until about 2:00pm. Arriving home around 4:00pm, we unpacked the car, looked at each other, and asked, "Are we going to the evening service?" We were both tired and looking forward to a quiet Sunday evening at home. However, the Holy Spirit (and the spirit of Pastor John!) was pulling our hearts toward church. We knew what we had to do.

Arriving a little before the start of the service, we were greeted by our dear Brother, Bill Paviol, at the top of the steps off the parking lot. Rows of chairs were arranged in the Welcome Center, since the service had been relocated there from the Chapel. Everyone was smiling and dressed casually and the atmosphere was relaxed and warm. The singers and the guitar player and drummer were in place and ready to begin the service. Pastor Jae gave the call to worship and then the singing began. We sang some contemporary Christian songs, with the words on a screen up front. The lyrics expressed joy, hope, and grace and really put us in the mood to worship. Then came the announcements and offertory, and then more singing from the heart. The praise band and singers added to the atmosphere of drawing closer to the Lord and praising Him in song. Pastor John preached his sermon in a relaxed, yet powerful, delivery and it seemed to bring us to a natural conclusion to the service. We sang one more joyous song to the Lord and the service was over. We found ourselves hoping it would last a little longer. We had encountered God in a new and refreshing way.

So, morning folks, if you ever can't make it to your usual worship service, there is the 6:00 PM Modern Service. It is a beautiful option!

*-Fred and Deb Gossic*

# Happy Birthday!

09/01 Thomas Patterson	09/11 Dawn Williams-Zabicki	09/21 Robert Eichler
09/02 Tiffany Doyle	09/11 Reginald Frye	09/21 Blake Vollmer
09/02 Ava Fulton	09/11 Collin Wilhelm	
09/02 Debbie Abel	09/11 Michael Suchoza	09/22 Kenneth Cook
09/02 Vivian Lesnett		09/22 Nancy Yenchik
	09/12 Amanda Schwotzer	
09/03 Ryan Black	09/12 Christine Furman	09/23 Kevin Shildt
09/03 Deborah Perkins	09/12 Owen Veneski	
09/03 Samuel Naples	09/13 Paul Rinald	09/24 Dean Karns
09/03 Janeen Lacher	09/13 Jamie Baldridge	09/24 Heather Beattie
	09/13 Jamie Martinelli	09/24 Joseph Verduci
09/04 Paul Eichler	09/13 Peggy Wolstoncroft	09/24 Sarah Scalise
09/05 Jessica Deemer	09/14 Michele Zwigart	09/25 Louis Schinosi
09/05 Aidan Krieg	09/14 Darla Lower	09/25 Michael Segeleon
09/05 Linda McCaskey	09/14 Thomas Lesnett	09/25 Laura Werner
09/05 Paula Naples	09/14 Elizabeth Scalise	
09/05 Laura Edwards	09/14 Daniel Furman	09/28 Elizabeth Murray
09/05 Lietta Danilo		09/28 Gavin Orosz
	09/15 Jennifer Smith	09/28 Reilly O'Connor
09/06 Jacqueline Witwicki		
09/06 Michael Unghajer	09/16 Judith Gardner	09/29 Maxine Berton
09/06 Gretchen DeRoss	09/16 Patrick Rush	09/29 Marlene Haley
09/06 Paul Figura		09/29 Jesse Edwards
	09/17 Layla Powell	
09/07 Clyde Davis		
09/07 Joshua Smith	09/18 Kayla Jackson	
09/07 Zander Nowak	09/18 Kevin Strouse	
09/07 Kevin Dady	09/18 Susan Puel	
	09/18 Arianna Lower	
09/09 Geraldine McDonough	09/19 Christopher Foltz	
09/09 Sandra Fricker	09/19 Tammie Suppo	
09/09 Bethany Edwards	09/19 Muhammad Chaudhry	
09/09 Leo Vighetti		
09/10 Kevin Cox	09/20 Alexis Byers	



## Weddings—

Arnie and Neva McAuley— on June 1, 2019. Congratulations to Arnie and Neva.

## With Deepest Sympathy

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

*Elnora Phillips, who passed on August 19, 2019*

*“Let not your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me.  
In my Father’s house are many mansions...”*



## PASTOR PIERRE IS COMING TO BETHANY!

We are very excited to host our Haitian friend, Pastor Pierre, at our church from

**Saturday, September 14 – Tuesday, September 17.**

Pastor Pierre will be preaching on Sunday, September 15 at all 3 services and attending our church luncheon being held after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

The rest of the time he is free to visit and socialize in any way you would like to plan, or you can just allow him to relax in your home.

