

# Bethel Hill Bugle

Winter 2024

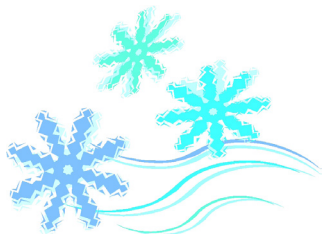


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## AWARENESS IN 2024



It is December 7, 2023 and it has been flurrying off and on all morning. I don't think I'm ready for winter, which doesn't officially start until December 21<sup>st</sup>. I'm cold and stiff and my joints tell me of today's precipitation and I have to walk outside three times today for various meetings and practices. Am I complaining? Yes! Should I be complaining? No! Not with so much to be grateful for. First – I can walk! And with 2 knee replacements in 2018, I no longer walk with pain!

Second, my first meeting was with colleagues in the United Methodist pastor group from our area. It was so good to see them and catch up (and maybe console each other's mutual struggles). It is a blessing to have wonderful friends in ministry and be able to talk openly and support one another. Also, a blessing to have the heat on in Hayes Hall.

After a cold walk across the parking lot, I entered a warm house (parsonage), where my hubby was taking an after-lunch snooze on the couch. How blessed I am to have him in my life and what a great partner he is for the work WE are doing at Bethel Hill. I am now in my home office working on my laptop, and this article. I am grateful for the technology we enjoy today. I am especially grateful for internet access today, as yesterday work was being done on strengthening our internet reception at the sanctuary. This meant discovering our router in the house was not working properly, purchasing a new one, and having a knowledgeable husband complete the installation. Though there were times I was off-line yesterday, everything seems to be working today, including my internet-connected printer. I also hosted two successful ZOOM meeting this morning! Grateful for the work (and the ditch-digger Trustee friends Ed & Les), and hopefully our Facebook live worship services will have less conflicts.

Tonight as I travel to the sanctuary to practice for Christmas Eve and the choir cantata, I will remember to praise God for my singing voice. When I was sick with my cancer and subsequent

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**Reminder: Winter worship schedule 9:00 & 10:30 worship (second service also live-streamed). Adult Sunday School at 9:00 and Children's Sunday School at 10:30, the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month.**

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bone marrow transplant, the chemotherapy damaged my throat and mouth. I was not sure I'd ever be able to sing again! But thank God for his healing and generosity to me.

I will also thank God for an adjustable thermostat that allowed the heat to be turned on in preparation for our practices tonight. And as I return home and finally get to eat dinner (I never eat before a singing rehearsal), I will be grateful I have something to eat and remember those who will go to bed hungry.

So, for this new year of 2024, I am going to try and be more aware. More aware of my blessings. More aware of all I have. More aware of God's presence in my life. Why don't you join me on this 2024 journey of AWARENESS?

*Pastor Sue*

***Pastor Sue & Gerry will be away  
from January 19 through January 27, 2024.  
Should you have a pastoral emergency,  
please contact Rev. Harold Burkett  
at 215-350-2039.***

## **Worship Notes for November & December 2023** (topics are subject to change)

### **January 7 – Epiphany Sunday, Holy Communion**

Guest Speaker Missionary Christi Whitekettle  
Light luncheon/reception follows 10:30 service

### **January 14 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

1 Samuel 3:1-20 – *Ears Will Tingle!*

### **January 21 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Lay Speaker CLM Mary White ( Pastor Sue is away)

### **January 28 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Lay Speaker Heather Smink (Pastor Sue just returning)

### **February 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany, Holy Communion**

Isaiah 40:21-31 – *Don't You Know?*

### **February 11 – Transfiguration Sunday, Scouting Sunday**

2 Kings 2:1-12 – *Don't Talk About It!*

### **February 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:00-9:30 a.m. – Drive-Thru-Ashes in OUR parking lot!

6:00 p.m. - Community Lenten Soup Supper at Olivet Schwenkfelder UCC

7:00 p.m. – Community Ash Wednesday Worship at Olivet Schwenkfelder

### **February 18– 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Mark 1:9-15 – *Trust the Good News!*

### **February 25– 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 – *El Shaddai*



**Sunday, January 7th**  
***Missionary Christi Whitekettle will be sharing her experiences during the sermon time.***

There will be a light luncheon reception following the 10:30 a.m. service. Bring your checkbook as she will have some handmade wares available from Azizi. Read about Christi below:

Christi Whitekettle was born and raised in Audubon, PA and is a life-long follower of Jesus. The Holy Spirit's work of mercy and service in her led to studies in sociology, lay ministry in a Norristown church plant, and a profession in nursing home recreation. In 2003, God challenged and invited Christi to serve people experiencing poverty in the developing world. Four years of searching and preparation led Christi to Rwanda in 2007. Bethel Hill was among the financial supporters which provided the foundation for Christi's life and work in Rwanda, and this investment has borne much fruit.

