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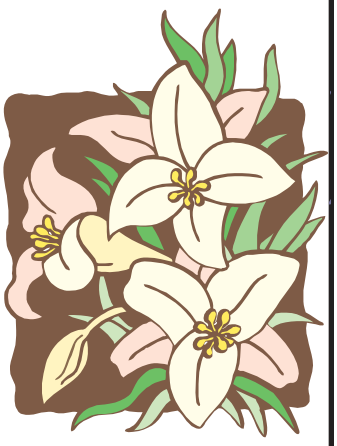


SPRING IS COMING!

Hopefully, you heard me mention the color-blind science teacher in my January 29th sermon. Let me refresh your memory. I watched a Hallmark movie (big surprise – there are always several of them on my DVR.) I am just going to quote myself here: "The story revolved around an ophthalmologist and her daughter's science teacher, who happened to be color-blind. Since birth, he had never seen colors. He had even stopped celebrating Christmas because it all looked black and white to him! Well, the ophthalmologist ordered him a pair of color-blind corrective glasses. Now, I had to google this to see if this was truly a thing – and it is! Reluctant at first, the teacher tried the glasses and every new scene he saw, the gardens, the birds, the Christmas tree, the sunset, brought such joy to his face and tears to his eyes, I was crying along with him! Of course, the ophthalmologist and the science teacher got together and lived happily ever after, as any good Hallmark movie will end! But, I thought – WOW – may God give us that kind of excitement and awe when we look at the sunset, or the colors of the ocean, or the flowers in the spring! WOW God! You are an amazing artist!"

So, my challenge for us is to look at this upcoming 2023 spring with fresh eyes. Be aware! Be cognizant of your surroundings. Check out the changing colors and growth. And truly celebrate SPRING! I know we haven't had much of a winter so far. That will be disappointing for some (but not for me). I am writing this on January 31st. Who knows what February and March will look like!

But, whatever the weather – praise God! He is renewing the earth and feeding our souls. Worship God! He is the Creator and he is still creating! Honor God! Take care of your plants. If you garden, time to start up the veggies. Finally, thank God! He did this all for you! And he loves you! Spring is coming! Celebrate!

Pastor Sue

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 March & April 2023 *(subject to change)*

Worship: 9:00am & 10:30am, Sunday School for all ages at 9:00am
The 10:30 service will be livestreamed as well.

Wednesday, March 1, 7pm – *Community Lenten Service* - Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC

March 5 - 2nd Sunday in Lent, ***Holy Communion*,** John 3:1-17– *Possibilities*

Wednesday, March 8, 7pm – *Community Lenten Service* - Wentz's UCC

March 12 – 3rd Sunday in Lent, ***Contemporary Worship***
John 4:5-42 – *The Samaritan Woman*

Wednesday, March 15, 7pm – *Community Lenten Service* - Trinity Christian UCC

March 19 – 4th Sunday in Lent, John 9:1-41 – *Mud on My Eyes*

Wednesday, March 22, 7pm – Community Lenten Service - Wellspring Mennonite

March 26 – 5th Sunday in Lent, Pastor Sue away
Lay Speaker Heather Smink preaching

Wednesday, March 29, 7pm – *Community Lenten Service* - Methacton Mennonite

April 2 – *Palm Sunday,* Pastor Sue just returning –
Guest Preacher Rev. Harold Burkett

Thursday, April 6, 7pm – *Maundy Thursday*
Worship with Holy Communion & choir

Friday, April 7, noon – *Good Friday*
Worship with Lay Speakers & 7 Last Words of Christ

April 9– *Easter Sunday,* Matthew 28:1-10 – *Alive!*

April 16– *Help Build Hope Sunday* – ONE service at 10:00 a.m.

