

## PRAYER MINISTRY

### Prayers of Celebration, Thanksgiving, and Petition

Give thanks and pray for persons celebrating birthdays this week: Robert Hetrick, Luke Romberg, and Dale Richards.

**Pray for those who are ill, homebound, receiving treatment or recovering from illness or surgery:** Russell Bush (Pottstown Hospital - heart); Alice Collins (back in Phoenixville Hospital); Lenko Kovach (vertigo); Joanne Meitzler (cold); 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; 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.

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

<u>Confirmand</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Evan King, Jayden Kollar	Sandy Davies
Brandt Nagy	Chad Haring
Holly Perna	Linda Wynn

### LENTEN TESTIMONIES

	<u>8:30 a.m. service</u>	<u>10:45 a.m. service</u>
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
March 18	Craig Collins	Denise Barton
March 25 Palm Sunday	Becky Bishop	Joan Spiece

APRIL 1 EASTER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

February focus prayer for the church:  
Give us the will to start our day with a prayer.

First Sunday in Lent - February 18, 2018

☺ PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PAD FOUND IN YOUR PEW ☺

Worship Attendance Total: 166 Early Service: 25 Late Service: 141

Christian Education Attendance: 30

Giving Last Week: \$1,748.85.00 Amount Needed per Week: \$3,884.00

Giving is up by 34% for the year due to year-end giving!

Building Fund Monthly Mortgage Commitment: \$2,048.75

Received for January Building Fund: \$2,354.36

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

**Today, Sunday, February 18** -12:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study - "Made for a Miracle" - led by Aubrey Bates - Room B7 (Library) (see insert for details)

**Tuesday, February 20** - 1:00 p.m. - U.M.W. Meeting - Presentation by Chester County Food Bank - B5 (Cafe)

**Wednesday, February 21** - 7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service at Bethel

**Wednesday, February 28** - 6:00 p.m. - Girls 'n Guys Dinner - Red Lobster - Pottstown, PA (Sign-up sheet in corridor)

**Saturday, March 17** - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Bethel Craft Show - B8 (Fellowship Hall) - see insert and following page

**Saturday, March 31** - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Community Easter Egg Hunt and Festival

**Help is needed to transport food from the church to the food pantry on Monday, February 26. Be at the church by 6:15 p.m. The scouts will be helping to load up the cars/trucks. We will not have the scouts' help to unload at the Spring City Food Pantry. Please contact Becky Bishop if you can help - 610-636-3171 or [beckybishop975@hotmail.com](mailto:beckybishop975@hotmail.com).**



**Brunch: Sunday, February 25, 2018**

*Creamed Chipped Beef Gravy  
Biscuits and Toast  
Home Fries  
Scrambled Eggs  
Fresh Fruit  
Coffee/Tea/Assorted Juices*

*There will be a brunch after the late service the last Sunday every month.  
\$5.00 donation to benefit the Kitchen Fund.*

Next Sunday, an offering will be collected for Fran Schrader, our medical missionary in Zambia.

There will be a presentation by the Chester County Food Bank at the U.M.W. meeting this Tuesday, February 20, at 1:00 p.m. in the Café.

We will be hosting the Lenten Service on **Wednesday, February 21**. Please bring refreshments for after the service. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Sanctuary Corridor.

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

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.

**Snow Removal** - if you are available to remove snow and sand or salt walkways before 7:30 a.m., please see Chair of Trustees Mike DeMarco or Pastor Hines.



**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.



**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.*

**February 14<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday Service at St. Vincent UCC**

Host Pastor Rev. Susan Hanson  
137 Ridge Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460 Phone (610) 933-4243  
Rev. Mark Stryjak of Brownback's UCC will preach

**February 21<sup>st</sup> - Lenten Service at Bethel United Methodist Church**

Host Pastor Jacqueline Hines  
952 Bethel Church Road, Spring City, PA 19475 Phone (610) 495-6807  
Rev. Robert E. Devalt II of Parkerford Baptist will preach

**February 28<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Service at Brownbacks UCC**

Host Pastor Rev. Mark Stryjak  
640 Ridge Road, Spring City, PA 19475 Phone (610) 495-6788  
Pastor Doug Hanson of St. Peter's Pikeland UCC will preach

**March 7<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Service at St. Matthews UCC**

Host Pastor Rev. Ronald A. Hughes  
2350 Conestoga Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425 Phone (610) 458-8583  
Rev. Susan Hanson of St. Vincent UCC will preach

**March 14<sup>th</sup> - 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 21<sup>st</sup> - 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