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MARCH 10

LOVE & MORE

Having just past February, Ash Wednesday that was disguised as Valentine's Day or vice-versa, I thought we might revisit 1 Corinthians 13 from *The Message Bible*.



¹If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. ² If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. ³⁻⁷ If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

Love never gives up.
 Love cares more for others than for self.
 Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.
 Love doesn't strut,
 Doesn't have a swelled head,
 Doesn't force itself on others,
 Isn't always "me first,"
 Doesn't fly off the handle,
 Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,
 Doesn't revel when others grovel,
 Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
 Puts up with anything,
 Trusts God always,
 Always looks for the best,
 Never looks back,
 But keeps going to the end.

⁸⁻¹⁰ Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit. We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled.¹¹ When I was an infant at my mother's breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant. When I grew up, I left those infant

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

ways for good. ¹² We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us! ¹³ But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

Maybe you can show your love by participating in this year's Help Build Hope, April 5-7, where we will build another house for the Reading branch of Habitat for Humanity. Hope to see you there!

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 2024 (topics are subject to change)

Wednesday, March 6, 7pm – Community Lenten Service, St. John ELCA

March 10 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Esther 4:1-5 – *Through the Valley: Lament & Community*

Wed, March 13, 7pm – Community Lenten Service, Skippack Church of the Bretheren

March 17 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Lamentations 3:19-24 – *Through the Valley: Lament & Hope*

Wednesday, March 22, 7pm – Community Lenten Service, Trinity Christian UCC

March 24 – Palm Sunday

Luke 19:41-48 – *Through the Valley: Lament & Action*

Thursday, March 28, 7pm – Maundy Thursday, Communion

John 13:1-17 – *Through the Valley: Lament & Love*

Friday, March 29 – noon – Good Friday

Seven Last Words of Christ with Lay Speakers

March 31 – Easter Sunday! Worship: 9:00 and 10:30

Mark 16:1-8 – *Resurrection Day!*

April 7 – HELP BUILD HOPE Consecration Sunday- one service at 10:00 a.m.

April 14 – 3rd Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion

Luke 24:36b-48 – *Breakfast with a Ghost!*

April 21 – 4th Sunday of Easter, Contemporary

John 10:11-18 – *Our Good Shepherd*

April 28 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40 – *Unfolding the Good News*

A MESSAGE FROM THE



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Generosity Team

formerly Stewardship Committee

Bethel Hill leadership is working towards establishing a permanent endowment fund for the church. The benefits of the pooled fund is a way for today's Christians to support future Christians by honoring loved ones, supporting one's faith, spreading love into the community, reaching a young soul, helping one fulfill one's legacy, bringing peace of mind, and/or helping to bring Jesus into the lives of those who need him most. Overviews and initial drafts of the fund policy are available for review & comment. For additional details and policies please reach out to Pastor Sue, the Church Office, or Generosity Team Chair, Paul Doll.



Ash and Dash

Members of the Evangelism team braved the cold, windy Ash Wednesday morning to offer a drive-thru service for ash marking and prayer. In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday marks the start of the holy season of Lent, a time for reflection and repentance in preparation for the celebration of Easter. The ashes symbolize our mortality. The team was blessed to "ash" 30 people.



2024 Multi-Church Servants At Work mission will be held **April 5,6,7, 2024**

We will build a duplex house frame in the parking lot of Bethel Hill. Yes, you read that right! A HOUSE! In the church parking lot! **HELP BUILD HOPE** is an organization that will coordinate along with our SAW team leaders to provide training, tools, and transportation of a basic frame structure that will be delivered to a location in Reading PA where teams working through Habitat for Humanity Berks County will reassemble the house and complete the building project for needy, deserving families.

