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Sundays in June

June 5th – Worship at 10:45 Pentecost Sunday with Communion

June 12th– Worship at 10 a.m. Baptism of Jane Catherine Rumble in the Sanctuary

June 19th – Worship at 10 a.m. with 5 UCC Churches at Christ UCC 75 W. Market St.

June 26th – Worship at 10 a.m. with recognition of Graduates in Fellowship Hall



FROM
THE
PASTOR



Dear Bethany Church Family,

Pentecost Sunday is June 5th. Join us in the sanctuary for worship and Holy Communion at 10:45. We will celebrate the Birthday of the Christian Church in the giving of God's Holy Spirit 2000 years ago. The Adult Sunday class is winding down its study on 12 promises of God that are offered to us in these still challenging and often perilous times. On Sunday May 22 the teaching of the DVD featured author Max Lucado on the promise of the Holy Spirit. This Third Person of the Trinity of God is the most mysterious expression of the Divine. We know from Scripture God is Creator and Provider of all our needs. We know Jesus as the Savior of Sin and Lord of our lives as we read and study the Gospel record. But what or who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Presence of God with us since the creation of the Christian Church. It is the source of our power, our very life as a church while we wait for the Second Coming of Jesus in God's timing. Galatians 5 lists the fruit of the spirit in verses 22 and 23. They are love, joy, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Here is a wonderful recipe for you and me to mix into our lives. When we do, we will know more fully the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us.

See you on Pentecost!
Pastor Todd



I really can't explain why I've been standing in front of refrigerator doors and reading the magnets on them, but just like last month, another one caught my eye on my daughter's fridge.

It says, "This life must be a test, if it was the real thing, we'd be given better instructions." At first reading it's a "Ha-ha that's funny" moment, but then you have to pause and say, "Wait, that's really 'deep'." Life has always been a test, it's certainly not easy to navigate through its peaks and valleys. Everyone has their personal trials, decision making issues, worries, fears, and triumphs...but wait...we WERE given instructions, not better ones but the BEST ones! The instructions for life are found in the word of God, in our Bibles. Everything is in there; we just have to have the faith to follow and trust in the Word. As the hymn text goes, "O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend." I love being a church musician because the music of the church...the hymns, responses, and anthem texts...all provide the inspiration and support I need to take with me throughout life's journey. Pick up your hymnal and read the hymn texts and you'll know what I mean. We all are admonished to sing praises, make a joyful noise, offer thanksgiving and gratitude by lifting up our instruments and voices. So, it's all there...all the instructions we need! Being joyful in the Lord is our way to balance the twists and turns of our crazy world, the "life test" that the magnet suggests. It is always my hope that the music Bethany members provide at worship speaks to your heart and helps you to deepen your worship experience. We are blessed with a variety of talented, committed musicians and they always give their best to the Lord...that's just what we're instructed to do!

The summer schedule of rehearsals for our Handbell and Chancel Choir is every other week from June 1st thru

September 28th. There will be a variety of special music offerings throughout the summer months. It is most important that participants in both choirs sign the absentee sheets in the Music Room...that determines various anthem selections.

Special rehearsals will be held at the convenience of the instrumentalists/vocalists.

Have a great, safe, healthy and blessed summer.

Joyfully,

Susan Denninger Wright

BULLETIN & FLOWER CHART - The Bulletin and Flower charts for 2022 are posted on the bulletin board by the main entrance (double glass doors). Just sign your name on any available date. The minimum cost for bulletins is \$10.00. The cost for fresh flowers is \$40.00 for two vases. Another fresh flower option is one low rectangular vase to be placed on the altar at a cost of \$30. If you prefer this option, please sign up on the flower chart and indicate your preference by placing an R in a circle after your name for the rectangular arrangement. I need to let the florist know what type of flower arrangement we want, so please mark the chart. If you prefer the seasonal Silk flowers and would like your donation to go directly to Bethany, please write the word "silk" behind your name or put an (S). PLEASE NOTE The minimum cost of silk flowers is \$10.00. As in the past, contact the office with your information for the bulletin no later than the Tuesday before your sponsored date.

PRAYER LIST: We ask that you check this list and let us know if there are any persons that no longer need to be on this list. Also, if you know of someone that needs our prayers, you can submit their name to Debbie Brown at 484-358-3735 or the church office. Remember, because of the privacy to individuals; please be sure you have their permission before submitting their names for the prayer list.

Gracious God, help me face life's struggles with the love of Christ, who strengthens me. Amen

Samantha Guffy and family

Joyce Bergey

Lillian Connors

Dorothy Kraemer

Louise Snyder

Carol Haines

Sharon Haines

Ken & Joan Mathias

Marie Wolfe

Barbara Sigafos

Mike & Barbara Reiniger

Robert Frankenfield

Barbara Brunner

Peggy Stettner

Kat & Nicole Lutsko

Justin Hontz

The family of David Baum

Sandy Ackerman

Please keep all those who are graduating this year in your prayers as they begin the next part of their lives.



