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Looking Forward!

A new year is beginning!

What are you looking forward to in 2020?

Here at Bethel Hill UMC, we are starting our 250th year. It is a year filled with guest preachers and special events. We have much to be grateful for over these years!

Personally, Gerry and I are looking forward to a trip to Disneyworld in February (no grandkids, just us!) and a cruise in late August. We are also looking forward to spending as much time as we are able with our families.

However..., as we look forward, don't forget to live in the now! To be fully present each day that you are gifted with life! Don't be so consumed with what is happening tomorrow or next month that you miss what is going on today! We move so fast that we sometimes skip over the little miracles that are happening all around us.

SLOW DOWN!

My prayer for you in 2020 is that God will bless you and your family. May he keep you strong and faithful. May you be inspired to seek him out more and more. May you be challenged to walk closer to Jesus and with Jesus. May the Holy Spirit fill you to overflowing, so that you will have no choice but to share the love of Jesus in word and action.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Sue

Thank you from Pastor Sue, Gerry and the rest of the staff for our generous Christmas gifts!



Please – if you hear of any of our members being in the hospital or ill at home for an extended period of time, please let Pastor Sue or the church office know. We care about you & want to know you are well! Thank you!

Worship Notes for January & February 2020 *(subject to change)*

January 5 – Epiphany Sunday, Holy Communion – Kicking off our 250th year!

Bishop Peggy Johnson will be our guest preacher!

January 12 – Baptism of the Lord

Pastor Sue away at Youth Rally – Ed Gale preaching

January 19 – 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

Psalm 40:1-11 – *No Holding Back!*

Ecumenical Martin Luther King, Jr. service

7:00pm - Community Worship Service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. here at Bethel Hill Presented by the Skippack Pike Area Ministerium (SPAM). All are invited!

January 25 – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 - *Assurance*

February 2 – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany, Holy Communion

Matthew 5:1-12 – *Happy People*

February 9 – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

District Superintendent Rev. Tracy Bass will be our guest preacher!

February 16 – 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Matthew 5:13-16 - *SALTY*

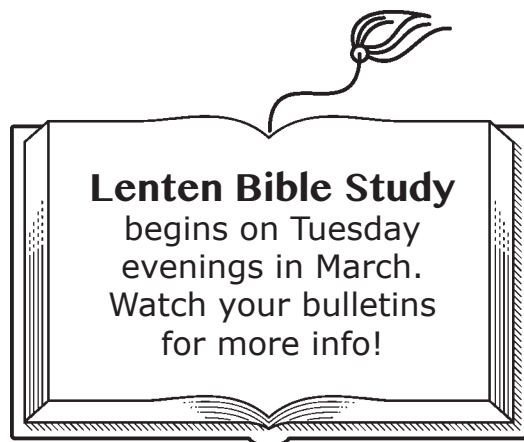
February 23 – Transfiguration Sunday

Pastor Sue away – Kelli Durling preaching

Wednesday, February 26 – Ash Wednesday at Trinity UCC in Skippack

with Ecumenical Ministerium churches (SPAM – Skippack Pike Area Ministerium)

6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper, 7:30 p.m. – Worship



The offerings collected on the first Sunday of each month provide all members a chance to direct contributions to a group or mission that they may feel called to help. These offerings are intended to be donations above any amount pledged. Thank you for your support.

January 5 – Love Fund

February 2 – Souper Bowl



PRAR Prayers Regarding Addiction Recovery

Last Sunday of the month after the last service:

Noon, Jan 26th & Feb 23rd

Below is the Pastor's Report that was submitted for our 2019 Charge Conference in November, 2019:

Pastor's State of the Church 2019 for Bethel Hill UMC Charge Conference, 11/2/19

As I begin my fifth year of pastoral ministry at Bethel Hill, I reflect. How quickly the time has gone! How much we, as the church, have accomplished! How much we have to look forward to: especially our 250th anniversary in 2020!

So many things to celebrate:

- Ministries and programs for all ages: men, women, youth, Sunday School, VBS, Bible Studies
- Worship services that honor God and celebrate people's gifts
- Capable and willing Lay Leadership
- CSMs and 2 CLMs
- Lay Speaker Class available for pulpit supply and enrichment
- Folks' willingness and desire to reach out into the community
- Local missions support: Manna on Main Street, Norristown Soup Kitchen, All Saints' Episcopal Community Dinner, Glad Tidings Christmas Shop, Christmas prison visit, Christmas caroling to local nursing home
- Expanded missions support: Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes, Angel Gifts for Methodist Hospital, Crocheted/knitted items for shut-ins, etc., Little girl dresses to combat human trafficking, sponsoring 2 children through World Vision
- The way the members care for each other
- Music ministry
- Plans for the 250th Anniversary
- Improvements to campus: new roofs, driveway to Cox property for additional parking
- Excellent upkeep on entire campus & diligent Trustee team
- Paying off 2012 Bethel Road more quickly through donations and pledges
- Increased Stewardship awareness including sign-ups for automatic withdrawal giving
- Two Servants at Work (SAW) mission weeks to Virginia Beach
- Fellowship activities such as game night & a pie auction to raise money for SAW trips
- Annual Chicken BBQ; funds going toward 250th celebration

Things we may need to work on:

- Bethel Hill's Sunday morning schedule which has Sunday School meeting during a worship service. This means that children and teens are rarely in church, except for a few moments in the beginning when it is their week for the Children's/Teen Parable.
- Three services not really backed up with attendance numbers – could we move to two?

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- Some push-back when Contemporary Worship is offered.
- The future challenge of slightly enlarging the sanctuary (phase 1 of the campus development plan). This past year or so, three events that should have taken place in our sanctuary had to be moved to other locations to accommodate the expected crowd.

On a personal note, Bethel Hill has been a wonderful appointment for Gerry and I. He is active on the Trustees and currently serves as the church sexton. This past year he joined the Worcester Fire Department as a volunteer Fire Police. I attend the ecumenical ministerium and Bethel Hill participates in all the community services offered. Our United Methodist Mission Link meets bimonthly and offers various programs and mission opportunities. We are fully enmeshed into Bethel Hill AND the community! We are within an hour's drive to all of our guys' families, Gerry's mom and my dad. What a blessing that is, with nine grandchildren and counting!

Bethel Hill has made a concerted effort, in my opinion, to adopt and live by their new Mission Statement: SALT: Serving God, Acclaiming Jesus, Loving Our Neighbors, Teaching the Word. As we close out 250 years of history and look towards the future, I pray that God continues to lead, strengthen, heal, and empower the folks of Bethel Hill to be SALTY in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord!



Bethel Hill congregation has been very busy getting ready for the Christmas season by donating and placing more than 50 Christmas wreaths for veterans in our cemetery and providing Christmas gifts for more than 136 kids and families trying to get back on their feet in the Methodist Services (Formerly Methodist Home for Children). The Stewardship committee would like to thank everyone for the kind and thoughtful efforts.

