Bethel Hill Bugle Winter 2022

A note from

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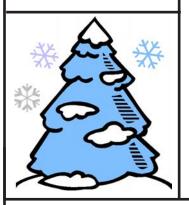
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Please note that all dates listed in this newsletter are subject to change based on where we are with COVID-19 regulations & recommendations. Refer to your email for ongoing updates.



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CHRISTMAS EXTENDED

Most people seem a bit happier, more joyful, more generous around the holidays. know the season of Epiphany starts on the first Sunday in January (because the three wise men visited Jesus long after his birth). And many of us start to listen to Christmas music in November (if not October!). I have a stack of Christmas CDs

that I like to get through each year, even if it takes me long past Christmas day! And last year, it was maybe February until I had the energy to put my Christmas lighthouses and manger scene collection away!

What if we extend the feelings of hope, joy, peace, and love way beyond the Christmas season and what if we lived like it was Christmas all year round? I certainly wouldn't want to live in the state of stress and concern that everything will get done in time all year round. But, if we put that aside, and consider the attitudes of generosity, tolerance, and harmony (yes, even in our families!), those would be good attitudes to adopt yearround!

I heard a listener comment on K-LOVE radio today (12/10/2021): "Everything that is over my head is under God's feet!" I thought - what a great comment! As soon as I parked my car, I got out my phone and typed that into my notes app. The listener was talking about times when she got overwhelmed and stressed out. I thought about the times when I seemed to be drowning in busyness and her comment reminds me that God is above, watching over me and loving me.

1 Peter 5:7 reminds us that we can "cast all your anxiety on God because he cares for you." So, let's extend Christmas and the positives that go along with the season! Let's look for hope, joy, peace and love in every month of our year, in every day of our lives!

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!

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Worship Notes for January & February 2022 (subject to change)

All are welcome, with masks, to worship in person at 9am and 10:30am on Sundays, or you can still tune in to Facebook live on Sundays at 10:30am or watch for the link in your email later on Sunday morning. Sunday School has resumed, at 9am. Don't forget to check out the Saturday Story by Pastor Sue on Bethel Hill's Facebook page.

January 2, 2022 - Epiphany Sunday, Holy Communion

Matthew 2:1-12- Overwhelming Joy!

January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - Dunk the Messiah!

January 16 – 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

John 2:1-11 – A Wedding Toast

January 23 – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 4:14-21 - Prophecy Fulfilled

January 30 – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10 – Are You Putting Words in My Mouth?

February 6 – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 5:1-11 - A Big Fish Tale

February 13– 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

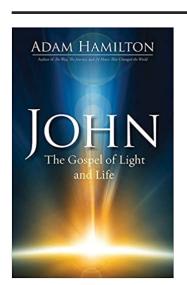
Luke 6: 17-26 - Some Blessings, Some Woes

February 20 – 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 6:27-38 - All You Need is Love

February 27 - Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34;29-35 & Luke 9:28-36 - Tales of Two Faces



Lenten Bible Study will meet by ZOOM on Tuesdays, March 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 12 at 7pm. We will be studying the book John -The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton. Cost of the book is \$18. Please RSVP to Pastor Sue by Sunday, February 27th (267-577-2223 or kettsue@gmail.com)

2022 Offering **Envelopes** are available in the narthex, please pick up yours and save us the postage to mail.

> Also available are EFT – electronic fund transfer forms for

online giving. The EFT form is available in the narthex.

Online Giving

now available! the church office, and send to or go online here:

Please fill out

http://bit.ly/BHUMC-onlinegiving.

Cemetery and columbarium spaces are still available for purchase. Contact Janet in the church office to set up an appointment to discuss.





Newsfrom the Staff/Pastor Relations Committee Staff Changes in 2022

Two changes to Bethel Hill's staff are coming early in 2022. The church is recruiting a new Youth Director and has created a new part-time position, Audio-Visual-Media Technician.

Youth Director

A new Youth Director is being sought to continue Bethel Hill's youth ministry. The part-time position is to fill the hole that will be left by Elaine Smith's departure in early 2022. During Elaine's tenure, Bethel Hill's youth program has become a vital ministry that engages our youth in fellowship activities and encourages their participation in the Church's programs and ministries.