The Mission Team is looking for a volunteer to host Pastor Pierre for these 3 nights. **Please don't assume someone else will host and miss out on this opportunity**

to learn and spend time with this amazing man of God.

If you are willing to host please contact Caroline Poiche, Chair of the Mission Team at 412-498-1349 or cbpoiche@gmail.com

Help is also needed for the luncheon. Please let Caroline or a member of the Mission Team know you are available to help.

Thank you!

**Living Waters Mission Trip**—The time has come and the Living Waters team will now be traveling to the Salt & Light community of 300+ near Cap Haitian, Haiti. They leave Pittsburgh on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and return on Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Living Waters team has been working hard training, planning and organizing for our upcoming trip in March. The Salt & Light community has also been working hard in the construction of the building for the water filtration system. All parties involved are dedicated to this ministry, to provide our brothers and sisters in Christ with clean drinking water.

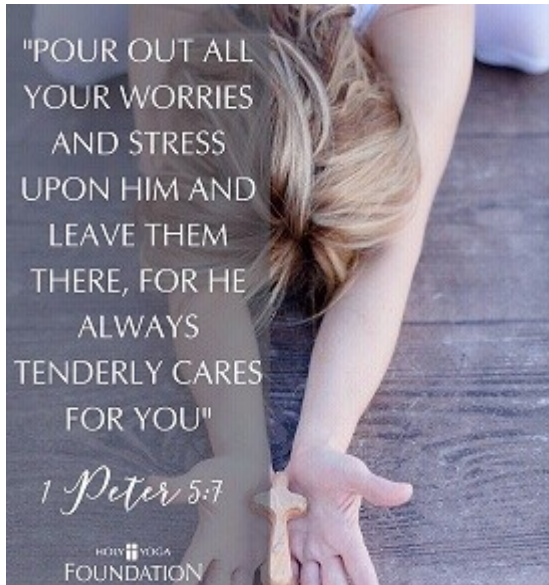


We ask our Bethany family to pray for the entire country of Haiti and our partners in the Salt & Light community. **Please pray for the entire Living Waters team; (technical) Brian Bartels, Tim Nagy, Mike & Connie Segeleon, Domenic Poiche, Dave Colton, Doug Blinn: (support) Andrea Prohaska, Ed Ostrowski, Celina Farabaugh, Deb & Dick Pyle, Anita Myers, Caroline Poiche.** We look to our church family for continued moral and spiritual support and prayers during the mission trip week, as we install both the solar and water filtration systems.

The LWW team as well as the mission team are committed to this partnership, once the system is in, we will continue to work with the Salt & Light community for 3 years. So, we look to Bethany for the support needed to make this partnership a success. All donations can be made through Bethany church with it noted "Living Waters". If you have any questions, please see a LWW team member.



## Holy Yoga



We have the privilege of hosting the Holy Yoga Experience here at Bethany Church on **Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 9am to 1pm.** The half-day event includes Holy Yoga practice, instruction, Bible study, worship and fellowship. It's an opportunity for people of all levels of yoga experience to engage with the local Holy Yoga community.

The cost of the event is \$15 and everybody is welcome to attend. More information about Holy Yoga and to register for the event contact Holy Yoga at <https://holyyoga.net/hyexperience/>. Tickets are non-refundable.

Holy Yoga is a form of experiential worship created to deepen people's connection to Christ. Its sole purpose is to facilitate a Christ-honoring experience that offers an opportunity to believers and non-believers to authentically connect to God through His Word, worship and wellness. Holy Yoga exists to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth through the modality of yoga.

Questions? Contact Melanie Bedner at 724-350-1836 or [melanie.bedner@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.bedner@gmail.com).

## Presbyterian Women

**JOIN IN ON SEPTEMBER 21 AT 10:00 AM**

Presbyterian Women are excited to welcome Melanie Bedner to our Fall Gathering for another opportunity to experience Holy Yoga.

Movement \* Breath \* Meditation Heart ~ Soul ~ Mind ~ Strength

The system of yoga is built on three main structures: exercise, breathing, and meditation. Holy Yoga brings all three structures together with complete focus on connecting to Christ so that you can experience the healing power of God and begin to change not only your body, mind, and spirit, but also your life – from the inside out. The practice of Holy Yoga brings Mark 12:30 to life! "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

Classes are designed for all yoga experience levels and all spiritual seasons.

Bring a mat and water. Extra mats will be available if you don't have one.