*³⁷ He (Jesus) said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."
Matthew 9:37-38*

- ✓ All lumber and supplies will be provided by our SAW team fund raisers, local donations and the generosity of members and friends of local congregations.
- ✓ Bring your own water bottle and hammer (if you have a favorite).
- ✓ Friday afternoon is "Cut, Mark & Carry Session"- approx. 2 hours **5:00 - 7:00 PM.**
- ✓ Saturday is "**Build Day**"- approx.. 7 hours – **8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
- ✓ Sunday is Consecration Service followed by "Disassemble and Load Up Day"- approximately 2 hour – Service **10:00 AM** – Write a message & Load up after.
- ✓ Saturday Breakfast will be provided by Bethel Hill Methodist Men.
- ✓ Lunch provided by Sanctuary UMC.
- ✓ T-shirts are available for purchase.
- ✓ Families are encouraged to include children of any age on Saturday for the build day. All ages welcome. No building skills needed. There are many ways to assist.

All monetary donations may be made payable to Bethel Hill with SAW in the memo line. Sign up to help using the QR code below or from our website www.bethelhill.org
Have questions? Contact the church office – 610-584-5936 or bethelhill@verizon.net



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS
BUILDING COMMUNITIES
BUILDING HOMES





2024 Community Lenten Project "SHOE" DONATION

New or Gently Used Shoes

All donations support local families in crisis due to poverty, homelessness and serious illness and serviced through Mitzvah Circle

February 14th through April 7th

Sponsored by the Missions team at Bethel Hill UMC

**Instead of giving something up for Lent this year,
give something to someone in need.**

During the 40 days of Lent, Bethel Hill UMC will be holding a "Shoe Drive". This year, Bethel Hill's Missions team will be collecting new or gently used shoes and donating them to Mitzvah Circle who services local families in crisis due to poverty, homelessness and serious illness.

All sorts of new or gently used shoes are accepted for Men, Women, and Children:

- Tennis shoes (Sneakers) – all sizes
- Dress shoes – all sizes
- Boots – all sizes
- Flats – all sizes
- Sandals – all sizes



There will be containers on Bethel Hill's campus – on the porches of the Old Sunday School Building and outside of Hayes Hall with signage of "Shoe" Donation. It is our hope that we will be able to donate many pairs of shoes and therefore, please try to keep all pairs together somehow, either tied up, or in a plastic bag. Thank you for your consideration in participating in this year's Lenten Project. Many individuals and families will be so grateful.



11-20-23

Dear members of Bethel Hill UMC:

Thank you so much for the two boxes of blessed prayer blankets and prayer cards. This is an especially good time to give them to our patients, during the holidays and the weather change. I will be giving these to our VITAS patients. These patients are here for comfort care at a critical time of their lives.

What a wonderful blessing you have been to us. You have been so faithful and for this we are so thankful. Please express our thank you to those who were instrumental in making these lovely items.

Wishing all a blessed holiday season and a great New Year.

Sincerely,

Barbara Drake, President, Women's Association
Rosemarie Caporale, Executive Secretary
Methodist Hospital



I'd like to say thank you to all the 2023 Bethel Hill seamstress. You were busy sewing 31 dresses which have been donated and are on their way to Africa. If I knew who made these lovely frocks, I would thank you individually. Thank you to Liz who donated precious time, energy, and money on behalf of the project.

Thank you, Joy Black



Ending Hunger, Building Community, Transforming Lives

Manna on Main Street (Lansdale)
donations for 2023:

The total amount donated to help the less fortunate by Bethel Hill was 2,952 pounds! A great increase from the Covid years of less than 1,000 lbs. The Bishop's Challenge yielded 221.5 lbs, Lenten giving was 536 lbs and Thanksgiving was 207 lbs. The donations are appreciated by Manna as it helps extend their mission.

Keep up the good work Bethel Hill!



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treeoflife@gwtc.net
http://treeofliferelief.org
Linda Garriott, Director



December 5, 2023

Bethel Hill United Methodist Church
 2000 Bethel Road
 Lansdale, PA 19446

Dear Friends at Bethel Hill!

Thanksgiving and Christmas are soon upon us. It brings Psalm 107:1 to mind: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever."

