

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayers of Celebration, Thanksgiving, and Petition

Give thanks and pray for persons celebrating birthdays this week: Jeanne Haring and Karla Romberg.

Congratulations to Darlene and Dudley Bowen who were blessed with a great granddaughter, Sadie Mae, on February 25, 2018, born to Amanda and Charles Hookway!

Lisa Riley is looking for a full time position starting in April. You may send her an E-mail at (terry_1946@hotmail.com)

Alice Collins is now at home.

Pray for those who are ill, homebound, receiving treatment or recovering from illness or surgery: Lenko Kovach (vertigo); Caitlyn Ferris (cancer), wife of Mark Ferris, Jr.; Benita Adams; Harrison Groman; Ruth Peterman; Don Pick; Mary Kelly's mother, Mary Pavlichko, lung surgery; Ronald Hopson; Krana Kovach; family and friends struggling with addiction; physical and emotional well-being.

Other prayer needs: Military personnel; employment concerns of members; prayers for Jennifer (Hasselhan) and Doug Rowley on the loss of their young son, Jack, and for their other son Drew, who lost his brother; for Ron Brien and family on the passing of his wife, Victoria, and for Donna and Jim Kunsch on the passing of Jim's father, Bill Kunsch.

If you wish to order Easter Flowers, order forms are in this Sunday's bulletin as well as in the basket in the Sanctuary Corridor.

LENTEN TESTIMONIES

| | <u>8:30 a.m. service</u> | <u>10:45 a.m. service</u> |
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| February 18 | Jessica Bennett | Terry McKinley |
| February 25 | Michael Steele | Mike DeMarco |
| March 4 | Michael Osiol | Skylar McMillan |
| March 11 | Mary Lou Keim | Corey Murray (postponed to April 8) |
| March 18 | Craig Collins | Denise Barton |
| March 25 Palm Sunday | Becky Bishop | Joan Spiece |

APRIL 1 EASTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March focus prayer for the church:

Please show me how to forgive.

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 11, 2018

☺ **PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PAD FOUND IN YOUR PEW** ☺

Worship Attendance Total: 103 Early Service: 34 Late Service: 69

Christian Education Attendance: 50

Giving Last Week: \$3,699.00 Amount Needed per Week: \$3,884.00

Building Fund Monthly Mortgage Commitment: \$2,048.75

Received for February Building Fund: \$1,531.36

The Building Fund Mortgage has approximately \$24,585.00 to go!

Today - 12:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study, "Made for a Miracle," continues in Room B7 (the Library).

Tuesday, March 13 - 11:30 a.m. - B.U.S. Pot Luck Luncheon - (See next page for details.)

Saturday, March 17 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Bethel Craft Show - B8 (Fellowship Hall) (See next page for details.)

Sunday, March 18 - 12:00 p.m. - Ham and Cabbage Luncheon hosted by Rocky and Kay Weikel.

Tuesday, March 20 - 1:00 p.m. - U.M.W. Meeting - B5 (Café) (See insert for details.)

Sunday, March 25 - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Fill 'em Up Sunday - Help fill the eggs with candy for the Easter Festival!

Thursday, March 29 - 6:15 p.m. - Sacrificial Soup Dinner (See next page for details.)

Saturday, March 31 - 10:00 a.m. - **Community Easter Egg Hunt and Festival.**

Sunday, April 1 - 7:00 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Services at Bethel. Light breakfast following service. Please see sign-up sheet on table in Sanctuary Corridor if you are coming or intend to come and would like to bring a food item or beverage. Today is UMCOR Sunday. A special offering will be collected.

Tuesday, March 13 - 11:30 a.m. - B.U.S. Pot Luck Luncheon. Jean Domin will present a travelogue of her trip to Switzerland. Donations will be accepted for food. Sign-up sheet is in the Sanctuary Corridor.

Saturday, March 17 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - The Bethel Craft Show will be held in the Fellowship Hall (B8). Please see the sign-up sheets if you would like to volunteer to help. Also, don't miss the sign-up sheet for baked goods for our bake table. And last, but definitely not least, there are also soup pre-order forms in the basket on the table in the corridor. All proceeds go to the general fund.

Thursday, March 29th - 6:15 p.m. - Sacrificial Soup Dinner. Please sign up to bring your favorite soup to share. A sign-up sheet is on the table outside of the Sanctuary.

Many thanks to the faithful Bethel member who replaced the front door lights, the one with the elaborate fixtures. We appreciate you and all those who by one kind deed at a time, keep God's church shining brightly.

Grants to Assist In Defraying Higher Education Costs

April 30 is rapidly approaching. On that date, the Education Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church will start accepting grant applications to assist worthy individuals to defray the cost of higher education for the 2018-2019 school year. You can access the application as "Grants to Defray Higher Education Costs" at the following website address:

epaumc.org/administration/finance/higher-education-scholarships.

All applications received in the Conference Office (between and including) **April 30 to May 21** will be considered for a grant. Like last year, all applications were considered. Unless there is a reason for disqualification, grant recipients are randomly selected.

Bethel's next turn at the Spring City Pantry is Thursday, March 15th.



Bethel Christian Preschool - Registration is open for the 2018/2019 school year.

The Preschool is a seller at the OJR Education Foundation Consignment sale on March 24. We gladly accept donations of gently used clothes, toys, shoes, baby equipment - just about everything for kids, infants, and teens. Please label clearly and put in Room 1 across from the office.

If you see anything you want, feel free to take it by March 18th and make a donation for our Preschool. Look for instructions in the room.

The East Coventry Union of Churches



Churches Following Christ as We Worship
and Serve Our Community Together

2018 Schedule for Wednesday Night Lenten Services

*All Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments.
We encourage carpooling due to limited parking.*

March 14th - Lenten Service at Parkerford Baptist Church

Host Pastor Rev. Robert E. Davalt II

92 Baptist Church Road, Parkerford, PA 19457 Phone (610) 495-7176

Rev. Ron Hughes of St. Matthew's UCC will preach

March 21st - Lenten Service at St. Vincent UCC

Host Pastor Rev. Susan Hanson

37 Ridge Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460 Phone (610) 933-4243

Pastor Jacqueline Hines will preach

Holy Week Services:

March 29th - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. services at Parkerford Baptist, Bethel United Methodist, and St. Vincent UCC; 7:30 p.m. service at St. Matthews UCC; Tenebrae Service at Parker Ford Church at 7:00 p.m.

March 30th Good Friday Service will be held at Brownback's UCC at 7:00 p.m.
Also on Good Friday, St. Matthew's UCC is open 12-3 p.m. for private prayer.

April 1st - Easter Sunday - Outdoor Easter Sunrise Services at 7:00 a.m.
followed by a light breakfast in the church at Bethel United Methodist Church and St. Matthew's UCC

Easter Sunday Services will be held at each church according to their schedules.

All are welcome to attend!

Have you met our Confirmands? Introduce yourself to them before their service on May 20th!!

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Evan King, Jayden Kollar

Brandt Nagy

Holly Perna

Sponsor

Sandy Davies

Chad Haring

Linda Wynn