Questions? Contact Melanie at 724-350-1836 or [melanie.bedner@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.bedner@gmail.com)

We will have a short business meeting to discuss changes in the by-laws and a few other items.

From September 8th thru September 29th, "Presbyterian Women" will be having a **SOCK COLLECTION for Pittsburgh Mercy's OPERATION SAFETY NET®** which is an innovative, award-winning medical and social service outreach program for persons who are experiencing homelessness in Allegheny County. We hope you will join us in donating: 100% cotton, WHITE, MENS, above the ankle socks in all sizes.

**The Bridgeville Community Food Bank** served 98 families on August 17th.

That number included 42 children, 87 adults and 65 elderly. Thank you for your continued support for the Bridgeville community Food Bank.



## NEWS FROM OUR MEN'S MINISTRY:

- ⇒ Attention all Golfers (men and women!)— The Bethany Men's Ministry will be supporting and participating in the 10th Annual Brandon Pitzer Memorial Golf Tournament which benefits cancer research. The event is Saturday, September 21. Please contact Bill Pitzer at 412-302-1754 if you would like to golf with us.
- ⇒ Do you have a chili recipe that everyone raves about? Would you like to help Bethany win the 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, October 13th from 12-4 at Fairview Park, South Fayette.? We would love to have you be part of our cooking team! We also encourage you to come and vote for us and help us to bring home the trophy for best chili! Please contact Bill Paviol or Eric Gregory for more information

**MOPS!** "Kids make me cry. Not in the way you think. Anytime I see the sparkle in a child's eye when they realize that Jesus truly loves them, the tears start to flow. They make me laugh with their questions, they stretch my sometimes limited view of God with their observations and they invite me into faith conversations every day."

I invite you to cry, laugh, stretch and share right along with me as we serve at MOPS kids. Don't worry, we'll give you all the tools you need, just bring your love of Jesus, sense of humor and maybe some kleenex.

Contact Amanda Schwotzer  
(412.889.3949) or Brittany Edney  
(412.592.6210) if you're interested!

*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 7:00 PM.

### **Where?**

Bethany Presbyterian Church

740 Washington Ave.

Bridgeville, PA 15017

412 221-5132

## **Kid's Night Out is Back!**

First event September 20th at 6:00 PM

All kids are welcome to this free monthly event. Bring your friends!



## ***Sunday School Starts on September 8, 2019!***

The information on the Sunday School classes can be found on the next two pages. There is a nice variety of adult classes as well as classes for children of all ages. The nursery is available for infants during the Sunday school hour so parents can attend a class.

### **SUNDAY GROUPS AND CLASSES FOR ADULTS**

Classes are being offered on a variety of topics for everyone, regardless of where you are on your faith journey. Come and be disciples in Jesus' name!

#### ***The Holy Spirit (Chapel)***

We enjoy genuine fellowship, express our joy in the Lord with laughter, build each other up in our faith, and lift up each other's prayer concerns. New participants are welcome at any time.

Led by Fred Gossic

#### ***Lazarus Awakening (Bride's Room, 227)***

Do you feel trapped in a tomb of regret, doubt, or fear?

Are you tripped up by patterns and behaviors you need to leave behind?

Just as Jesus called Lazarus from darkness, He is calling you to come out of the false beliefs and habits that keep you from receiving His unconditional love. He is calling you to know deep in your spirit that God not only loves the world—He loves you.

It's time to "come forth!"

Led by Becky Yanak

#### ***Unshakable Truth (Room 224)***

We will explore these central issues: what they as Christians believe, why they believe it, how it's relevant to life, and how they can pass it on to the next generation. The guide will help them work the meaning, credibility, and relevance of Christianity deep into their minds and hearts. Led by Kara Julius and Ashley Strouse

#### ***Old Testament Foundation (Room 159)***

Learn to love the bible for all it's worth by understanding the historical context and how to apply it to our lives. Led by Doug Bovard



## **CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

<b>Nursery</b>	Melina Robinson	Nursery
<b>2 &amp; 3 Year Olds</b>	Dan Furman Christine Furman	Room 239
<b>Pre-K and Kindergarten</b>	Brittany Edney Travis Edney	Room 240
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>	John Turnbull Gerrie Tschudi	Room 244
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	Barb Boehmer Barb Mours	Room 245
<b>6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Paul Rinald Mike Barbaryka Alicia Barbaryka	Room 234
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation</b>	Sue Nagy Joan Kundra	Room 162
<b>9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Terry Kohlmyer	Youth Lounge

### **If you have any questions, please contact:**

2 yr olds - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade—Kathryn Martinec kmartinec@gmail.com

Adults – Rev. Jae Cho (412-221-5132)

Nursery – Melina Robinson

### ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!***

We will be restarting the Second Hour program for our 2 & 3 years olds beginning September 8th. This provides a playtime, bible lesson, and snack for our 2 & 3 year old's during the 10:45am worship service. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Barb Boehmer @ 412-592-8836 or e-mail: barbara.a.boehmer@gmail.com.