*If I missed anyone, please call the office @ 610-868-4441
Thanks, Debbie*



BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Philip Haines
- 9 Leslie Thrash
- 11 Fred Ackerman
Bob Ackerman
- 16 John Glassic
- 18 Ken Beck
- 24 Tim Rumble
- 28 Sue Stralo
- 29 Tom Hoffert
Barbara Backensto
- 30 Walter Williams

ANNIVERSARIES:

- 5 Walter & Anne Williams
- 6 Phyllis & Roland Greitzer
- 9 Barbara & Mike Reiniger
- 13 Laura and Douglass Sutter
- 22 Margy & Dan Sabetti
- 24 Rebecca & Len Kesselring, Jr.
- 26 Darlene & Kevin Ervin

AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDINGS If you or anyone you know would like to receive the link to the audio recording of the worship service, please let Bill Rumble know at wrumble@ptd.net. A copy of the bulletin is included with the audio link.

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The Consistory continues to look for one or two people to step up and take over Property. We need someone to oversee the many items that this committee takes care of. Please pray on this and consider stepping up to help.

Bethany's Graduates

Ashley Tarasuk

After graduating from Liberty High School, I plan on attending Northampton Community College and majoring in Communication Design. I was a Liberty Bagpiper for four years and was a Co-Pipe Major in my senior year. Outside of school, I attained the rank of Nidan and the title Fuku Shidojin at Bethlehem Karate Association. One of my favorite memories was the second Liberty vs. Freedom football game my freshman year. It was pouring rain for our halftime show and the Pipe Corps marched down the 50-yard line playing Iron Man.

Amy Lin Hendricks

High school was an experience. As a little freshman, I had no idea that I would accomplish as much as I did in a mere 4 years of my life. The marching band placed 3rd in the Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Championships in my first year. I was accepted into the Delaware Governor's School of Excellence for music, and joined the Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra as a sophomore. With my peers, I endured one of the most unique academic experiences in junior year during the pandemic. As a senior, I conclude with a 3.9 GPA, having played at Carnegie Hall with the 2022 Honors Performance Series. I am thankful for everything high school has brought me in life (the good and the bad).

As I continue on to the next chapter in my life at the University of Delaware College of Engineering, I will always cherish the memories and lessons of my high school career. Most of all, I will forever continue my willingness to learn new things.

Allison Erving

The granddaughter of Barbara Backensto is graduating from Northwestern Lehigh high school with high honors. She played softball and volleyball during her high school years. She will attend West Virginia University for nursing.

Allison Miller

The granddaughter of Joan Hottle will graduating May 25th from Pen Argyle High School. She plans to attend Northampton Community College following graduation.

June Calendar

- 1st 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 5th 10:45am Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion
as we celebrate Pentecost. Congregational vote on masonry
work.
- 6th 8pm Nut Orders Due
- 9th Consistory in FH
- 11th 9am nut making in FH
- 12th 10am Worship in the Sanctuary as we celebrate the
baptism of Jane Catherine Rumble
- 13th 9am nut Making in FH with lunch
- 15th 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7pm Stewardship meeting in FH
- 19th 10am Worship with combined UCC Churches at
Christ UCC 75 Market St.
- 26th 10am Worship in FH
- 29th 5:30pm Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Those Who Serve

JUNE 5

FLOWERS: Deborah Young

BULLETINS: Deborah Young

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

USHERS: Consistory

LAY READER: Rebecca Kesselring

ALTAR GUILD: Debbie Brown

JUNE 12

FLOWERS: Rebecca Kesselring

BULLETINS: Rebecca Kesselring

GREETERS: Lisa Williams, Barbara Backensto

USHERS: Steve Tarasuk, Barbara Backensto

LAY READER: Phil Haines

JUNE 19

Combined Service at Christ UCC

JUNE 26

FLOWERS: Rebecca Kesselring

BULLETINS: Rebecca Kesselring

GREETERS: Ina Denninger

USHERS: Tom Wright, Tom Hoffert

LAY READER: Walter Williams

Dear Bethany Family.

We would all agree that Bethany UCC is more than just a building with people who worship, enjoy the fellowship of other congregants, etc. BUT it is also a marvelously-built building that requires TLC on occasion. Who doesn't after you are more than 100 years old?

Recently we have provided the masonry in the chimney area of our building some cosmetic makeovers over the last 3-4 years.

Kudos to Don Sorensen's masterful work on these makeovers have managed to minimize any issues until NOW.

We need to take the step of fixing the overall masonry problem, which if not repaired, could result in a collapse of that chimney area. The sooner we get the work done the better

Again, Don Sorensen has come to our rescue with an exceptional cost-effective bid for this work. This requires an investment of \$12,500.

The good news is that we have money from the Bauder estate from this past year in the Parsonage Fund that more than covers this work.

We call for your approval on June 5th so that we can move forward with funding this critical repair project. With your approval today, we could get this work done in the Summer while we are worshipping in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your participation in the restoration of this amazing building.

Your brother in Christ,

Matt

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