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News of Bethany

A Message from the Hinderlitters

Former members and Retired Mission Co-Workers, Eric and Becky Hinderliter wrote recently that they returned to teach for three months at LCC International University, Klaipeda, Lithuania. Eric wrote: "The on-campus apartment where we are staying has an NRSV Bible in the apartment that was donated by Bethany back in 2004 – a little piece of home." And so, it is!



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

A "Thank You" Note

We of the Friday Night Central AA group would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for opening your doors to us. These meetings keep us sober and give the newcomer a safe place, and you are a big part of it!

For that we thank you!



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Bethany News & Notes

Special Dates in April 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, April 7

Palm/Passion Sunday
Sunday, April 14



Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 18

Good Friday
Friday, April 19

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 21

**Administrative
Professional's Day**
Wednesday, April 24



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

MARCH 6 - APRIL 21

2019

70TH
ANNIVERSARY

In 1949, the Presbyterian Church and other Christian groups came together to answer this challenge: How much money can we raise in an hour to address the suffering in the world? Eventually, twenty denominations joined this effort to make the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer from the effects of disaster, violence, and/or severe economic deprivation. The visionary people who gave birth to OGHS wanted to show the power that can be generated when Christians unite in a common cause.

Today, the offering's purpose remains the same, and the need for the life-changing work of OGHS is greater than ever. The Season of Lent reminds us who we are, who we serve, and how we are called to live lives of faith. OGHS presents us a wonderful opportunity to answer the call to Christian discipleship. Please give generously to the work of OGHS in this, its 70th Anniversary Year!



From Pastor Kent's Desk

We've passed the half-way point in our "Journey to Jerusalem." It seems as if the time has flown-by. In two weeks, we'll be at Palm/Passion Sunday, and then it's on to Holy Week and Easter. I've enjoyed working my way through this year's Lenten Devotional, *Awakening to God's Beauty* – the photographs are exceptional, and the commentary is spot-on. I sometimes find devotional books such as this fail to hold my interest for more than a couple of weeks. In this case, though, Krin Van Tatenhove's photography and commentary will keep me engaged for the whole of the journey.



Oftentimes, we use the word "discipline" when talking about spiritual practices such as a daily devotional. I think the term puts people off – most of us associate the word "discipline" with things that are mandatory and not very life-giving. We're required to do them or there will be adverse consequences.

When talking about "spiritual disciplines," we're talking about practices which are spiritually beneficial and good for the soul. We need this type of discipline if we're going to maintain a healthy relationship with God. Just like our relationship with our spouse or close friends, spiritual disciplines need to be practiced regularly if they're going to remain fresh and life affirming.



There are times during the year that I need a spiritual discipline to keep me focused on the Divine and open me to God's work in the world. It's easy to grow stale in your prayer life, your devotional life, and your worship life. In my case, I welcome the discipline of preaching on a weekly basis – it engages me with the Biblical texts and the overall trajectory of the Scriptures. It reminds me that God is still active in the world, and that we're in danger of overlooking that activity if we don't keep our eyes and ears attuned to the miracles which are happening around us every day. God never rests!

So, stay engaged! Don't get left behind on the journey! We'll be in Jerusalem before you know it. The Upper Room, the cross, and the tomb await our arrival. For our sake, the Risen Christ overcomes the sharpness of death and the Spirit renews our hearts and minds as we celebrate the miracle of Easter. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!



Homebound of Bethany



Betty Gehman
Homestead Village,
1800 Village Circle
Lancaster, Pa. 17603

Agnes Taylor
65 Mill Pond Dr.
Lancaster PA 17603

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

Helen Cumpston
Mennonite Home
202B Jackson Run
Lancaster, Pa. 17601



April Birthdays

04/01 Susan Piefer

04/23 Lori Pickell

04/02 Frederick Benson

04/23 Hanh Menger

04/06 Jim Grossman

04/27 Elaine Bornstein

04/18 Jacqueline Huber

SPRING PRAYER REQUESTS

Anne Erdman

Carol Martin

Agnes Taylor

Jo Fleckenstein

Polly Snyder

2019 Lenten Dinners: Mark your calendars now and join us for our final Lenten Dinner of the season on Maundy Thursday, April 18. We will begin the evening at 6pm in Donegal Hall with a ham loaf dinner prepared by the Presbyterian Women. Following dinner at 7pm, we will hold our Maundy Thursday service of worship. This year, the Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes, the Executive Presbyter of Donegal Presbytery, will deliver the message. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

It is requested that those in attendance bring either a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share that will serve eight. We look forward to your attendance with us as we join in a time of food, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.





April 7, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Message: "A Time for Wonder" Scripture: John 12:1-8

Preaching: Rev. Conklin-Wood

April 14, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Palm/Passion Sunday

Procession of the Palms &

Reading of the Passion According to St. Luke

April 18, 2019 - Maundy Thursday

Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. & Worship @ 7:00 p.m. in Donegal Hall

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

April 21, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday

The Message: "Beyond Our Wildest Imaginings" Scripture: John 20:1-18

Preaching: Rev. Holmes Celebration of the Lord's Supper

April 28, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Second Sunday of Easter

The Message: "We Are Witnesses"

Scripture: Acts 5:27-32 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Greeters	Gaile Feigley	Sylvia Doyle	Susie Paxson	Eva Lauer
Fellowship	Gaile Feigley	Sylvia Doyle		Eva Lauer
Ushers	Larry & Sylvia Doyle	Gary & Nancy Peters	Bob & Jean Schwartz Jim Grossman	Doug & Maurine Smith
Liturgists	Rev. Kent Holmes		Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes	David Schwartz

April 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Pack	2 7:00 P.M. Troop Committee Meeting	3 10:00 A.M. Lenten Study 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	4	5 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	6 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast	
7 5th Sunday of Lent 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	8 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Pack	9 7:00 P.M. Scout District Roundtable	10 10:00 A.M. Lenten Study 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	11	12 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Scout Camp Out	13 Scout Camp Out	
14 Palm Sunday 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Scout Camp Out 	15 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Pack Committee Meeting	16 7:00 P.M. Scout Meeting	17 10:00 A.M. Lenten Study 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	18 Maundy Thursday 6:00 P.M. Lent Dinner & Service	19 Good Friday 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon 	20 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run	
21 Easter Sunday 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 	22 Earth Day 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Pack 	23	24 Administrative Professional's Day 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	25	26 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	27	
28 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	29 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Pack Sub Sale Pick Up						Office Hours: Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.