**Musical Notes** by *Music Director, John Henninger*

**CHOIR SEASON STARTING SOON!** The Bethany Choir season will be starting soon! If you would like to give the choir a try – even for just one week (!) we'd love to have you join your voice to ours.

***The Choir will meet at 6:30PM on Wednesday, September 4 for a picnic in Fellowship Hall.***

At 7:30, we will move to the choir room to rehearse – singing on Sunday, September 8.

Please consider making a joyful noise unto the Lord. Regular Wednesday rehearsals begin at 7:00 pm.

**Women's Small Group Fall Friday Schedule!**

Time 9:30-11:00 AM - We will be meeting September 13, 20, 27 and October 4, 11 & 18. Join us Friday morning to grow in faith, be encouraged, and build relationships. Childcare is provided. Please contact Kara Julius for more information.

***A new 10 Week Beth Moore Women's Bible Study on the Book of Acts will start on September 12th at 7 p.m. It's not too late to sign up! See Sharon Salvini to order your workbook 'To Live is Christ'.***

**NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP TEAM**

**Connect With Us**

All are invited to the family of God and to the community of believers at Bethany Presbyterian Church.

If you know of anyone who feels Bethany would be a good fit for them and their family, please encourage them to join for our new members class...to learn more about what Bethany is all about and what the church community can do for them.

Our next new members classes will be held during the Sunday school hour  
in the month of October.

Email [membership@bethanypresby.org](mailto:membership@bethanypresby.org)

or go online and fill out our online membership form.

<https://bethanypresby.org/how-to-join/>

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The new photo directories are being printed and will be available for pick up at the church the first week of September. Don't miss another Sunday and your chance to connect to your church faith community. The church directory is essential to connecting each other. It's very easy to meet somebody on a Sunday morning or at our 6pm service and 15 minutes later, forget their name. The new directory is a tool. As a newcomer that comes into the community, they feel connected. As a long time member who doesn't recognize newer members, it's a pleasant reminder that our church is a growing, constantly changing, community of faith that needs to grow and change with God's love. To be a welcoming community, you need to know each other.

We have the option to have a mobile directory and that means the ability to update our mobile directory as things change. Your membership team will provide log in information and instructions on how to access the online mobile directory. The tool will appeal to different people in different ways. We will also be bringing back the photographers to take photo's of those families we missed out on our first round due to travel and other family obligations and for all those new members who have followed their call to join our church community during the October "new members class" which will begin October 6, and run each Sunday in October during the Sunday school hour. We will then look forward to producing a second printing of our photo directory by the end of the year being updated once again in print.

We will then also print our Guidebook directory the first of the year with our many missions and church information not provided in the photo directory. We are a growing, vibrant church and our directories are a living document which needs to always be changing and it is the goal of your membership team to grow and change as well. When we think of our faith community, we want people to feel at home here and feel welcoming and as inclusive as it can be and that it supports people in all stages of their lives.

*Your Membership Team— Bill Paviol, Ginger Platt and Maxine Berton*



## The King of the Picnic

If you were not at the Worship in the Park and the picnic to follow, I have some news for you. BIG news. I – yours truly – was declared The King of the Picnic. That's right, I was given a crown and then folks were encouraged ( some may have been bribed) to take a "selfie" picture of themselves and me, the King.

Oh, did we have fun! And what a wonderful way of enabling me to circulate among all my royal subjects, I mean, the church folks.

Meanwhile, what a blessed day it was in the park: perfect weather, great turnout, moving worship, the story in first person of Eutychus ( Acts 20: 7-12), games, tattoos, and incredible food. Most of all God was glorified and the body of Christ was in glorious fellowship.

Thanks to all who helped in any way – the Deacons with organizing the food and games, the Praise Band who led the music and - yes – those involved with the fun in crowning and pictures of...The King of the Picnic.

Below is a sample or two of the pictures. I would love it if you could forward any pictures you took to my email address – [hamilton@bethanypresby.org](mailto:hamilton@bethanypresby.org).

Blessings to all...from The King of the Picnic.

By the way, since this is the first of what may be an annual crowning, that means I am King John the First!



