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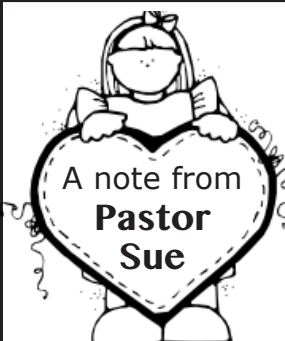


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## CELEBRATIONS!



I was considering this year of 2025. Do you realize I am in my 10<sup>th</sup> year serving here at Bethel Hill UMC? I arrived at the end of June, 2015. So many blessings about being here! I came alone because I left Gerry with our Frackville youth group at the Creation Festival in Mount Union, PA. It was a stressful time! I was worried about meeting all of you for the first time. I was worried my youth group would return safely to Frackville and get all the unpacking done. I was worried I'd get all MY unpacking done at the new-to-me parsonage at 2000 (now 2000A) Bethel Road. Considering everything, I was just plain worried!

Over the years I have shared with you that I am a champion worrier. I've also come to realize that 'worrying' is NOT one of the spiritual gifts Paul lists in Ephesians and Corinthians! And NONE of us should claim worrying as a gift! I think I've gotten better at that, but there are still certain things that cause me to lose sleep.

Another thing I've been considering is that in June 2025, it will be 17 years since my bone marrow transplant! Truthfully, I could be dead! I was in a transplant "class" with three other women. We went to the University of Pennsylvania to find out all that would be done to us, and all that could happen to us, and all the possible side effects. Out of us four women, one never made it to her transplant (she died), one had her disease re-occur within two years (she also died), the other was in the hospital the same time I was and wound up in ICU with complications. When I talked to her a couple of years post-transplant, she had not been able to return to work full-time and was still experiencing difficulties.

Yes, for me there are still lingering effects from the massive chemotherapy and the drugs administered to reduce rejection, but HEY – I'm still here & I'm CELEBRATING! I am just celebrating LIFE!

What are YOU celebrating? What can you look back on that you were worried about? Can you see how God walked you through it? Can you see how God never left your side? Can you remember the people who surrounded you to assist? Can you trust that God will have your back into the future? Celebrate the gift of life and give thanks for every day!

*Pastor Sue*

**See Page Two for Worship Schedule Reminders  
as we move into the summer months**

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## Worship Schedule Reminder

**May Schedule: worship 9am & 10:30am\* | Adult Sunday School: 9am**

**One service only for Memorial Day Weekend on May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**June Schedule: worship 9am & 10am\***

**\* services live-streamed on Facebook**

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### Worship Notes for May & June – (topics are subject to change)

**May 4–** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Kelli Durling, Guest Preacher (Pastor Sue is away)

**May 11 –** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Rev. Harold Burkett Guest Preacher (Pastor Sue is away)

**May 18 –** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, CLM Maru White Gues Preacher (Pastor Sue is away)

**May 25 –** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter-Memorial Day Weekend - **ONE SERVICE ONLY** @ 10:30am

John 14:23-29 – *Spirit Power*

**June 1 –** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Luke 24:44-53 – *Blessed to be Sent*

**June 8– Pentecost**, Romans 8:14-17 – *Heirs with God and Christ*

**June 15 – Trinity Sunday**, Psalm 8 – *Majesty*

**June 22 –** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Psalm 42 – *Thirsty*

**June 29 –** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Galatians 5:1, 13-25 – *Summer Fruit*

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### Manna on Main Street

Upcoming collections are:

**May – Soup**

**June – Juice**

Please leave in the basket in the narthex.

Thank you to Ken & Joy Black for continuing to deliver the collections.



Thank you for your support of our communion offerings collected on the first Sunday of each month. These offerings, above any amount pledged, allow members a chance to contribute to a cause they may feel called to help.

