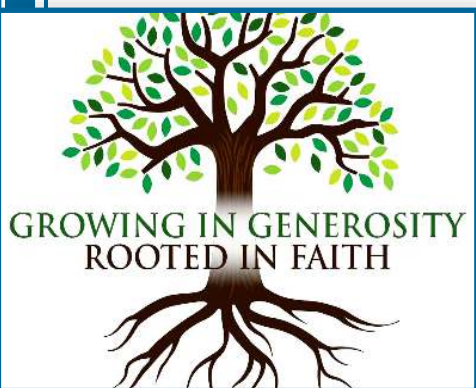


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News of Bethany



November is Stewardship Month

The Session has designated November as Stewardship Month, time for our Annual Steward Campaign. Elder Bob Waldeck, Chair of the Session's Stewardship Committee, will be kicking-off this year's campaign on Sunday morning,

November 3, with an overview of the campaign. Stewardship Sunday will be on November 17, at which time we will receive and dedicate our 2020 pledges and gifts.

An intentional focus on stewardship is an integral part of the life of every congregation. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on where we've been and focus on where we're going. What are our hopes and dreams for the future of our congregation, and how are we going to attain them? What are our priorities, and how have they evolved over the years?

Bethany Presbyterian Church has been around for a long time, effectively ministering to the west end of Lancaster City since the late 19th century. Our neighborhood has changed over those years, but one thing hasn't changed: our dedication to the word and work of Jesus Christ in the world. The Session is asking every member to pray for our congregation over the next few weeks as we focus on the financial future of Bethany Presbyterian. That future is in our hands through the work of Jesus Christ in our lives.

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 November 2019

All Saints' Day
Friday, November 1

Daylight Savings Ends
Sunday, November 3



Veteran's Day
Monday, November 11

Christ the King Sunday
Sunday, November 24



Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 28



Annual Christmas Sale & Boy Scout All You Can Eat Breakfast

Bethany Presbyterian Women will hold their annual Christmas Sale on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 8am-12pm. The sale will include such holiday items as decorations, artificial trees, wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, ornaments, lights and more. The Boy Scouts will also be holding an All You Can Eat Breakfast that morning as well. Adults \$8, kids age 6-12 \$4, 5 and under are free. Please come out and support the Presbyterian Women and Boy Scouts.



Thanksgiving Baskets

The Deacons will be providing Thanksgiving Baskets for needy families. Family size varies, thus, the amount of food is different. For example, a basket for a family of four would be \$50. To provide baskets this year, the Deacons are requesting monetary donations now through November 17. Specially marked envelopes are in the pew racks. Checks are to be made out to: "Bethany Presbyterian Deacons" & noted for Thanksgiving Baskets. Cash is also welcomed. We appreciate your help in making this outreach possible. Thank You!

FALL PRAYER
REQUESTS

Anne Sensenig, Eva Lauer, Willa Pedrick,
Polly Snyder & Paul Siegler



From Pastor Kent's Desk



In November, we began the countdown for “The Holidays,” that “catch-all” phrase which designates the best time of the commercial shopping year. The department stores can’t wait for “The Holidays” as it is an opportunity for them make up their deficits from the rest of the year. Or, that’s how it used to be, anyway. (With the entry of Amazon into the marketplace, those days are a thing of the past, I think!)

I remember when I was growing-up, I couldn’t wait until the big brick-and-mortar “flagship stores” in downtown L.A. would be decorated for “The Holidays.” My Mom and I would hop the bus and go downtown to The Broadway, The May Company, Bullocks, I. Magnin, Silverwood’s, Desmond’s, Sears, and a host of others. Not all of them had Santas and full-fledged toy departments, but their decorations were magical none-the-less. After Thanksgiving, Dad would always be working overtime and weekends at the Post Office right up until Christmas, so he wasn’t able to go with us. We would, however, sneak in an evening to go downtown with him and look at the extraordinary window displays in the stores in the dark– they were fantastic!

In those days nothing happened until after Thanksgiving Day. It marked the “official” start of “The Holidays.” We’d go to my Uncle and Aunts home in West Los Angeles where 18 or more of us would gather for the feast. And what a feast it was! I always sat at “the kids’ table” with my other cousins, away from the “adult conversations” which were taking place at “the big table.” It frustrated me to no-end that we were all still sitting at “the kids’ table” when we were well into high school. You couldn’t take your place at “the big table” until somebody died! Thankfully, they were all long-lived.

Along with the nut-cups, beautiful name tags, Jello salads filled with all sorts of strange fruit, turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, and pie, was “The Prayer.” Usually assigned to the eldest among us, it was always a work of literary and theological art. (Folks born in the late 19th century had a way with words!) I’ve yet to match their eloquence and I’ve been in ministry for forty-four years! There was a certain gravitas to their prayers as one would expect when one is praying to the Creator of the Universe. Nothing, as I remember, was left out, and their words still lingered when the meal was over.