Over the past 16 years, Christi has had the opportunity to be involved in a start-up social enterprise called Azizi Life. Showing God's love through business, Azizi Life now partners with over 800 artisans and beekeepers and has started two sister non-profit organizations. Azizi Life's impact work includes a literacy program through which over 4,000 rural adults have learned to read and write.

In addition, Christi leads a small ministry to neighbors in need which expresses God's love through practical opportunities for self-development and invites people to life in Jesus.

Learn more about Azizi Life at [AziziLife.com](http://AziziLife.com).



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**Pastor Sue & Gerry & the staff thank everyone for their generous Christmas gift.**

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# MISSIONS CORNER



We sponsor two children through the **World Vision** organization. World Vision is a global Christian humanitarian organization. They partner with children, families, and their communities to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision was started in the 1950's helping one little girl with \$5 in his pocket by founder, Bob Pierce. Today, World Vision helps more than 3.5 million children in nearly 100 countries.

**Zeinab** is an 11-year-old girl living in the Lamu Assessment Project in Kenya, Africa. Zeinab speaks Boni and her birthday is on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Her favorite hobby is jumping rope and her favorite subject in school is Science. In Lamu, the landscape



is forested and surrounded by seasonal rivers. Many families are dependent on agriculture and livestock for food and income, but irregular rainfall and land degradation have left Kenya vulnerable to drought. A typical diet consists of cereal grains, rice, vegetables and fish, when available.

The HIV and AIDS crisis has severely damaged the social fabric of the entire community, leaving many children without parents. The Lamu community is currently in an Empowerment phase where local leaders and families take on more ownership and self-sufficiency grows. The community and children grow stronger and healthier thanks to large improvements in areas like clean water, education, nutrition, and more.

**Anderson Aaron** is a 9-year-old boy living in Proyecto CESP Pantasma, Nicaragua. Anderson speaks Spanish and his birthday is on August 26<sup>th</sup>. His favorite hobby is playing ball games and his favorite subject in school is coloring. Pantasma is a small, fertile valley in western Nicaragua, where many people earn a living raising cattle or growing crops like coffee, bananas, and cit-

rus. Though families grow nutritious foods like beans and corn, they mostly sell what they produce and can't keep enough to feed themselves year-round: Nearly one in five children under age 5 are chronically malnourished. People aren't well educated about the importance of good hygiene behaviors, and they don't always have access to proper sanitation. Up to half of households don't have a way to get clean water, which contributes to preventable illnesses. Most children don't get the chance to attend preschool, and less than one in five teenagers leave school with vocational or career training: The lack of these opportunities limits future success. Too many students must drop out of school to help their families make ends meet by working in the fields. Kids are also vulnerable to other forms of exploitation or abuse, and over half of teenagers report not feeling safe from violence in their homes. Families are also not well prepared for disasters or catastrophes such as the economic crisis caused by the

COVID-19 pandemic, which can push already-vulnerable families deeper into poverty. The community is in a Planning phase where they identify their greatest challenges and develop an action plan. The community nominates vulnerable children for sponsorship.



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We also sponsor a missionary through Wycliffe Ministry. Aileen Agoncillo is a Team Development Specialist and currently works at Wycliffe headquarters in Florida.



As a Team Development Specialist, Aileen comes alongside teams and individual staff in helping meet development needs. The goal is to come alongside staff in develop-

ing teams that work better together and are more effective in their work for the furtherance of the Bible translation ministry. As part of her ministry with Wycliffe, Aileen brings her training as a Spiritual Director and her qualification as a GRIP-Birkman Certified Professional.

Over her years of ministry with Wycliffe since 2002, Aileen has served in Bible translation using her skills in media and communications based in the United States and Asia. She also provided leadership to Wycliffe USA's prayer engagement and church partnership strategies.

Aileen's ministry with Wycliffe is dependent on a ministry team of prayer and financial partners. Aileen is currently strengthening the team of financial and prayer partners who invest in her Wycliffe ministry. Aileen is grateful for those who have partnered with her, making her Wycliffe ministry possible.

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## Manna on Main Street

Upcoming collections are:

**January - Soup**

**February - Canned Fruit**

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



*Communion Offering*

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:

**January** – Hospitality

**February** – Missions-Souper Bowl





Bethel Hill is so generous! The outpouring of support for all of our holiday missions at the end of 2023 was wonderful. We collected 77 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, and contributed hundreds of Christmas gifts for the Glad Tidings Christmas Shop at Haw's Avenue in Norristown and Methodist Services Christmas Angels program. Glad Tidings served 43 families with 145 children. Methodist Services assists over 2,500 Philadelphia area families throughout the year, and helped over 700 families specifically this past holiday season.



Thank you for all good wishes, prayers and food! I am truly blessed to have had a successful hip surgery and to have such a wonderful Bethel Hill family!

Beaty Hoffman



### UM MEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the last Saturday, 8am in Hayes Hall, but the schedule is adjusted after the holidays. for the end of year holidays as follows:

**Jan 6, 2024** - UMM will have a breakfast followed by undecorating the sanctuary  
**Jan 27<sup>th</sup> & Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**All men are invited.**

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the second Saturday, 9am in Hayes Hall.

**January 10<sup>th</sup> & February 10<sup>th</sup>**

Bring a dish to share.  
All women are invited.

### LUNCH BUNCH

**January 17<sup>th</sup> & February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**12:30 in Hayes Hall**

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



**American  
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

### **Did you know you can give blood every 56 days?**

We have made it super easy for you to do so right at Bethel Hill, with our calendar of blood drives for 2024 already set (plus a last one for this year), each one 56+ days from the previous one. So mark your calendar and schedule your appointments now

Schedule your appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), call 800-REDCROSS, or contact Brenda Doll.

#### **2024 DATES**

***February 8, April 11, June 13, August 8, October 10, December 12***



**WELCOME!**

**These new members joined  
Bethel Hill on December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Via Affirmation of Faith  
*Bonnie Jensen-Giangiulio  
Lolita Henagan*

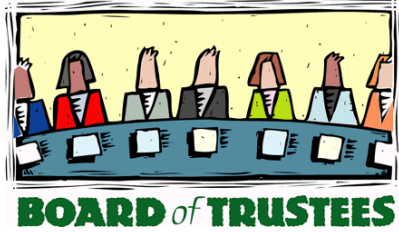
#### **DIRECTORY UPDATES:**

Linda Price  
300 East Germantown Pike,  
Apt. 1207  
Norristown, PA 19401

Bonnie Jensen-Giangiulio  
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Norristown, PA 19401

Jon Kirkbride  
Harborview Rehab  
25 W. Fifth St. Apt. 310  
Lansdale, PA 19446

**A MESSAGE FROM THE**



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!

The Trustees would like to thank Jim Angelo, Les Brown, Paul & Brenda Doll, Ken Hoffman, Gerry Ketterer, Jack Paugh, Heather Smink, Ray Vasey, Bob Whiteside, Ed Wild, Jim Wilkie for helping out at our Fall Work Day, as well as Dan & Chris Delaney, Paul Fischer, and Nancy Powell for their additional work around the campus throughout the year.




**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](mailto:brendoll@verizon.net).

 **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. 

If anyone would like to put a fresh flower arrangement on the altar, please email the church office at [bethel-hill@verizon.net](mailto:bethel-hill@verizon.net) or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



The arrangements are now \$35.

**Altar Flowers**

**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](mailto:brendoll@verizon.net).

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 Alan Powell Bob Whiteside

**Upcoming Bugle Schedule**

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



**EVERY SUNDAY**


Worship Services: 9:00 | 10:30\*  
 Adult Sunday School: 9:00  
 Children's Sunday School: 10:30  
 1st and 3rd Sundays

\*10:30 service also available on  
 Facebook Live



# January

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communion Offering: January 7 <sup>th</sup> Hospitality	 8 11:00am Mission Link Meeting 7:00pm Trustees Mtg	2	3 7:00pm Worship Mtg	4 6:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal	5	6 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<b>Don't Forget!</b> Food for Interfaith <b>Soup</b>		

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				2-7pm Blood Drive		9:00am Women's Breakfast
11	12	13	Ash  <b>14</b> Wednesday 7am - Drive-thru ashes 6:00 Soup Supper 7:30pm Community Lenten Service	15	16	17
		6:30pm Generosity Team 7:15pm Finance Committee				
18	19	20	12:30pm Lunch Bunch 1:30pm Bugle Mailing 7:30pm Community Lenten Service	22	23	24
						8:00am UM Men's Breakfast
25	26	27	28	  		
	7:00pm Church Council		7:30pm Community Lenten Service			



### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Claudia Smith, Logan Gillmer
- 4 Zoë Curran
- 6 Wayne Acker
- 7 Katelynne Gilbert, Ed Wild,  
Nancy Sherlock-Robson, Jacob Helman
- 9 Marsha Wolgast, Mason Hall
- 11 Margaret Buchanan, Amanda Gale
- 12 Rich Durling, Bonnie Yale, Donna Hall
- 14 Karen Delaney, Matt Robinson
- 17 Chuck Mossbarger
- 18 Bob Berger
- 20 Betsy Novelli
- 22 Sally Helman, Ethan Haley
- 23 Prudence Silfies
- 24 Jim Barbiers, Steve Hoyer
- 28 Merrilee Hurley
- 30 Eric Wright
- 31 Caydi Conway

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Bonnie Hurd, John Smink, Michael Bucha
- 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
- 18 Lex Matus
- 20 Tracy Reimel, Ralph Salvina
- 23 Shirley Burkett, Grayson Keaton
- 24 Beth Gloviak, Jeremy Spittle, Jamie Yale
- 25 Kaitlyn Shaw

### **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

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

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**Check out Bethel Hill's new webpage at [www.BethelHill.org](http://www.BethelHill.org)**



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