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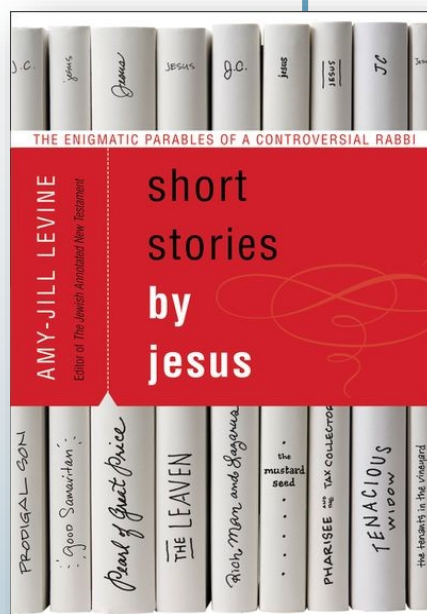


News of Bethany

“Short Stories by Jesus” The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi By Amy-Jill Levine

Jesus knew how to tell a story. He knew that to get his message across he needed to relate to the people who gathered to listen—first century Jews—who lived in a very different world than the one in which we live today. In *Short Stories by Jesus*, author Amy-Jill Levine takes us back in time and explains how original audiences understood Jesus’ parables.

Short Stories by Jesus is a study for all interested adults in our congregation. The study will begin on Wednesday, September 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial Parlor and will run for six sessions. A Participants Guide is available from Rev. Holmes or may be picked-up in the Church Office during regular business hours. Join us for a time of study and lively discussion around an intriguing topic.



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 September 2018



Labor Day

Monday, September 3

Grandparents Day

Sunday, September 9

Patriot Day

Tuesday, September 11

First Day of Autumn

Saturday, September 22



A Message of “Thanks” from Betty Irwin

(As Dictated to Her Family)

“I would like to thank [the] many members of my Bethany Family for get well cards and best wishes and remembering me in your prayers. I would like to individually thank you all but I can no longer hold a pencil to do so.

I wish I could express how Bethany has been my Family—always a caring, sharing family that meets the needs of members and beyond (Scouts, S. June Smith Center, [etc.]). Like my own personal family! One that you don’t always agree with, one that makes you think, and one that makes you care for others. It means acceptance of change—knowing that sometimes you are the person who has to change.



Sometimes, saying thank you doesn’t seem enough. How often I wonder if the ‘thank you’s’ expressed have reached you as much as you all have touched me and so many others as well.”



The Chancel Choir Returns: The Chancel has been silent and empty for the last two months, but that will change when our exceptional Chancel Choir returns from its summer hiatus. Our creative Organist/Conductor, Derek Martin, has planned a marvelous musical feast for us as we celebrate the new Church Year.

Music is integral part of the life of the church and has been so for centuries. Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are the primary ways we express our faith as the people of God. Choral music, too, has long-played an indispensable role in the worship life of the church. Across the centuries, our greatest composers have written liturgical music, adding their own unique voices in praise of the Creator. So, welcome back to our Chancel Choir—we’ve missed you! Let your voices resound!

From Pastor Kent's Desk

I'm struck by how closely the words "diversity" and "divisive" resemble each other. But, in point-of-fact, they are radically different. "Diversity" conjures up positive images of things that are different, while at the same time being complementary. Take, for example, Longwood Gardens. Every time we go there, I am struck by the diversity of flora and fauna which grace its grounds.

It's especially evident this time of year when the gardens are a veritable riot of color, shape, and size. The little plants of spring have developed into something completely out of control! Left to their own devices, they have become mature plants which seem to reach out and grab you—the stuff of wild dreams! I'm sure this is what the Garden of Eden must have resembled when Adam and Eve tended it. God created the garden "good," a place of harmony and peace which the "first couple" couldn't fully appreciate.



The word "divisive," on-the-other hand, tends to connote dis-ease, unsettledness, and conflict. The actions of the "first couple" were divisive, thereby throwing the garden into disarray—the state in which it remains to this very day. As I look around, it seems to me that we've come to relish divisiveness. We experience it in our public life, in our religious life, in our work life, in our family life. In a divisive world, diversity is something to be shunned, not celebrated. We've become fiercely "tribal" and we're proud of it. The "other" in our midst has become someone to be feared and avoided lest our values are compromised.