Indeed God's mercy endures forever. We have been so blessed to be part of a greater community of generous people like you. Thank you for your donation of two boxes containing hats. It is only because of people like you that Tree of Life can serve the folks of the Rosebud and the surrounding area. Your help in supporting the Tree is greatly appreciated as you are the hands and feet of Jesus for so many.

With your help we have distributed bison meat, instead of turkeys this month. There is still a shortage of turkeys due to bird flu. We have been blessed with donations of many new and gently used coats, caps, gloves, mittens, baby blankets, bedding, underwear and other items. These go out as quickly as they come in. Children's clothing is always in high demand. Soon we will be distributing Christmas Shoe box gifts and other items to the many communities here on the Rosebud; again you are part of the community making this holiday season special for many people.

Thank you again for your help. We look forward to your continued support through your gifts, prayers and presence. We are accepting VIM teams, volunteer groups and individuals, just give us a call. Share the LOVE, be part of the Community that is the body of Christ on the Rosebud. We give thanks to the Lord for you!

Sincerely,

Linda Garriott
 Executive Director

Tree of Life Ministries is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. EIN#46-0446287 SD Non-Profit Tax Exemption#1017-2270-RA
 No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution. Please retain this document for your federal income tax records.

Hats are always welcome especially this time of year! We have been giving hats and gloves/mittens to students at our local schools. Have a blessed Christmas!
*pastor Linda
 office staff*



Kathrine Martin
Interim President & Chief Executive Officer

December 30, 2023

Bethel Hill United Methodist Church
2000 Bethel Road
Lansdale, PA 19446-5920

Dear Bethel Hill United Methodist Church,

Your generous gift of toys & gift cards helps ensure that Methodist Services will remain steadfast, fulfilling crucial basic needs that might otherwise be unmet.

Support from friends like you enables Methodist Services to continue our mission: to provide life enriching programs to children, adults and families as they face the challenges of limited resources, increased poverty, homelessness, disabilities and educational inequities.

In the inspiring words of John Wesley, Founder of Methodism:

“All worldly joys are less than that one joy of doing kindnesses.”

We are grateful that you continue to “do kindness” with us.

Sincerely,

Kathrine Martin

Kathrine Martin
Interim President & CEO

What a treat to have you volunteer with us, this year! Not only did you bring generous, beautiful gifts for our children and families but you helped us bring in hundreds of toys from other donors, as we all braved the cold!

The official registration and financial information for Methodist Services may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free (within Pennsylvania) 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

We are truly Blessed.

Spaghetti Dinner



Sunday, March 10th

5:00 to 7:00 PM in Hayes Hall.

Tickets: Adults \$10.00; Children 12 & under \$5.00.

The event is a fund raiser for the Help Build Hope project in April. Desserts are needed. Anyone who can make/ buy a dessert please contact the church office.



Fellowship

‘QUAINTANCE GROUP

Open to ALL adults, members, friends, couples and singles.

Faith Night at the Lehigh Valley Phantoms hockey name.

The Phantoms are playing the Hershey Bears at the PPL Center in Allentown.

Game time is 3:05 PM The group will head to the Copperhead Grille for lunch before the game. Contact the church office for details and last minute tickets.



Join us for a meal!

WOMEN’S BREAKFAST

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

March 9th & April 13th

Bring a dish to share.

All women are invited.

UM MEN’S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the last Saturday, 8am in Hayes Hall,

March 30th & April 27th

All men are invited.

LUNCH BUNCH

March 20th & April 17th

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, call 800-REDCROSS, or contact Brenda Doll.

