



# News of Bethany

## Shout-Outs & Thank You's

First, a “shout-out” to Bob Waldeck, our amazing and talented master of virtually everything! His latest project is the “complete” refurbishment of the Men’s Bathroom in the basement. Long an eyesore and embarrassment, Bob has turned it into a thing of beauty and functionality! Walls have been repainted, new floors laid, plumbing repaired and repositioned, a new counter-top installed, and fancy maroon-colored stall doors put in place! It is absolutely amazing! It’s worth a visit, believe me. (Women can take a peek, too!) So, thanks, Bob, for a job well-done. You’re a magician!



Second, a great big “Thank You” goes to the Presbyterian Women for supplying the financing for Bob’s latest project. The monies behind the project come from the three Basement Sales they sponsor each year. These women are as generous as they are hard-working! Week in and week out they sort, size, fold, and price literally hundreds of items that go into each Sale. It is a labor of love which goes above and beyond anything imaginable. Their love for their church is writ large by the “hands-on” nature of their accomplishments. We are indeed indebted to you for your generosity and your dedication!

***Mission Statement:**  
Bethany Presbyterian Church is a church making an impact on the lives of all people through the love of Jesus Christ.*

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# Bethany News & Notes

## Special Dates in November 2017

### All Saints' Day

Wed., November 1

### Daylight Savings Ends

Sun., November 5



VETERANS DAY

### Veterans Day

Sat. November 11

### Thanksgiving Day

Thur. November 23



### Christ the King Sunday

Sun., November 26

## 3rd Annual Advent Luncheon

On Sunday morning, December 3, Bethany Presbyterian Church will hold its Third Annual Advent Luncheon. The Luncheon will begin immediately following Worship, which **begins at 11:00am that day.**

Members are asked to bring either a salad, vegetable, or dessert to serve eight. The main entree this year will be turkey. Beverages will be provided by The Presbyterian Women. Items for the luncheon may be brought to the kitchen on Sunday morning before Worship. Donegal Hall will be open on Saturday, December 2, so that the tables may be decorated by individuals or families who wish to do so. Mark your calendars and join us for this time of festive food and fellowship as we celebrate the Advent Season. We are inviting the Oromo Evangelical and Resurreccion congregations to join us for Worship and the Luncheon.



## Thanksgiving Baskets

The Deacons will be providing Thanksgiving Baskets for needy families. Family size varies, thus, the amount of food is different. For example, a basket for a family of four would be \$40. To provide baskets this year, the Deacons are requesting monetary donations now through Nov. 19. Specially marked envelopes are in the pew racks. Checks are to be made out to: "Bethany Presbyterian Deacons" & noted for Thanksgiving Baskets. Cash is also welcomed. We appreciate your help in making this outreach possible. Thank You! ~ Bethany Deacons.

I feel like I'm on my "Farewell Tour!" In September, I was in Dearborn, MI, for the celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, where I served from 1982-91. And last Sunday, I was in Punxsutawney, PA, at the Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney, where I was honored with the status of Pastor Emeritus. Both of the events were "homecomings," and were as exhilarating as they were emotionally charged for me. I went by myself to Dearborn, but Erin and Meredith went with me to Punxsy and that made it even more poignant. Punxsy is Meredith's birthplace and it will always hold a special place in her heart. Unfortunately, Graham wasn't able to come because Punxsy is where he came of age, too.

As I said, both experiences were exhilarating and emotionally charged for a variety of reasons. As embraces were exchanged and stories shared, tears welled-up in our eyes and tissues magically appeared from pockets and purses. The "human experience" is a powerful thing. And that's as it should be, because we are indeed, "human beings."

More to the point, though, both experiences took place "in church." It was in the context of the church that our stories were told – the church was the common denominator in all of them. We weren't strangers exchanging pleasantries at the supermarket, nor was this some chance encounter at the airport. No, these stories were "life-and-death" stories, stories which marked important milestones: births, deaths, marriages, graduations, confirmations, baptisms, hospitalizations, funerals, divorces, and a host of other rituals and life-transitions. They were stories filled with gravitas, fear, humor, sadness, joy, and love, because that's what the church is all about.

