



News of Bethany

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Hunger * Disaster * Development

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community work, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



Received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us all a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!



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 March 2018

World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 2

Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 4

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Daylight Savings
Sunday, March 11

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 18

First Day of Spring
Tuesday, March 20

Palm/Passion Sunday
Sunday, March 25



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday
Thursday March 29

Good Friday
Friday, March 30



Lancaster County Council of Churches Food bank:
Needs are: Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Meal Starter Kits such as Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper Etc.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the SOUPER Bowl. A cart full of cans of soup and \$110 were donated to the LCCC Food bank.

Thank You

SPRING PRAYER REQUESTS

Agnes Taylor
Jo Fleckenstein
Polly Snyder



March Birthdays

03/04	Helen Cumpston
03/12	Jo Fleckenstein
03/12	Gene Moore
03/20	Donald Piefer
03/23	Patricia Rineer
03/25	Marcia Trach

From Pastor Kent's Desk

With the passing of Rhiannon (our beloved Welsh Terrier) last fall, I haven't spent any time walking Community Park this winter. She loved to go out in the snow and romp around, burrowing her nose into the drifts, regardless of what the thermometer read. This winter I've hibernated, doing my exercise indoors on the treadmill. (Not the same as being outdoors, but it gets the job done!)

I'm always amazed at how quickly the days lengthen as we move toward spring. The lengthening of the days is a component of the season of Lent, too. The word Lent comes from the old English word, lencten, which means "spring season." The days lengthen as the earth moves from the winter solstice toward the spring equinox.



With the lengthening of the days, I find my spirits rising, as well. As a So. Cal. native, the sun is an integral part of my DNA. I crave the light! Maybe that's why Lent isn't my favorite season of the Church Year. Oh, I understand all of the theological ramifications, but sun deprivation doesn't motivate me to establish good Lenten disciplines. My intentions are always sincere, but I find my dedication waning as the days go by.

That's why I'm glad to get back out into the park once again. My spirituality is dependent on my proximity to nature. It's always been that way. I'm sure that's why I enjoy being outdoors as much as I do. Jesus and I are old hiking buddies! Every morning I read the daily lectionary and then go outside to walk. It is in the walking that I connect with Jesus. During the forty days of Lent, I literally journey to Jerusalem with him. I like to think he understands!

As we move through these forty days, I encourage you to find your "sweet spot," the spiritual experience which nourishes your soul for the journey. Only you can determine what is authentic for you. But when you do find it, embrace it – Jesus will meet you there, too.

Grace & Peace, *Kent*



Palm/Passion Sunday and Holy Week

This year, we'll be taking a different approach to our Palm/Passion Sunday and Maundy Thursday celebrations. On Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25, we will be featuring a reading of St. Mark's passion narrative in its entirety done in "reader's theater" style. We will also be praying the "Solemn Reproaches of the Cross," which serve as a form of meditation on the work of God for God's people at the time of the Crucifixion. The Chancel Choir will also be singing anthems appropriate for the day.

On Thursday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m. in Donegal Hall, we will be celebrating Maundy Thursday. As with our Ash Wednesday celebration, the evening will begin with a meal cooked and served by the Boy Scouts. Following the meal we will hold our traditional Maundy Thursday service of worship around our tables in Donegal Hall. This will allow us to have a more intimate experience of the Last Supper, in a setting not unlike that of the Upper Room experience of Jesus and the Disciples. Our Executive Presbyter, the Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes, will be our preacher for the evening.

Homebound of Bethany

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



March 4, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Third Sunday in Lent

The Message: "Ground Rules" Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

March 11, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Message: "Into the Light" Scripture: John 3:14-21

Preaching: Rev. Holmes



March 18, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Message: "We Wish to See Jesus" Scripture: John 12:20-33

Preaching: Rev. Holmes



March 25, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Palm/Passion Sunday

Procession of the Palms and

Reading of the Passion according to St. Mark



	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Greeters	Eva Lauer	Elaine Bornstein	Michelle Atwater	Maurine Smith
Fellowship	Eva Lauer	Elaine Bornstein	Michelle Atwater	Maurine Smith
Ushers	Joyce Richards Diane Ashba	Gary & Nancy Peters	Bob & Jean Schwartz	Doug Smith Don Risser
Liturgists	David Schwartz	Sue Fetterman	Elaine Bornstein	Barbara McCrary
Flowers	Betty Irwin	Agnes Taylor	Paul Siegler	Barbara McCrary

March 2018



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.					2 Day of Prayer 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	3 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
4 3 Sunday in Lent 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	5 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	6 7:00 P.M. Troop 4 Committee Meeting	7 10:00 A.M. Embracing the Uncertain 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	8 10:00 A.M. Embracing the Uncertain 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	9 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	10 8:00 A.M. Scout Pinewood Derby Race
11 4 Sunday in Lent 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	12 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	13 7:00 P.M. Scout District Roundtable Meeting	14 10:00 A.M. Embracing the Uncertain 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	15 10:00 A.M. Embracing the Uncertain 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	16 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	17 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run Scout Campout
18 5 Sunday in Lent 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Scout Campout	19 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Pack Committee	20 1 Day of Spring 7:00 P.M. Pack Meeting 	21 10:00 A.M. Embracing the Uncertain 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	22 10:00 A.M. Embracing the Uncertain 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	23 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	24 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon
25 Palm Sunday 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 	26 6:45 P.M. Scouts Sub Sale Pick Up	27 7:00 P.M. Troop 4 Committee Meeting	28 10:00 A.M. Embracing the Uncertain 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	29 Maundy Thursday 	30 Good Friday 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon 	31 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon