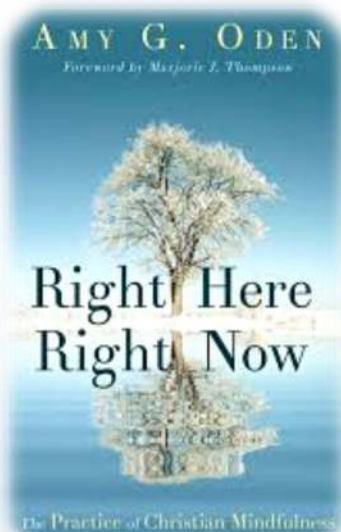


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News of Bethany



“Right Here Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness”

Amy G. Oden

Christians have always practiced mindfulness, but you might not realize it. The practice of Christian mindfulness is rooted in the rediscovery of ancient Christian practices. When we discover how radical it is to live in God’s presence right here, right now, our lives are transformed toward mercy, justice, and abundant life.

We will have the opportunity to discover and practice Christian mindfulness for ourselves as we work through Amy Oden’s new book, “Right Here Right Now.” Oden, who is professor of early church history and spirituality at Saint Paul School of Theology at Oklahoma City University, gives us an overview of the practice throughout Christian history, and shares step-by-step instructions for the practice of Christian mindfulness today.

Join us on Wednesday morning, October 11, at 10:00 a.m. in Rev. Kent’s office as we begin a six-week sojourn through the pages of “Right Here Right Now.” Copies of the book can be picked-up on the next two Sunday mornings following worship. Please read the first chapter before our first meeting. This will be an enlightening and enriching study!

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 October 2017

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 1



Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 29



Reformation *Sunday*

Halloween

Tuesday, October 31

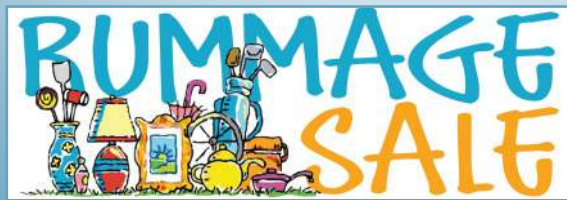
Reformation Day

Monday, October 31



Women's Basement Sale

It's time again for the Basement Sale on Saturday, October 28. Check your closets, basement, garages and attic for "stuff" to donate. The sale is also in need of large brown grocery bags. These can be dropped off at the Church Office.



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2018 Stewardship Campaign

It's Stewardship Season once again at Bethany Presbyterian Church! Time to focus on the financial health of our congregation as our 2018 Stewardship Campaign gears-up. Through Minutes For Stewardship, letters, and personal testimonies, we will have the opportunity to examine our financial goals for the year 2018. We pray that you will open your hearts and minds as we look to the future of our congregation.

From Pastor Kent's Desk

Maybe it's just me but is the world shrinking? As with many of you, I've become hyper-aware of what's happening in countries that I've never thought (or even heard) much about before. Take for instance the islands in the Caribbean. Until last week when hurricane Irma hit, I'd never even heard of the island of Barbuda! Bermuda, yes – Barbuda, no. But there it was, front-and-center on our T.V. screens, devastated by the full impact of a category 5 hurricane. The little island literally wiped out.

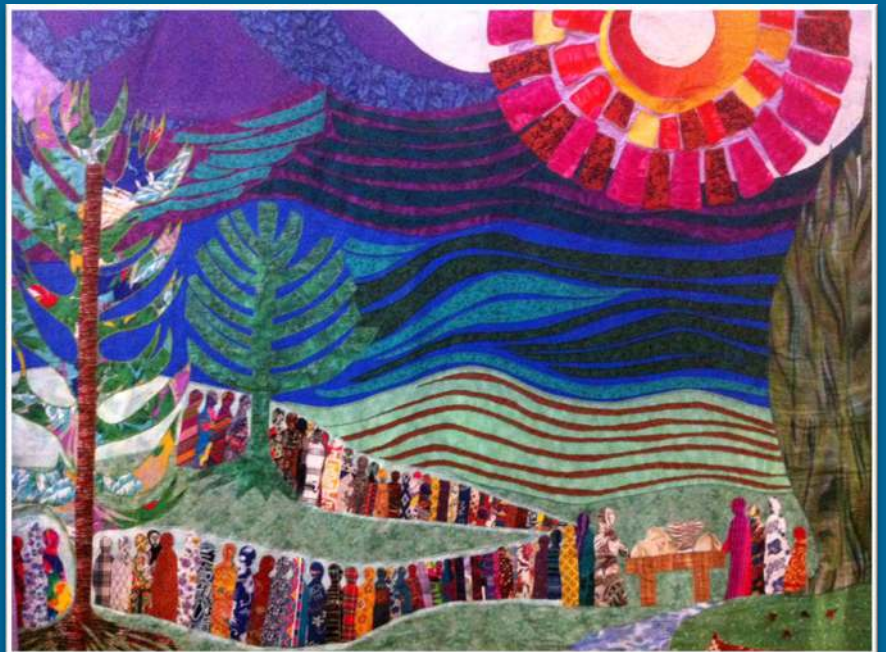
Or, on the other side of the globe in Myanmar (Burma), where the forced exodus of nearly half a million Muslim-minority Rohingya to Bangladesh has turned into a humanitarian nightmare. Nobel laureate, Aung San Suu Kyi, the de facto leader of Myanmar's civilian government, is being held partially responsible for her lack of intervention in the crisis affecting her Buddhist-majority nation.

I could go on, but the bottom-line is that we live in a world where isolation is impossible. My prayers extend literally to the whole of the human community as we witness the extraordinary events which transpire around us daily. My neighbor no longer lives just next door! My neighbors live half-way around the world.

On Sunday, October 1st, we celebrate World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday is a reminder to all Christians that the ministry and mission of the Risen Christ extends to the whole of humankind, regardless of who they are, or where they reside. We can no longer be afforded the luxury of turning a blind eye to someone who may be of a different ethnicity or religion than our own. Jesus calls on us to bring the cup of cold water to anyone who is in need. The extraordinary humanitarian crises which impact our world do not recognize borders. Nor should we, for that matter.

When you come to the Lord's Table on World Communion Sunday, hold the plight of your neighbor, wherever they may be found, in your head, your heart, and your hand. Jesus expects nothing less from us!

Grace & Peace, *Kent*



This banner at the denominational offices in Louisville was created to illustrate the Peacemaking Offering for World Communion Sunday 1997. This design was originally drawn in oil pastels by Dorothea B. Kennedy and was translated into fabric by Gloiela Yau Dolak. As the mountains and hills rejoice, the thirsty of all nations are invited to come to the water; the hungry are invited to come to the table. Everyone is welcome.



October Birthdays

10/04 Zachary Piefer
 10/04 Laurence Ashba
 10/08 Keith Rineer
 10/09 Jason Fetterman

10/10 John Nauffts
 10/11 Robert Rineer
 10/11 Dick Fleckenstein



FALL PRAYER REQUESTS

Agnes Taylor

Jo Fleckenstein Polly Snyder

*“Prayer is simply
 a two-way conversation
 between you
 and God.”*
 Billy Graham

Homebound of Bethany

Betty Gehman
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 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

Adeline Henderson
 The Glen Room 310
 635 Willow Valley Square
 Lancaster, Pa. 17602



Worship Schedule: October 2017



October 1, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - World Communion Sunday
 The Message: "On Whose Authority?" Scripture: Matthew 21:23-32
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes Celebration of the Lord's Supper

October 8, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - 27 Sunday in Ordinary Time
 The Message: "The Fruits of the Kingdom"
 Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

October 15, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - 28 Sunday in Ordinary Time
 The Message: "Words and Deeds"
 Scripture: Matthew 22: 1-14 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

October 22, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - 29 Sunday in Ordinary Time
 The Message: "Whose Money Is It?"
 Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

October 29, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - Reformation Sunday
 Preaching: Rev. Daniel Erdman

October 1

October 8

October 15

October 22

October 29

Greeters: Sylvia Doyle Susie Paxson Michelle Atwater Elaine Bornstein Maurine Smith

Fellowship: Sylvia Doyle Sue Fetterman Michelle Atwater Elaine Bornstein Maurine Smith

Ushers: Carol Martin Valerie Calhoun Jean & Bob Doug & Maurine Susie Paxson
 Michelle Atwater Pete Paxson Schwartz Smith Alicia Conklin Woods

Liturgists: Sue Fetterman Elaine Bornstein Barb McCrary Judy Maier Betty Duncan

Flowers: Betty Irwin The Nauffts Gene & Jan Paul Siegler Pat Rineer
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Worship Assistants



October 2017



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 World Communion 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 	2 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	3 7:00 P.M. Troop Cmt. Meeting	4 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	5	6 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	7 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
8 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	9 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	10 7:00 P.M. Scout District Roundtable	11 10:00 A.M. Right Here Right Now 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	12	13 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	14 5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Noche Latina Resurrection Chapel
15 11:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Cub Scout Motorcycle Ride for Camps Fundraiser	16 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Pack Committee Mtg.	17 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	18 10:00 A.M. Right Here Right Now 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	19	20 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon Boy Scout Camp Out	21 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run
22 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Boy Scout Camp Out	23 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	24	25 10:00 A.M. Right Here Right Now 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	26	27 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	28 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Women's Basement Sale
29 Reformation Sunday 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 	30 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout Halloween Party Sub Sale Pick Up	30	31 Reformation Day/ Halloween 10:00 A.M. Right Here Right Now 8:00 P.M. AI Anon			Office Hours: Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.