Avery and Marsh wrote a wonderful hymn years ago, "We Are the Church," which encapsulates in song the essence of what church is:



*Polka Dot Church ~ Karla Gerard*

Refrain:

*I am the church! You are the church!  
We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!  
Yes, we're the church together!*

*The church is not a building;  
the church is not a steeple;  
the church is not a resting place;  
the church is a people.* Refrain:

*And when the people gather,  
there's singing and there's praying;  
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,  
all of it saying: Refrain:*

At its core, that's what the church *is* – and that's why I'm honored to be sharing it with you, my church family!



# November Birthdays

11/01	David Schwartz	11/15	Hazel Nauffts
11/03	Lindsay Pickell	11/17	Gail Feigley
11/05	Carol Martin	11/20	Nancy Peters
11/05	Clarence Ressel	11/22	Devin Ashba
11/08	Gary Peters	11/28	Marianna Rhoads
11/08	Xavier Rosado	11/30	Joyce Richards

## Christmas Poinsettias



Flowers will be put in the Sanctuary Sunday, December 17. Watch for details in the weekly bulletins and order forms on the table in the fellowship area.

## FALL PRAYER REQUESTS

**Agnes Taylor**  
**Jo Fleckenstein**  
**Polly Snyder**

# Homebound of Bethany

Betty Gehman Homestead Village, Apt.#218 P. O. Box 3227 Lancaster, Pa. 17604	Agnes Taylor 65 Mill Pond Dr. Lancaster PA 17603	Helen Cumpston Mennonite Home 202B Jackson Run Lancaster, Pa. 17601
Jane Sweringen Homestead Village, Apt.#119 P. O. Box 3227 Lancaster, Pa. 17604	Adeline Henderson The Glen Room 310 635 Willow Valley Square Lancaster, Pa. 17602	



# Worship Schedule: November 2017



**November 5, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - 31 Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 The Message: "The Greatest Among You" Scripture: Matthew 21:1-12  
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes Dedication of the 2018 Gifts & Pledges

**November 12, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - 32 Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 The Message: "Keep Awake"  
 Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



**November 19, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - 33 Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 The Message: "Paying It Forward"  
 Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

**November 26, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - Christ the King Sunday**  
 Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46 Rev. Stephens Lytch  
 Celebration of the Lord's Supper



**November 5**

**November 12**

**November 19**

**November 26**

**Greeters: Jim Grossman**

**Eva Lauer**

**Gaile Feigley**

**Sylvia Doyle**

**Fellowship: Jim Grossman**

**Eva Lauer**

**Gaile Feigley**

**Sylvia Doyle**

**Ushers: Sylvia & Larry Doyle**

**Donald Risser  
Michael Morrison**

**Linda Lichner  
Hope Lichner**

**Alex Apple  
Brian Ashba**

**Liturgists: Lori Pickell**

**David Schwartz**

**Elaine Bornstein**

**Sue Fetterman**

**Flowers: Eva Lauer**

**Agnes Taylor**

**Elaine & Charles  
Bornstein**

**Barbara McCrary**

**Worship Assistants**

**N O V E M B E R**

# November 2017

Sunday

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



5 Daylight Savings Ends  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Resurrection  
2:00 P.M. Oromo



6 6:45 P.M. Scouts  
7:00 P.M. Cub Scout

7 7:00 P.M. Scout Committee Meeting

8 10:00 A.M. Right Here  
Right Now  
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

9 10:00 P.M. AA  
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

10 7:00 P.M. AA  
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

11 Veterans Day  
8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. All You Can Eat Scout Breakfast & Women's Christmas Sale



12 11:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Resurrection  
2:00 P.M. Oromo

13 6:45 P.M. Scouts  
7:00 P.M. Cub Scout

14 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout

15 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word  
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

16 6:00 P.M. Scout Camp Out  
7:00 P.M. AA  
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

17 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run  
Scout Camp Out

18 Scout Camp Out

19 10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Resurrection  
2:00 P.M. Oromo

20 6:45 P.M. Scouts  
7:00 P.M. Pack Committee Meeting

21 7:00 P.M. Pack Meeting

22 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word  
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

23 Thanksgiving



24 7:00 P.M. AA  
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

25

26 Christ the King  
Sunday  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Resurrection  
2:00 P.M. Oromo



27 6:45 P.M. Scouts  
7:00 P.M. Cub Scout  
Sub Sale Pick Up

28 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word  
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

29 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word  
8:00 P.M. Al Anon

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Office Hours:  
Tues - Thurs  
9:30 A.M. -  
12:30 P.M.