The church is seeking suitable applicants for the position of Youth Director by advertising the position through the conference and nearby seminaries. Lynn Tetro, who will be the SPRC chairperson in 2022, is taking the lead in our effort to find suitable candidates.

Audio-Visual-Media Technician

The position of Audio-Visual-Media Technician was created to ensure continuity of Bethel Hill's ability to make our worship services available online, and to support the continuing application of technologies that enhance the worship experience. The pandemic brought the need to use technology into sharp relief. The use of modern technology enabled continuation of Bethel Hill's worship and ministries during the pandemic. As our worship services and activities move toward pre-pandemic normal, the need will remain for a person to support Bethel Hill's increasing use of audio-visual and networked devices.

No one expressed an interest when Bethel Hill members were notified of the opportunity to apply for the Audio-Visual-Media Technician position early in November. Gerry Ketterer has consented to continue in the role of Audio-Visual-Media Tech that he has filled de facto since the church was required to cease inperson worship early in 2020.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who came out in November to help rake leaves and complete other fall clean-up tasks around our campus: Jim & Sandy Angela, Les Brown, Dan & Karen Delaney, Kyle & Paul Doll, Paul Fischer, Ken & Beatty Hoffman, Gerry Ketterer, Tyler Nash, Alan Powell, Alan Silfies, Ray vasey, Bob & Evelyn Whiteside, Ed Wild, and Jim Wilkie.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to keep up with their tithes by mail or online



over the past almost two years. Upcoming communion offerings, which give members a chance to direct contributions to a group or mission that they may feel called to help above their pledged amount, are as follows:

January - Hospitality February - Souper Bowl

Manna on Main Street

Upcoming collections are:

January - Soup

February - Canned Fruit

You can leave donations on the parsonage porch or basket in the narthex. Thank you to Ken & Joy Black for continuing to deliver the collections over the last year and a half. Thank you to everyone who has dropped off donations!

Bread of Life Mission Saturday, February 26

Bethel Hill is scheduled to prepare and serve dinner at the Bread of Life Cafe in All Saints Episcopal Church on Haws Avenue in Norristown on Saturday, February 26th. We are looking for cooks and volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal. More sign up info coming soon, watch your bulletin and email inbox.



The women of Bethel Hill continue to support a number of projects, including:

- Crocheted or knitted hats, scarves and/ or 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
- Little Girl Dresses for Operation Mobilization to help protect young girls from human trafficking.
- Collection of Campbell's soup labels

We no longer participate in blankets for Project Linus.

Game Night Postponed

Game Night that was scheduled for January 22nd has been postponed until later in 2022. Stay tuned for an updated date so you don't miss out on this fun fellowship evening.



Keep an eye on your email for updates on our fellowship meetings, we are currently meeting in person!

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the second Saturday of each month - January 8th & February 12th 9am in Hayes Hall. Bring your own meal if you'd like. All women are invited.

UM MEN'S BREAKFAST

Hayes Hall, last Saturday, 8am, January 8th - Un-decorating January 29th and February 26th

LUNCH BUNCH IS BACK!!!

January 19th and February 16th 12:30 in Hayes Hall

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Blood supplies are dangerously low this winter. Your donation could help save up to three lives. Are you ready to help out?

Thursday, January 27th, 2-7pm in Hayes Hall



MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

Call 800-REDCROSS, go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code Bethel Hill or contact Brenda Doll at 267-421-2590 or brendoll@verizon.net.



From Grace & Cecil Bean's Soup Kitchen,

Thank you and may you have a blessed day, knowing you helped provide food for out hungry neighbors, God Loves You and so do we! Thank you for your ongoing supply! ~Bill Rinker, president

Thank You to the Bethel Hill Congregation,

The UM Men would like to thank all those who donated to our Veterans Wreath Project during the October 2021 Communion Church Offering. In addition, thank you to those volunteers that helped place the Wreaths on our Veterans Grave Sites, Saturday, November 27th. The funds collected totaled \$890. The total cost of the 57 wreaths and bows was \$950.84. The UMM Group covered the balance due.

The UMM are proud to honor our veterans, especially this Holiday Season during the Norristown Garden Club's Historic Building Tour which included our Sanctuary.

Again thank you from the UM Men.

Thank you to all those who contributed to Bethel Hill's annual Angel Tree gift drive. Our support this year is especially appreciated by the many children and families that are being helped through difficult times by Methodist Services of Philadelphia. Pictured here is the massive pile of toys and gifts that our congregation contributed. If you are interested in learning more, details can be found at www.methodistservices.org Merry Christmas,

Christian Education and Stewardship Commitees



SAVE THE DATES

Looking ahead to Lent

March 2nd is Ash Wednesday – stay tuned for more info on where the service will be held and/or if it will be online.

Palm Sunday – April 10 Holy Thursday – April 14 Good Friday – April 15 Easter Sunday – April 17

Help Build Hope Mission at Bethel Hill

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, April 22-24. Details to follow in the New Year, plan on building a home and your faith while enjoying some Christian fellowship. Pray for good weather or bring a rain coat, Bethel Hill works rain or shine. Contact Les Brown for more information.

Pictorial Directory

Mark your calendar for the photo appointment dates -



Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 12, 13, & 14, 2022. More details on scheduling your family's appointment will be available in the coming months.

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Save the dates for VBS 2022!

July 18, 19, 20, 2022 in the evening. We will be needing volunteers and your prayers as we prepare to offer our children



ways to discover they are priceless to God. Music, crafts, games, fellowship, learning, & fun!



DIRECTORY UPDATE: I

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OFFICECLOSED

The office will be closed from January 5th - 13th (Janet will be traveling to Louisiana to see the grandchildren. Prayers for safe journey, and good weather!) and on Monday, February 21st for President's Day.



If anyone would like to put a fresh flower

arrangement on the altar, please email the church office at bethelhill@verizon.net or sign up on the sheet in the narthex. The arrangements are now \$35. Email the church office to arrange pick up of your arrangement. We are not able to deliver it due to Covid

Committee meetings are starting up at their usual schedules, watch your email for reminders of the meeting dates and times.



COUPON UPDATE:

Thank you for your unused coupons! You can leave them on the parsonage porch or in the white mailbox on the inside of the railing at the old Sunday School room entrance.

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!

THE BUGLE is a bi-monthly publication of Bethel Hill United Methodist Church. Drop off articles in the Bugle mailbox at the church or send to Brenda Doll: brendoll@verizon.net.

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Upcoming Bugle Schedule

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



EVERY SUNDAY

Worship Services: 9:00 | 10:30* Sunday School for all ages: 9:00

*10:30 service also available on Facebook Live

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Saturday	1 New Year's Day	8:00am UM Men's Breakfast 9:00am Women's Breakfast	15	22	8:00am UM Men's Breakfast	
Friday	Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Soup	7	14	21	28	
Thursday	Dor Foo	6 Epiphany	13	20	2-7pm Blood Drive	
Wednesday		7:00pm Worship Mtg	7:00pm Missions Mtg	12:30pm Lunch Bunch	26	
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	
Monday	fering:	m	7:00pm Trustees Mtg	7:00pm SPRC Mtg	24 7:30pm Lay Speaker Meeting	31
Sunday	Communion Offering: January 2 nd Hospitality	2	o	16	23	30



EVERY SUNDAY

Sunday School for all ages: 9:00 Worship Services: 9:00 | 10:30*

*10:30 service also available on Facebook Live

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Groundhog Day		5:00pm AA Dinner	
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	6:45pm Evangelism Comm Mtg		7:15pm Finance Committee	BUGLE DEADLINE		8:30am Women's Breakfast
13		15	12:30pm Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Church	17	18	19
20	valentine's Day	22	23	24	25	8:00am UM Men's 26 Breakfast
	Presidents Day	1:30pm Bugle Mailing				1:00pm Bread of Life Mission
27	28					
Transfiguration Day	7:30pm Lay Speaker Meeting					Don't Forget!
Communion Offering: February 6 th Souper Bowl	ering:				_	Food for Interfaith Canned Fruit



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
- 16 Janice Jacobs
- 17 Chuck Mossbarger, Bobby Schreiner
- 18 Bob Berger
- 20 Betsy Novelli
- 22 Sally Helman, Ethan Haley
- 23 Prudence Silfies
- 24 Jim Barbiers, Steve Hoyer
- 25 Lorraine Shaw
- 28 Merrilee Hurley
- 30 Eric Wright

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Jim and Andrea Barbiers ('74)
- 12 Albert and Heather Closs ('08)
- 23 Shirley and Harold Burkett ('60)

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 Shirley Burkett, Grayson Keaton

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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



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