Merry Christmas,
Paul Doll
Chair of Stewardship

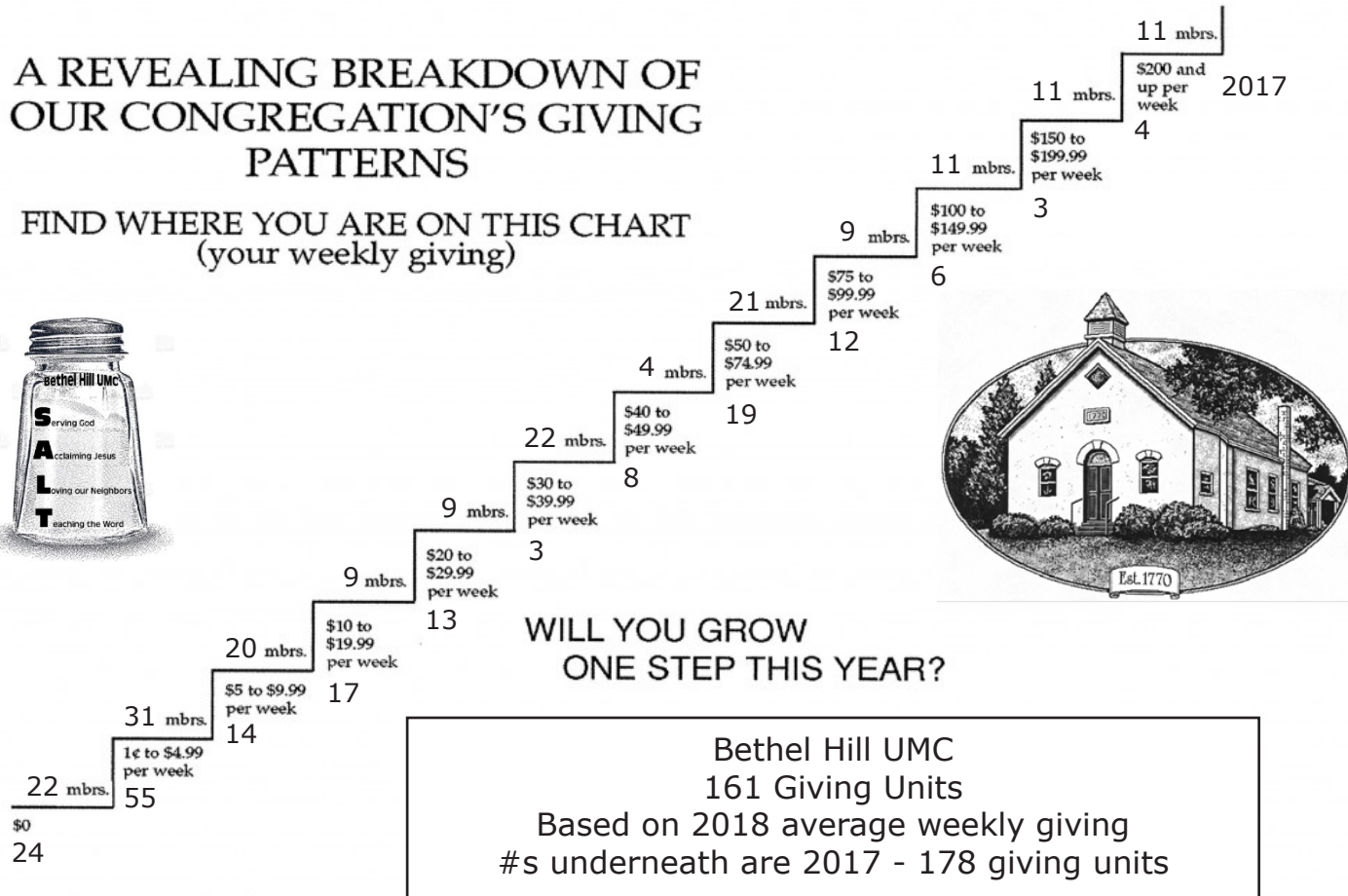
Thank you to all who helped and contributed to the Glad Tidings Christmas Shop held at Haws Avenue. We served 68 families with 197 children in the love of Jesus!!

Bethel Hill's Board of Trustees and Stewardship Committee would like to offer a special thanks to all who donated (over \$500 was raised!) and/or participated in placing over fifty Christmas wreaths on the graves of all the veterans in our cemetery. Many have commented on how moving an experience it was and how beautiful it looks.



A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION'S GIVING PATTERNS

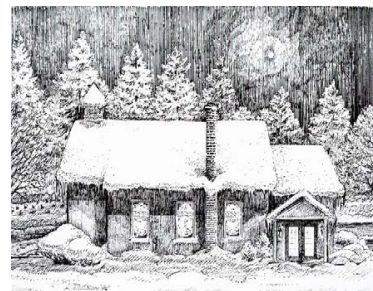
FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THIS CHART
(your weekly giving)



250th Anniversary Committee Update

2020 is here! Our 250th Anniversary celebration will be happening all year, kicking off on Sunday, January 5th with Bishop Peggy Johnson preaching at all three services. It continues on Sunday, January 19th with a display on the narthex - "Our Campus, Then and Now". Displays in the narthex and slideshows on the screen will continue throughout the year. We are still collecting photos, and currently are looking for photos from youth fellowship over the years. You can upload digital photos to our shared Google Photos album at <http://bit.ly/BH250-Youth> or drop off prints or slides in the box in the Narthex. They will be returned to you, so please include your name and identify the date, event, and the names of the people in the photos.

We are also offering for sale limited edition prints of the Four Seasons of Bethel Hill, sketched by our own resident artist, the late Keith Robson. Framed prints are on display in the narthex, and the images of the prints are pictured at right. A set of four unframed prints is available for \$100. Contact Janet in the office if you'd like to purchase a set. The proceeds will support the Anniversary events.