As I look back, now, I’m thankful for those amazing gatherings. They were filled with “thanksgiving” for the blessings which God bestows on God’s people. It was a time to sit and talk, to reflect on the year gone by, and to anticipate the good things to come in December. It wasn’t rushed. Stores weren’t open, and “Black Friday” wasn’t even an idea yet. God was in our midst and gratitude filled our hearts. And that’s the way it should be. I invite you to take time this Thanksgiving to live into the day and let it linger in your hearts and minds. It all goes by so very quickly! God is here with us now. And that reality gives us hope for this season and all seasons.

November Birthdays

11/01 David Schwartz
 11/03 Lindsay Pickell
 11/05 Carol Martin
 11/08 Gary Peters
 11/08 Xavier Rosado
 11/15 Hazel Nauffts

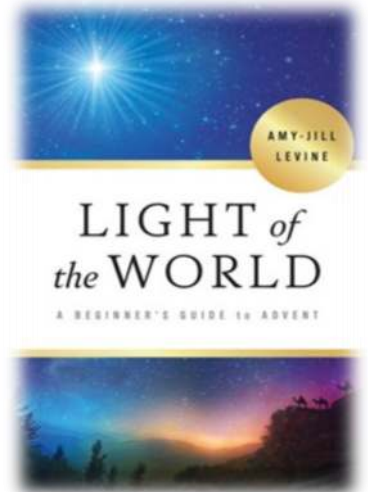
11/17 Gail Feigley
 11/20 Nancy Peters
 11/22 Devin Ashba
 11/28 Marianna Rhoads
 11/30 Joyce Richards



2019 Advent Study

We will be exploring Advent in new and exciting way during Advent 2019. Our guide will be a new book by author, professor, and renown biblical scholar, Amy-Jill Levine. The title of the study is *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*. Dr. Levine is the University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

In the study, we will be focusing on the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. We'll join Dr. Levine as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in the first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation, and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt.



Our study will begin on Wednesday morning, November 27, at 10am in Memorial Parlor. Copies of the book will be available in the Narthex, or from Rev. Holmes. Plan on joining us for what will be an intellectually stimulating and spiritually nurturing experience! It will be a wonderful addition to your Advent preparations.

Homebound of Bethany



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Sunday, November 3, 2019 @ 10am

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "Up a Tree" Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

Sunday, November 10, 2019 @ 10am

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "Why the Church?"

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

Sunday, November 17, 2019 @ 10am

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Stewardship Sunday

The Message: "By Your Endurance" Scripture: Luke 21:5-19

Preaching: Rev. Holmes

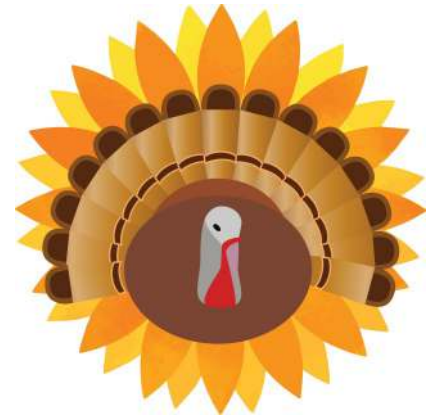
Dedication of 2020 Gifts and Pledges

Sunday, November 24, 2019 @ 10am - Reign of Christ

The Message: "God Remembers"

Scripture: Luke 23:33-43

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



	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Greeters	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Gail Feigley	Jim Grossman
Fellowship	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Gail Feigley	Jim Grossman
Ushers	Diane & Brian Ashba	Don Risser Doug Smith	Elaine Bornstein Linda Lichner	Gary & Nancy Peters
Liturgists	Sue Fetterman	Elaine Bornstein	Betty Duncan	Alicia Conklin-Wood



November 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.				1 All Saints' Day 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	2 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast	
3 Daylight Savings Ends 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	4 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts	5 7:00 P.M. Troop Committee Meeting	6 10:00 A.M. Mark for Everyone 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	7	8 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	9 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Scout Breakfast & Christmas Sale
10 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	11 Veteran's Day 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts 	12 7:00 P.M. District Roundtable Meeting	13 10:00 A.M. Mark for Everyone 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	14	15 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	16 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run Scout Camp Out
17 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Scout Camp Out	18 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Pack Committee Meeting	19 7:00 P.M. Pack Meeting	20 10:00 A.M. Mark for Everyone 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	21	22 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	23
24 Christ the King 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	25 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts Troop Sub Sale	26	27 10:00 A.M. Light of the World 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	28 Thanksgiving 	29 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	30