

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayers of Celebration, Thanksgiving, and Petition

Give thanks and pray for persons celebrating birthdays this week: Ruth Peterman, Kathy Gresko, Timothy Keller, and Jason Shultz.

Congratulations to Karen Kehs on the birth of her new granddaughter, Willow Brooke Trout, to Brianna (Kehs) and John Trout, on Sunday, April 8! The baby weighed in at 7.1 lbs., 18 inches.

Kruna Kovach is now living at Amity Place, 139 Old Swede Road, Douglassville, PA 19518, Room 124.

Pray for those who are ill, homebound, receiving treatment or recovering from illness or surgery: Betty Jo Borzick (knee surgery); Sonia Kulp (double eye surgery); 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; Kruna 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; and for Ron Brien and family on the passing of his wife, Victoria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Focus Prayer for the Church:

Lord, help us not to forsake the poor and needy.

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 22, 2018

☺ PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PAD FOUND IN YOUR PEW ☺

Worship Attendance Total: 79 Early Service: 26 Late Service: 53

Christian Education Attendance: 28

Giving Last Week: \$4,112.50 Amount Needed per Week: \$3,884.00

Building Fund Monthly Mortgage Commitment: \$2,048.75

Received for March Building Fund: \$1,582.36

The Building Fund Mortgage has approximately \$15,422.02 to go!

Coming Up at Bethel UMC

8:30 a.m. Praise Worship

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Tuesday, May 1 - 11:00 a.m. - U.M.W. Bible Study - B1 (Green Room)

Tuesday, May 8 - 11:30 p.m. - B.U.S. Luncheon - B5 (Café) - see next page for details. Sign-up sheet in lobby.

Tuesday, May 15 - 6:30 p.m. - Mother & Child Banquet - B8 (Fellowship Hall)
Speaker: Stephen Conway of the Perkiomenville SPCA. See insert for details. Sign-up sheet in lobby.

Thursday, May 17 - Bethel's Day at Spring City Pantry

Saturday, May 19 - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Bethel Building Fund Community Dinner - B8 (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, May 21 - 1:00 p.m. - U.M.W. Book Club - B1 (Green Room) - "Grace and Grit" by Ken Wilber

Saturday, June 2 - Bethel BBQ - Mark your calendars! Contact Becky Bishop at 610-636-3171 for details.

Thank you for your support of the yard sale! LASTCHANCE to shop. Get it before it's gone. All items are free to a good home.

This year the cross is remaining at the altar to acknowledge the Easter Season. Just as the Lenten season has 40 days, the Easter season has 50. The time for celebrating the power of new life is longer than the time for mourning our sins. The altar is Easter white. May all hearts be encouraged and deepened in divine joy.

The Worship Committee requests your input for planning of the summer service times. Forms will be available in the bulletin and on the table near the Sanctuary for three consecutive Sundays. Please indicate your preference, write your name, and place the form in the offering plate or Terry Miller's mailbox (Worship Chair). We welcome submissions from everyone. Thank you.

This week a special offering will be collected for Fran Schrader, our medical missionary in Zambia.

The next B.U.S. meeting will be May 8, 2018. The Sanatoga Singers (25 people) will be singing patriotic songs. Our lunch will be catered again. The menu will be meatballs, sauce, rolls, salad, chips and dessert (cherry pie and ice cream).

CALLING ALL DADS AND KIDS: Make Mom's favorite treats for Coffee Hour on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th.

Where there is a WILL, there is a WAY...a way to assure the future of our church for generations to come. That is exactly how God provided the new addition. Consider making Bethel a part of your will. See Pastor Hines for details.

Activity packets are available in a basket in the narthex for children to use during church services. Feel free to take your packet home with you.

Got used ink cartridges and cell phones? Please leave them in the church office for recycling.

Thanks for removing old bulletins from the pews and putting them in the recycling basket.

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

Confirmand

Evan King, Jayden Kollar

Brandt Nagy

Holly Perna

Sponsor

Sandy Davies

Chad Haring

Linda Wynn

Congrats to Our Confirmand!

Holly Perna was accepted at The Hill School. She will be entering the 9th grade class in the Fall!



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

Wawa Hoagie Coupons - are being sold for \$4 each for a shorti hoagie that normally costs \$4.39. They make great gifts and a fast family meal. Get your coupons from Joyce Shutt or Barb Hanlon. The proceeds benefit the Bethel Christian Preschool.

Calling all Troop 4 alumni! Did you know Troop 4 will be 50 years old in August of 2018? We are planning a fantastic anniversary party and want to invite all Troop 4 alumni. Please contact Ed Layton, Committee Chair for Troop 4 edlaytonbsa@gmail.com or Becky Bishop beckybishop975@hotmail.com, 610-636-3171.

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 be accepting grant applications to assist worthy individuals with defraying the cost of higher education for the 2018-2019 school year. The application is available on the Conference website: epaumc.org/administration/finance/higher-education-scholarships. All applications received in the Conference Office from **April 30 through May 21** will be considered for a grant unless there is a disqualification. Grant recipients are randomly selected.

Friday was my last official day as Bethel's secretary. It has been a pleasure serving Bethel and meeting many of you in the congregation over the last few years. My wish is that God continue to bless Bethel now and in the future, and that she continue to grow and prosper by carrying out His work. Phyllis Martin