2024 DATES

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

**Save the Date
for our annual Chicken BBQ & Flea Market
Saturday, June 1st**



We are pleased to announce that Bethel Hill is now supporting Christi Whitekettle in her mission work in Rwanda. A native of Audubon, Pennsylvania, Christi has been serving in Rwanda since July 2007, helping to launch the Christian social enterprise, Azizi Life. Azizi Life partners with local artisan groups to pay a fair wage for their crafts and to connect them with the global market. Azizi Life also provides resources and opportunities for the artisans to grow as leaders for the spiritual and physical development of their families and communities. Within Azizi Life, Christi oversees the product development process, and works to promote the artisans and their products to the world. The goal of Azizi Life is to be self-sustaining, and led by the local Rwandan staff. In the process, Christi finds it a great joy to serve as a bridge, helping to promote understanding between her coworkers in Rwanda and customers around the world.

You can check out the work of Azizi Life at: www.azizilife.com and if you didn't get a chance to browse the items she brought with her when she visited Bethel Hill in January you can shop on the webpage and get 20% using promo code SHOP20.



Easter Lilies

Remember a loved one with an Easter Lily
The cost of the plants is \$10.75

To order an Easter lily plant for Easter morning please complete the form below, include a check made out to "Bethel Hill UMC", give to Joy Black, place in the cross box in the narthex, or return to the church office. The plants may be picked up following the 10:30am worship service on Easter morning OR check box below to make a donation to missions.

Spiritual Bouquet: I would like to give a gift to Missions in lieu of an Easter lily.

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

of plants: _____ @ \$10.75 = TOTAL: \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: Monday, March 4th

Manna on Main Street

Upcoming collections are:

March - Canned Meat & Tuna

April - Canned Vegetables

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



*Women's
Ministry*



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 – Hospitality

April – 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

CHURCH NEWS
**AROUND
 the
 CONGREGATION**

DIRECTORY UPDATES:
 Cindy and Rick Spittle
 3 Bobcat Lane
 Hilton Head, SC 29926



Welcome baby Gale!
 Ed and Amanda are thrilled to announce that **Henry Jones Gale** (7 lbs 12 oz and 21.5 inches long) arrived January 4, 2024. He was welcomed home by older siblings Maddy, Tyler, and Jackson.

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!

 **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.

If anyone would like to put a fresh flower arrangement on the altar, please email the church office at bethel-hill@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
September 1	August 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



March



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communion Offering: March 3rd Hospitality				Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Canned Meat & Tuna	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	7:00pm Lenten Bible Study	7:00pm Community Lenten Service	6:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Chimes Practice	9:00am Women's Breakfast		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
5:00pm Spaghetti Dinner	7:00pm Trustees Mtg	7:00pm Lenten Bible Study	7:00pm Missions Mtg	7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		7:00pm Lenten Bible Study	12:30pm Lunch Bunch	6:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal		
 Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30
 Easter		7:00pm Lenten Bible Study		 Holy Thursday 7:00pm Worship	 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00pm Worship	8:00am UM Men's Breakfast


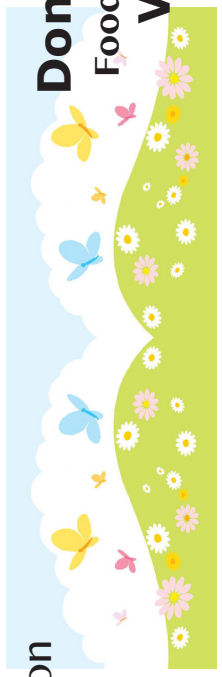
EVERY SUNDAY**

Worship Services: 9:00 | 10:30*
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April

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00pm Evangelism Comm Mitg	2	3	4 6:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5 Help Build Hope	6
7 10:00am Help Build Hope Worship	8	9	10 6:30pm Generosity Team 7:15pm Finance Committee BUGLE DEADLINE	11 2-7pm Blood Drive 7:00pm Chimes Practice	12	13 9:00am Women's Breakfast
14	15 7:00pm SPRC Mitg	16	17 12:30pm Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Church Council	18 6:00pm Fellowship Meeting 6:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	19	20
21	22	23 	24 1:30pm Bugle Mailing	25 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	26	27 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast
28	29	30	<p>Communion Offering: April 14th Hospitality</p>  <p>Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Vegetables</p>			



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
- 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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