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News of Bethany

Special Guest Speaker

On Sunday, May 5th, during worship, we will welcome Susan Lilly, Executive Director of the Arch Street Center, to our congregation. The Arch Street Center, located in downtown Lancaster, supports the recovery of adults living with serious mental illness. Established in 1983 by community members concerned about the long-term recovery of those diagnosed with serious mental illness, the Arch Street center offers its members a variety of opportunities and services to sustain their recovery. From meals to recreation, the Arch Street Center plays an important role in the continued recovery of those who are traditionally underserved by the community.

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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Special Dates in May 2019

**National Day of
Prayer**
Thursday, May 2

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12



Armed Forces Day
Saturday, May 18

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27



Ascension Day
Thursday, May 30

Bethany News & Notes



It's Time for VBS!

Vacation Bible School is coming up in June from Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21, 6:30pm-8:30pm for ages 3 years to 6 grade. Like last summer members of our sister congregations - Oromo and Resurrection Chapel - are joining us on the planning committee, the staff and as young participants that week. This year's VBS Theme is "ROAR! Life is Wild, God is Good". The Next VBS planning meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, May 15 at 7pm in Donegal Hall. Come join us!

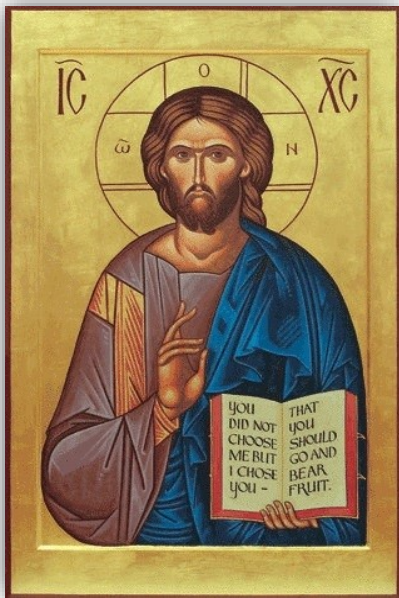


"Let your father and
mother be glad;
let her who bore
you rejoice."
- Proverbs 23:22-25

From Pastor Kent's Desk

I always breathe a sigh of relief when Holy Week and Easter are behind us. Not for theological reasons, of course, but because of the important role they play in the life of the community of faith. Jesus' final week, the Last Supper, his betrayal, his crucifixion, and his resurrection are integral parts of our faith formation. They constitute the central core of our belief system.

More-than-Christmas with all its attendant secular traditions, the celebration of Easter is still the purview of the church. Easter is the lynch-pin of our faith. The bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead is an extraordinary event, one which transcends time and space and is clearly the work of a loving God. The idea of anyone being bodily raised from the dead flies in the face conventional wisdom. Things like that simply do not happen. But, in the case of the miracle of Easter, they do. And that's what makes Easter the pre-eminent celebration for the Christian community.



Each year, around the globe, Christians gather to commemorate and share the extraordinary events surrounding Easter. In myriad languages and with an amazing variety of customs, Easter announces to the world that God is indeed the creator and redeemer of the whole of humankind. And, as we witnessed in Sri Lanka, that's what makes Christianity such a threat to those who do not fully understand the all-encompassing nature of the Risen Christ. **Jesus is *Christ Pantocrator*, "Ruler of All," or "Sustainer of the World." Jesus is "Almighty" or "All-Powerful."** This is primarily an Eastern Orthodox or Eastern Catholic theological conception, but one from which those of us in the West could benefit.

As I alluded to earlier, Easter is the centerpiece of our faith. Its implications are manifold and varied, but it is primarily Easter that gives life and energy to those of us who are followers of the Risen Christ. We should be humbled by the sacrifice made on our behalf. God sacrificing God's only Son to save the soul of humankind. I know of nothing more awe-inspiring or life-sustaining than that!

Homebound of Bethany



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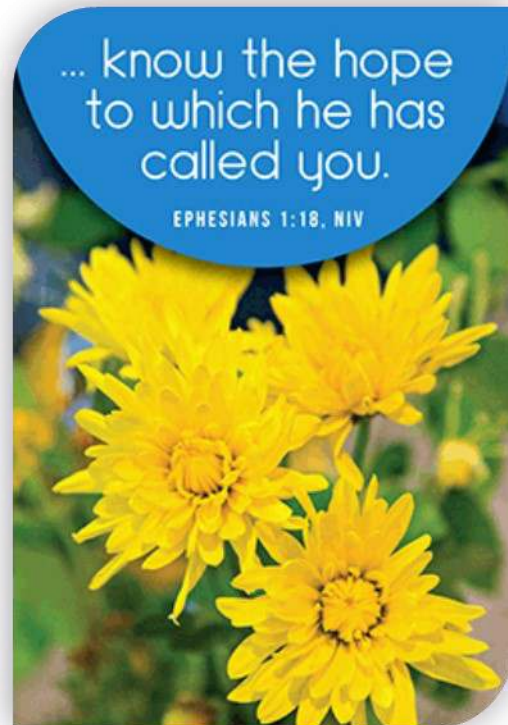
Adeline Henderson
The Glen Room 310
635 Willow Valley Square
Lancaster, Pa. 17602

Helen Cumpston
Mennonite Home
202B Jackson Run
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SPRING PRAYER REQUESTS

Anne Erdman
Carol Martin
Agnes Taylor
Jo Fleckenstein
Polly Snyder
Willa Pedrick



May Birthdays

05/06	Zach Cole	05/16	Jan Moore
05/10	Jane Sweringen	05/21	Christine Kauffman
05/12	Adam Cole	05/29	Roslynn Martin
05/13	Susan Fetterman		



May



WORSHIP

Sunday, May 5, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Third Sunday of Easter

Special Guest Speaker: Susan Lilly, Executive Director Arch Street Center

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, May 12, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

The Message: "Tabitha" Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

Sunday, May 19, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fifth Sunday of Easter


The Message: "Who's In, Who's Out?" Scripture: Acts 11:1-18

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

Sunday, May 26, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Message: "Lydia" Scripture: Acts 16:9-15



Preaching: Rev. Holmes



	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Greeters	Michelle Atwater	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman
Fellowship	Michelle Atwater	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman
Ushers	Larry & Sylvia Doyle	Jim Grossman Gail Feigley	Gary & Nancy Peters	Bria & Diane Ashba
Liturgists	Rev. Holmes	Judy Maier	Elaine Bornstein	Betty Duncan

May 2019



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.		1 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	2 National Day of Prayer 	3 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon Scout Campout	4 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Scout Campout	
5 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Scout Campout	6 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Pack	7 7:00 P.M. Scout Committee Meeting	8 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	9 	10 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	11 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Spring Basement Sale
12 Mother's Day 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 	13 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Pack Committee Meeting	14 7:00 P.M. Scout Pack Meeting	15 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	16 	17 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	18 Armed Forces Day 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run 
19 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 5:00 P.M. Scout Court of Honor & Dinner	20 5:30 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Pack Sub Sale Pick Up	21 	22 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	23 	24 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	25
26 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	27 Memorial Day 	28 	29 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	30 Ascension Day 	31 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	