April 23 – 3rd Sunday of Easter, Luke 24:13-35 – *Two Men & Their Savior*

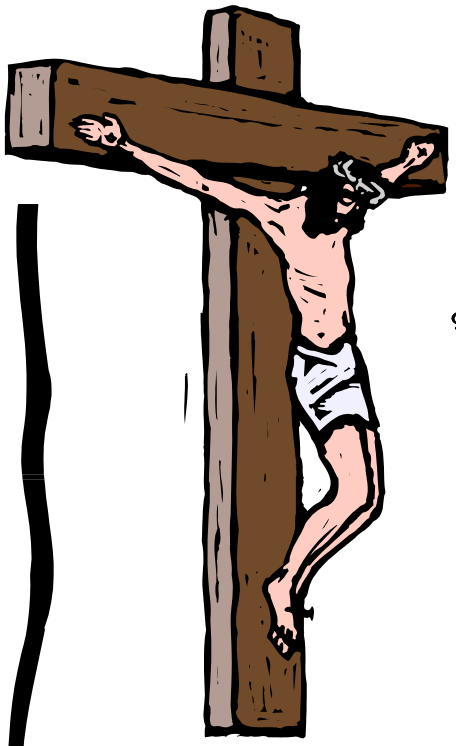
April 30 – 4th Sunday of Easter, John 10:1-10 – *The Right Gate*

The communion 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. Upcoming communion offerings are as follows:

March – Help Build Hope

April – Women's Ministries

Note: Pastor Sue & Gerry will be away from March 24 to April 1. *Should you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Harold Burkett at 215-350-2039.*



THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Feel God's love reaching out through

inspired meditations & touching music

Good Friday, April 7

12:00 Noon

Bethel Hill United Methodist Church

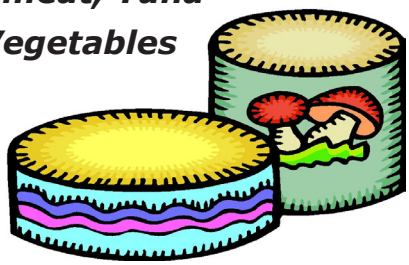
All are encouraged to experience the PASSION

Manna on Main Street

Upcoming collections are:

March - Canned meat, Tuna

April - Canned Vegetables



Please leave in basket in the narthex. Thank you to Ken & Joy Black for continuing to deliver the collections.

The Blacks report that in 2022 sixteen trips were taken to Manna with 651 pounds of food. That is about 100 pounds more than in 2021 and does not include the food donated at Thanksgiving. Keep up the good work Bethel Hill!

Women's Ministry

Our missions include,

- 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

A MESSAGE FROM THE

The Trustees will be hosting a spring clean-up date. Keep an eye in your email inbox for a date coming soon!

Keep an eye out for Mission Moments in 2023. These live monthly testimonials will provide unique insights into how Bethel Hill is changing lives and communities through the Lord and its missions.

Courtesy of your Stewardship Committee,
Paul Doll
Chair of Stewardship committee

For more information on purchasing cemetery plots for urns in the new burial garden, as well as regular burial plots, contact Bob in the church office to discuss your options.

Forty-nine dresses for young girls were made and sent off to be taken by boat to girls in need around the world.

Help Build Hope Mission at Bethel Hill

Friday, April 14, Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, April 16

Details to follow in the coming weeks, but 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.

Sunday, March 5
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Adults - $10
12 & under - $5

Purchase tickets after church or at the door. Includes salad, bread, spaghetti & meatballs, drinks and delicious home-made desserts

Benefits Help Build Hope

It's time for another fiesta!

MARGARITAS FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, March 15th - ALL DAY!

Margarita's, 1650 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, will donate 20% of your check to help with purchasing materials for Help Build Hope.

Be sure to mention to your server or when you place/pickup your order that you are supporting Bethel Hill. For curbside pickup use code FUNDRAISER in the Toast app.

Not available for delivery or through Grub-Hub, DoorDash, or UberEats.

The Missions Team sponsored a volunteer opportunity at the Mitzvah Circle in Audubon, PA in January. A group of 18 came together to 'shop' for families in need. They didn't show up empty-handed, but instead brought bags and boxes of donated clothes, hygiene items, books and toys from a church campaign drive.

SAVE THE DATES

American Red Cross Blood Drives

Thursdays, 2-7pm
May 18th & June 8th

Schedule your appointment at www.redcrossblood.org, call 800-REDCROSS, or contacting Brenda Doll.

Chicken Bar-B-Que & Flea Market

Saturday, June 3

Keep an eye out for volunteer sign-ups and the online pre-order form

Vacation Bible School One-Night Extravaganza

Wednesday, June 28th

Bible Story, Music, Games, Crafts & FUN!!!!

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the second Saturday, 9am in Hayes Hall.
March 11th & April 8th
Bring a dish to share.
All women are invited.

UM MEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the last Saturday, 8am in Hayes Hall. All men are invited.
March 25th* & April *29th

LUNCH BUNCH

March 15th & April 19th
12:30 in Hayes Hall
Bring a bag lunch for fun and fellowship; beverages and dessert provided.

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.

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 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.

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.

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Upcoming Bugle Schedule

Publication Date	Submission Deadline
May 1	April 10
July 1	June 10
Sept 1	August 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communion Offering: **March 5th** Help Build Hope	**Don't Forget!** **Food for Interfaith** **Canned Meat, Tuna**		**1** 7:00pm Community Lenten Service	**2**	**3**	**4**
5 5:00pm Spaghetti Dinner	**6**	**7**	**8** 7:00pm Community Lenten Service 7:00pm Missions Mtg	**9** 12:30pm Mitzvah Circle Volunteer Opportunity	**10**	**11** 9:00am Women's Breakfast
12	**13** 7:00pm Trustees Mtg	**14**	**15** Margarita's Dine & Donate 12:30pm Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Community Lenten Service	**16**	**17**	**18**
19	**20**	**21**	**22** 7:00pm Community Lenten Service	**23**	**24**	**25** 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast
26	**27**	**28**	**29** 7:00pm Community Lenten Service	**30**	**31**	***Don't forget!*** ***Spring Forward*** ***March 12th***

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10:00 service ONLY on April 19

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2 Palm Sunday	3 6:45pm Evangelism Comm Mtg	4	5 7:00pm Community Lenten Service	6 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	7 12:00pm Good Friday Worship	8 9:00am Women's Breakfast
9 Easter CELEBRATION	10 BUGLE DEADLINE	11	12 6:30pm Stewardship 7:15pm Finance Committee	13	14 Help Build Hope	15
16 10:00am One Service Only - Help Build Hope Dedication	17 7:00pm SPRC Mtg	18	19 12:30pm Lunch Bunch 1:30pm Bugle Mailing 7:00pm Church Council	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast
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Don't Forget!
Food for Interfaith
Canned Vegetables

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Frances Werkiser
2 Selaine Keaton
4 Phyllis Williams
6 Matt Wrigley
10 John Geers, Jennifer Lister, Andrew Shaw
12 Trisha Griffin
16 Judy Austin, Jessica Yale
18 John Gabel, Sondra Haley, Bill Phillips
19 Dawn Anthony, Alena Doll
20 Iona Redguard, Rev. George Tigh
21 Sarah-Krista Curry
22 Michele O'Kane, Carol Shellenberger
24 Elaine Strohl, Lily Shaw
25 Logan Wrigley
27 Chris Delaney, George Geere, Jeanne Napier
28 Michael Henderson Sr.
30 Mary Ellen Mossbarger, Barry Shaw, Bruce Shaw

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3 Carolyn Unger
6 Paige Frederick
8 Andy Pellegrino
9 Kimberly Perkins, Heather Smink
12 Keith Kreitz, Rylee Closs
13 Shirley Ehly, Christine Trimble
14 Alabama Curren
18 Jim Wilkie Sr.
21 Charlene Bonekemper
22 Jack Pellegrino
23 April Wright
27 Colleen Wosiak
30 Rene Tetro

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

7 Bob & Bonnie Yale ('87)
22 John & Sondra Haley ('97)
27 Rupert & Iona Redguard ('62)
30 Barbara and Michael Melnyk ('84)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

14 Kim & Debbie Zimmerman ('84)
19 Frances & Jeff Werkiser ('86)
24 Bob & Mercedes Tresca
27 Brenda & Paul Doll ('96)

Check out Bethel Hill's new webpage at www.BethelHill.org

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