***God created
a world
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rich in variety.***

I believe divisiveness is antithetical to the God's good intentions for God's good world. God created a world rich in diversity, rich in variety. Homo sapiens, above all other species, should have the capacity to create societies in which every member is granted a place at the table, where every member is valued, and where diversity is encouraged not discouraged. Christian community, especially, should exhibit the love and fearless determination to overcome the tribal instincts which seem to be infecting our society. It is love, after all, not fear which binds us together. God's word to God's world remains, "Fear Not!" May it always be so.

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September Birthdays

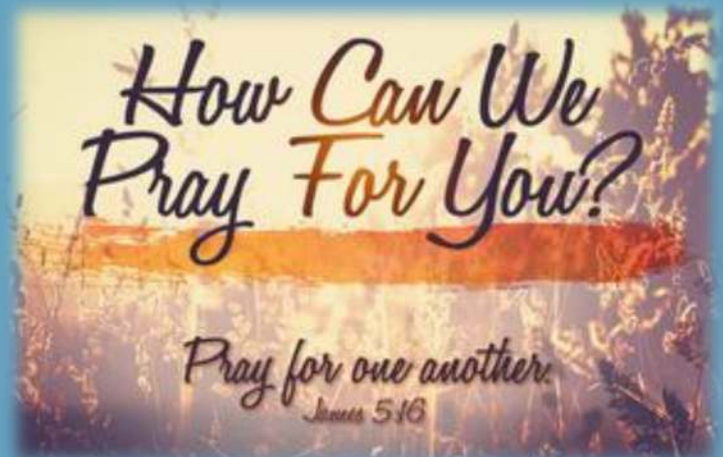
09/03 Rebecca Cole
09/05 Pete Paxson

09/06 Brian Ashba
09/08 Catherine Glass
09/18 Jesse Hauenstein



FALL PRAYER REQUESTS

Agnes Taylor
Jo Fleckenstein
Polly Snyder





WORSHIP

September 2, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 The Message: "Doers of the Word" Scripture: James 1:17-27
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes Celebration of the Lord's Supper



September 9, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Preaching: The Rev. Daniel Erdman The Chancel Choir Returns

September 16, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 The Message: "Teach and Be Taught"
 Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9a Preaching: Rev. Holmes



September 23, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 The Message: "Welcome the Children"
 Scripture: Mark 9:30-37 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

September 30, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 The Message: "Deeds of Power"
 Scripture: Mark 9:38-50 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Greeters	Elaine Bornstein	Michelle Atwater	Maurine Smith	Gail Feigley	Jim Grossman
Fellowship	Elaine Bornstein	Michelle Atwater	Maurine Smith	Gail Feigley	Jim Grossman
Ushers	Fred & Sue Fetterman	Pat Rineer Jim Grossman	Doug Smith Jim Grossman	Larry & Sylvia Doyle	Gary & Nancy Peters
Liturgists	Judy Maier	Sue Fetterman	Barb McCrary	Betty Duncan	Elaine Bornstein
Flowers	The Ashba Family	Valerie Calhoun	Eva Lauer	The McCrary Family	Gary & Nancy Peters



September 2018

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	3 Labor Day  LABOR DAY	4 7:00 P.M. Troop Committee Meeting	5 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	6	7 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	1 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast 8
9 Grandparents Day 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY	10 6:45 P.M. Scouts	11 Patriot Day 	12 10:00 A.M. Short Stories by Jesus 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	13	14 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	15 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run
16 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	17 6:45 P.M. Scouts	18 7:00 P.M. Cub Pack Back to School Night	19 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	20	21 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Scout Camp Out	22 First Day of Autumn 
23 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Scout Camp Out	24 6:45 P.M. Scouts Scout Sub Sale Pick-Up	25	26 10:00 A.M. Short Stories by Jesus 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	27	28 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	29 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Scout Spaghetti Dinner
30 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo					Office Hours: Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.	