Trivia? NIGHT?

Saturday, January 25
7:00-9:00 pm in Hayes Hall
 doors open at 6:45 pm
 \$5 for 1/\$15 for families of 3+.
 Includes snacks and prizes.

Join us for a 250th Anniversary fundraiser and a LOT OF FUN! Trivia included for all ages!
 You don't need a team—we'll do that for you!



Women's Breakfast is on the second Saturday of each month from 8:30am to 9:30am in Hayes Hall. All are invited, bring a breakfast item to share (optional) and join the ladies of Bethel Hill for food, fellowship and the sharing of God's Word. Additional information or questions can be directed to Dotti Asbert, Elaine Smith, or the Church Office.

Our missions include crocheted or knitted hats, scarves, and mittens for Tree of Life Ministry/Rosebud Reservation; prayer shawls, lap robes, and tray favors for Methodist Hospital; pillowcases for "Cases for Smiles" which delivers pillowcases to children in the hospitals; and little girl dresses for Operation Mobilization to help protect young girls from human trafficking; and collection of Campbell's soup labels. We no longer participate in blankets for Project Linus.



MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Wednesday, January 29th,
2-7pm, Hayes Hall**

Call 800-REDCROSS,
 or go to www.redcrossblood.org
 and enter sponsor code Bethel Hill.

Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner

sponsored by the Youth Fellowship

Saturday, February 8th

5:00pm Family seating

7:00pm Adult seating



Keep an eye out in the weekly
 bulletin and online for more de-
 tails coming soon!



FOOD for INTERFAITH

January ~ Soup

February ~ Canned Fruit



'QUAINTANCE GROUP

The 'Quaintance Group is an adult gathering of BHUMC members and friends who seek to have a social time with others from the Church. ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME.

Saturday, February 7th

Bowling & Dinner

@ Old Town Alley, East Norriton
(formerly Facenda-Whitaker),
Contact Chuck or Audrey Delaney to RSVP
and for more info.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the second Saturday of
each month in Hayes Hall - 8:30am
January 11th and February 8th.

All women are invited.

UM MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Hayes Hall, Saturday, 8am,
January 4th & 25th and February 29th**

All men are invited.

LUNCH BUNCH

**January 15th & February 19th
12:30 in Hayes Hall**

Bring a bag lunch for fun and fellowship;
beverages and dessert provided.

Scrapbook Crop

**Saturday, January 18th and February 15th
10am-5pm in Hayes Hall**

- Reserve you table now!
- Early Sign Up at \$10 per table.
- Bring your photos and supplies and "scrap the day away"!
- Studio J instruction also available on request.
- Contact Betty at betty4ctmh@gmail.com or the church office.



Former member **Moss Cohen** passed away on 10/9/19.

Patricia "Trish" Burkett passed away on 10/25/19. A Celebration of Life service was held at Bethel Hill on 11/3 with a luncheon following in Hayes Hall. Pastor Sue Ketterer officiated.

Joe Price passed away on 10/26/19. A Memorial Service was held at Bethel Hill on Friday, 11/1. Pastor Sue Ketterer officiated.

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

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Thank you all for your prayers, visits, get well cards, and phone calls during my recent recovery from hip replacement surgery. The Bethel Hill congregation continues to amaze me with its overwhelming kindness! You truly are my “family” and I am very grateful to have you all in my life.
~Karen Matus

Words cannot express the thankfulness for all your prayers, visits, and generosity of time and food during this difficult time. Trish appreciated, as did we, all you did for her.
The McKelvey family

Dear Pastor Sue and church family, I was so touched by your visit for Shiva. Moss would have been delighted by your presence. He truly loved Bethel Hill and was blessed to come to Christ. God bless you all.
Love, Sandra Cohen



3rd Sunday of the month,
Hayes Hall,
10:30am,
Jan 19th & Feb 16th

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Church Office Hours:

Pastor Sue's hours are
Tuesday-Thursday 9am-1pm.

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9am-4pm

The BUGLE LITE is published on the even months! Committee & team chairpeople – don't forget: You should get a *short* report on what your committee/team is working on from your last meeting. Please email this to Brenda Doll at brendoll@verizon.net.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Please check with the church office and the church calendar **BEFORE** scheduling any events. This is very important so that all will be able to participate in the ministries Bethel Hill is providing.
Thank you!