**May –** Youth Ministries

**June –** VBS

### MESSAGE FROM THE



### BOARD of TRUSTEES

The Trustees would like to thank all those who helped clean up the campus to get ready for spring, whether on our official cleanup day on April 26<sup>th</sup>, or earlier in the week: Jim Angelo, Dan Delaney, Brenda Doll, Beaty & Ken Hoffman, Gerry Ketterer, Jack Paugh and his grandson, Alan Smith, Ed Wild, Evelyn Whiteside, and Jim Wilkie. You may notice that this a short list, and a few people listed fortunately did a lot of work prior to Saturday, so we weren't working all day. Hopefully more will be available in the fall for our next work day!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## UM MEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the last Saturday,  
8am in Hayes Hall

**No May breakfast due to the  
Chicken BBQ - come on out and  
help cook chickens instead!**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**All men are invited.**

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday,  
9am in Hayes Hall.

**May 10<sup>th</sup> & June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Bring a dish to share.**


**All women are invited.**

## LUNCH BUNCH

**May 21<sup>st</sup> & June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**12:30 in Hayes Hall**

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



**Upcoming  
American  
Red Cross  
Blood Drives**

**Save a Life. Give Blood**

Mark your calendar and schedule your appointments now online at  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
call 800-REDCROSS, or  
contact Brenda Doll.

**2025 Dates:  
June 12, August 14,  
October 9, December 11**



## Two-night VBS Extravaganza!!

**Tuesday & Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

We will close the night with a treat from the  
Kona Hawaiian Ice Truck!

More info to follow, but if you are interested in helping and can attend, there is a planning meeting on  
Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in the old Sunday School room.



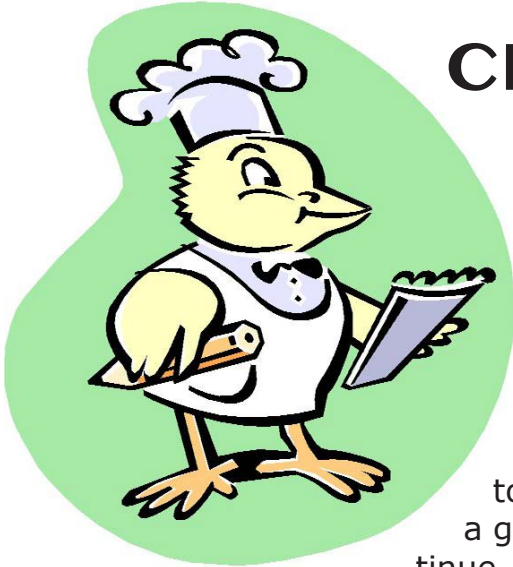
**In-Person Toastmasters**

**There is an In-Person Toastmasters  
meeting in our Sunday School  
Building this year!**

Meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome.

Reserve the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month to improve your communications skills!

RSVP under *Contact Us* on the club homepage: <https://ipt.toastmastersclubs.org/>



# CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

# & FLEA MARKET

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Chicken Bar-B-Q has been a yearly tradition at Bethel Hill since 1964. That's over 60 years! If you want to read more about the whole history check out this article: <https://bit.ly/BHBBQhistory>. For many years the Shaw and Doll families have led a group of volunteers to accomplish this important fundraising event. We've had a great group of volunteers in recent years, and hope to continue that trend as there are many tasks to be completed in

the week leading up to the event, and especially on Saturday. Please plan to help out - the more the merrier, the more spread out the workload will be, and as a bonus, you will meet and work with awesome people like yourself! There is a job for everyone even if you're not available on Saturday. You can pick up a bag of potatoes and onions, cook and chop them at home and return on Thursday or Friday, or bake brownies and drop them off Friday or Saturday morning.

Sign up to help here: <https://bit.ly/BHBBQ2025-volunteer>

Flea Market and Plant Sale donations and volunteers needed: If you are doing any spring purging in the coming month keep the Chicken Bar-B-Q Flea Market in mind. Donations of household items, games, toys, jewelry and accessories, books, and small working electronics will be accepted starting on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Please no clothing, furniture, encyclopedias, microwaves, or TVs. If you are unsure whether an item would be welcome or have any other questions please contact Lisa Hoyer at [lsbdhoyer@verizon.net](mailto:lsbdhoyer@verizon.net) or 610-405-0717. If you have perennial plants that you are dividing, or started too many veggies from seed, please feel free to bring them as well to be sold. Please have them potted individually and don't drop off until the end of the week so no one needs to worry about watering them. Volunteers will be needed the week before to help organize donations, and throughout the day on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> to help with selling.

Sign up to help here: <https://bit.ly/BHBBQ2025-volunteer>.

The Take-out only format has been working well since we pivoted to this format due to the pandemic in 2020. We know people miss the social aspect of dining in, but more volunteers are needed to operate the event with that option, and it is not as profitable. Tables are available in the picnic grove for anyone who would like to eat on-site. Meals can be picked up between 3-6pm, and we highly recommend you pre-order your meal to guarantee that you get one: <https://bit.ly/BHBBQ2025>

Any questions, please contact Brenda Doll at [brendoll@verizon.net](mailto:brendoll@verizon.net) or 267-421-2590.





Thank you to everyone who participated in any way for **Help Build Hope 2025**. Your donations, presence, hammering, and prayers were greatly appreciated and felt! Over \$25,000 was raised for this project. God blessed us with a damp and cold build day but also with the drive to finish. Lowes of Hatfield provided lunch through Vinny's Pizza in Lansdale and it was delicious! Visits and words on Saturday by Doug Ford and Sunday morning worship from Tim Daley, both from Berks County Habitat for Humanity, made the weekend even more real. Congratulations to our construction manager Cory Popp and his son, Ollie, for keeping us focused and doing the right things. Glory be to God!

## CHURCH NEWS AROUND the CONGREGATION

### DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Keith Meserole  
3934 Howertown Rd.  
Northampton, PA 18067

### SPAGHETTI DINNER update

Thank you to head saucier, Gerry Ketterer; kitchen crew: Dan Delaney, Alan Smith, Ed Wild, and Alan Silfies; maitre d' Heather Smink and her team of youth servers. Thank you to those who baked, came out to eat and/or supported in any way! Our total profits from the dinner and silent auction baskets for Help Build Hope was over \$1,000.



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

The Mission's team is selling Giant gift cards and Wawa shortie coupons at both church services. See Bob Whiteside at the early service or Karen Matus at the later service. Proceeds go to ongoing local, national and international Missions work. We now have Giant gift cards in \$25 denominations. Wawa shortie hoagie coupons are available for \$5 each.



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# Ways you can SERVE

## TELLERS needed.

We are looking for people willing to serve as Tellers. Tellers count the weekly offerings after the second service , which generally takes around 30 minutes. You will serve as part of a team. Training is available.

## LITURGISTS needed!

Every Sunday a liturgist assists the pastor in leading worship. All readings and prayers are supplied to the liturgist by email, so this job is well-coordinated and easy! You can choose which service you serve. We utilize a rotating schedule to assign Sundays and the liturgist has the option to switch with someone if they are not available for a certain week.

BONUS: you have the best seat in the sanctuary!

**Contact the church office (610-584-5936 or [bethelhill@verizon.net](mailto:bethelhill@verizon.net))  
for more information about either of these opportunities to serve.**

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:bethelhill@verizon.net) or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

The arrangements are now \$35.



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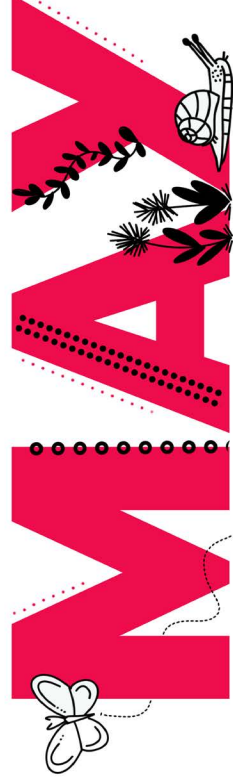
Collating Crew:	Nancy Powell
Linda Dennison	Janet Vasey
Elaine Hegh	Ray Vasey
Alan Powell	Bob Whiteside

### Upcoming Bugle Schedule

Publication Date	Submission Deadline
July 1	June 10
September 1	August 10
November 1	October 10

# EVERY SUNDAY

Worship Services: 9:00 | 10:30\*  
 Adult Sunday School: 9:00  
 \*10:30 service also available on  
 Facebook Live  
 10:30 Service only on May25th

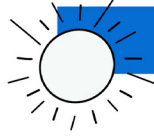


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Communion Offering:</b> <b>May 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Youth Ministries</b>			<b>Don't Forget!</b> <b>Food for Interfaith</b> <b>Soup</b>	<b>1</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00am Women's Breakfast
<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Missions Mtg	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Chime Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 12:30pm Lunch Bunch	<b>22</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10:30am One Service Only	<b>memorial DAY</b> 	<b>27</b> 7:00pm SPRC Mtg	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 10:30am Chicken BBQ Set-up	<b>31</b> 8:00am Flea Market 3:00pm Chicken BBQ

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\*10:00 service also available on  
Facebook Live

# JUNE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 10:30am Graduate Recognition	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Evangelism Comm Mtg	<b>3</b> 6:30pm VBS Planning Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:15pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm Chime Choir Practice	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <div>BUGLE DEADLINE</div>	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Generosity Team 7:15pm Finance Committee	<b>12</b> 2-7pm Blood Drive 6:15pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00am Women's Breakfast
<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 12:30pm Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Church Council	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 7:30am Early Service 8:15am Breakfast 9:30 & 11 Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 1:30pm Bugle Mailing	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	Communion Offering: <b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b> Vacation Bible School				<b>Don't Forget!</b> Food for Interfaith Juice



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kimberly Pollock
- 3 Pam Culp, Trevor Keaton
- 4 Erin Beagle, Claire Hawkins, Dylan Ingram
- 5 Hailee Closs
- 8 Brandon Frederick, Kaitlin Tomlinson
- 10 Donna Dickson
- 11 Melissa Puchalski
- 12 Douglas Hoyer, Peyton Taylor
- 13 Janet Kopistansky, Jacob Lister, Matt Pellegrino
- 14 Andrew Strohl
- 15 Laura Curran, Bobby Kleckner, Janet Salvina, Alex Kreitz
- 17 Albert Closs, Kelly Dickson, McKenzie Nash, Ray Vasey
- 19 Misti Conway
- 21 Jake Schwanholt
- 22 Michael Puchalski, Jr.
- 23 Jeff Werkiser
- 24 Tina Gaylets, Bill Minor
- 25 John Edgard, Roseann Stadler
- 29 Keith Fischer
- 30 Audrey Delaney, Peter Yu
- 31 Dave Woodson

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Linda & Larry Gold ('92)
- 7 Dan & Karen Delaney ('83)
- 14 Alan & Karen Messics ('88)
- 15 Glenn & Jennifer Moore, Jr. ('98)
- 17 Shawn & Michele O'Kane ('97)
- 16 Holly & Brian Frederick ('98)
- 26 Rich & Kelli Durling ('90)
- 28 Daniel & Lauren Perrone ('17)

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Chris Pollock, Debbie Zimmerman
- 5 Emma Beagle
- 6 Daryl Burkett, Lauren Perrone
- 7 Bob Whiteside, Ethan Zimmerman
- 8 Brenna Haley
- 11 Steph Nash
- 13 Karen Matus
- 14 Matthew Henderson, Alison Welikonich
- 16 Mike Beagle, Laramie Martinez
- 17 Alan Silfies, Alan Powell
- 21 Kristina Flatley
- 23 Mark Shellenberger
- 24 Jim Bosler
- 25 Megan Bealer
- 26 Kyle Doll
- 28 Lindsey Jackson, Gerry Ketterer, Connor Perkins, Hayden Delaney, Grayson Delaney
- 30 Debra Hall



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Alan & Prudence Silfies ('68)
- 5 Nancy & Alan Powell ('71)  
Sarah-Krista & Nicholas Curry ('04)
- 19 Hugh & Aileen Thomas ('52)
- 26 David & Sarah Ingram ('04)
- 29 Andrea & Andy Pellegrino ('91)
- 30 Mark & Jean Parisi ('84)  
Robert & Susan Millenhausen ('84)

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