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Upcoming Bugle Schedule

Publication Date	Submission Deadline
March 1	February 10
May 1	April 10
July 1	June 10

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship Services: 8:15 | 9:30 | 11:00

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30

Youth Fellowship (most Sundays): 5:00pm



JANUARY



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communion Offering: January 5th Love Fund 		Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Soup	 <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	2 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Senior Choir	3 6:30pm AA (women's)	4 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast
<div>Rededication Sunday</div>	6 7:30pm Trustees Mtg	7	8 7:00pm Missions Mtg	9 10:00am Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm Senior Choir	10 <div>Youth Rally</div>	11 <div>Youth Rally</div>
12 <div>Youth Rally</div>	13	14 7:00pm Anniversary Committee Mtg	15 12:30pm Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Worship Mtg	16 10:00am Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm Senior Choir	17 6:30pm AA (women's)	18 10:00am Scrapbook Crop
19 10:30am BP Screening 7:00pm MLK Service	20 7:00pm SPRC Mtg	21	22	23 10:00am Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm Senior Choir	24 6:30pm AA (women's)	25 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast 7:00pm Trivia Night
26 12:00pm PRAR	27	28	<div> 29 2-7pm Blood Drive 7:00pm Christian Educ. Mtg </div>	30 10:00am Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm Senior Choir	31 6:30pm AA (women's)	



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Communion Offering: February 2nd Souper Bowl						
2	3 6:45pm Evangelism Comm Mtg 7:30pm Trustees Meeting	4	5	6 10:00am Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm Senior Choir	7 6:30pm AA (women's)	1 'Quaintance Group Bowling
9	10 BUGLE DEADLINE	11	12 6:30pm Stewardship 7:15pm Finance Committee	13 10:00am Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm Senior Choir	14 6:30pm AA (women's)	8 8:30am Women's Breakfast 5:00pm Spaghetti Dinner
16 10:30 BP Screening	17	18	19 12:30pm Lunch Bunch 1:30pm Bugle Mailing 7:00pm Calendar Mtg 7:15pm Church Council	20 10:00am Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm Senior Choir	21 6:30pm AA (women's)	15 10:00am Scrapbook Crop
23 12:00pm PRAR	24	25	26 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	27 10:00am Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm Senior Choir	28 6:30pm AA (women's)	29 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Claudia Smith
- 4 Zoë Curran
- 6 Wayne Acker
- 7 Katelynne Gilbert, Ed Wild
- 9 Marsha Wolgast, Mason Hall
- 11 Margaret Buchanan, Amanda Gale
- 12 Rich Durling, Bonnie Yale
- 14 Karen Delaney, Matt Robinson
- 15 Dung Martinez
- 16 Janice Jacobs
- 17 Chuck Mossbarger, Bobby Schreiner
- 18 Bob Berger
- 20 Betsy Novelli
- 22 Sally Helman, Ethan Haley
- 23 Shirley Burkett, Prudence Silfies
- 24 Jim Barbiere, Steve Hoyer
- 25 Lorraine Shaw
- 28 Merrilee Hurley
- 30 Eric Wright
- 31 Caydi Conway

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Jim and Andrea Barbiere ('74)
- 12 Albert and Heather Closs ('08)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bonnie Hurd, John Smink
- 2 Ed Buchanan, Mary White
- 3 Brooke Frederick, Alex Tomlinson
- 4 Holly Frederick, Tyler Nash, Kenneth Martinez
- 8 Benjamin Hoyer
- 9 Ellie Beagle
- 10 Mary Watson
- 11 Junelle Edgard, Michael Flatley, Nancy Flatley, Matthew Reimel
- 15 Eva Beagle, Christina Perrone
- 16 John Haley III, Tom Hurd, Daniel Perrone
- 17 Jillian Harris
- 20 Tracy Reimel, Ralph Salvina
- 23 Grayson Keaton
- 24 Beth Gloviak, Jeremy Spittle, Jamie Yale
- 25 Kaitlyn Shaw
- 26 Grace Hurley
- 27 Theresa Cox, Eileen Gillmer
- 28 Zachary Strohl
- 29 Brianna Gaylets

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 David & Susan Ludwig ('89)
- 18 Scott and Selaine Keaton ('96)





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