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News of Bethany



OUR NEW SIGN!

Well, it's finally in and it looks fantastic! It literally brightens up our front yard and lets the community know Bethany is still in

business. Thanks to Brian Ashba for honchoing the project through to completion.

The monies for the sign came from a generous bequest from the estate of our member, Marjorie Gearhart, and is dedicated to her memory. Marjorie felt extremely welcomed by our Bethany family after being absent from the church for many years. Her joining Bethany was a homecoming for her – a reunion with God. It is our hope that the new sign will act as a beacon for others for whom the church can be a place of hospitality and hope. She is missed, but we know her spirit is still here with us as she joins the Communion of Saints. Our thanks go to her family for their generosity and kindness.

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

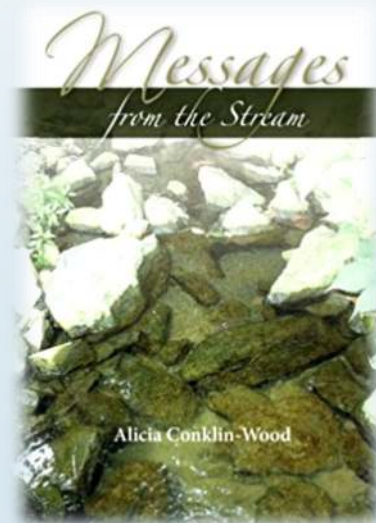
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Messages from the Stream

Friend of Bethany, the Rev. Alicia Conklin-Wood, will once again be one of our guest preachers when Rev. Holmes is away on vacation in July. A retired minister in the PCUSA, Alicia is also a gifted spiritual director and retreat leader. She has recently become a published writer, as well, with the publication of her new book, *Messages from the Stream*. Her book contains reflections about life taken from the journals she has kept over many years. Her reflections are an invitation for us to be attentive to our everyday experiences, wherever we may be. By so doing, we open ourselves to where it is the Sacred Presence may be calling us to “look deeper.” We may be amazed at what we discover about ourselves and our world when we take the time to do so.

Alicia will be preaching at Bethany on July 16 and 23, and will have copies of her book available for purchase and signing for members and friends who wish to do so. Copies are \$12 each.



Special Dates in July/August 2017



4th of July
Tuesday, July 4th





When I was in Punxsy, I used to put together a reading list for our July/August newsletter. Summer is a time to catch-up on your reading and it's fun to have some

suggestions from an allegedly trustworthy source. I don't do "beach books," so my picks tend to be more traditional in nature; a little theology, some spirituality, and lots of fun stuff. (Hey, it's summer, after all.) So, here are some suggestions for this year:

***Days of Awe and Wonder: How to Be a Christian in the 21st Century* By Marcus J. Borg HarperOne, 271 pp.:** Marcus Borg is one of my favorite theologians, in no small part because he writes in a style which is accessible to everyone. This is a collection of his pivotal writings (he passed away in 2015), interviews, and previously unpublished works from one of the most influential theologians of our time on what it means to be a Christian today. I've found him to be both refreshing and insightful. He'll push you and make you think about your faith in new ways.

***Jesus The Savior: The Meaning of Jesus Christ for Christian Faith* By William C. Placher WJK, 230 pp.:** William Placher is also a wonderful theologian, but one with a more traditional bent. A Presbyterian, Placher was a professor of Humanities/Philosophy and Religion at Wabash College in Indiana. "Theology," he writes, "is a word that scares off many people, but "theology" really just means reflecting on faith, and I'm convinced many people want to do that. So, I've tried to write a book for anyone who wants to learn more concerning what Christianity has to say about Jesus." He succeeds in a most winsome way!

***Jesus: A Pilgrimage* By James Martin, SJ HarperOne, 526 pp.:** At 526 pages, I guess this can be considered a "beach book!" It's not designed to be read in a week at the beach, but rather savored and allowed to work its magic on you. Rev. James Martin is a Jesuit priest, editor at large of *America* magazine, and bestselling author. It is written as a travelogue through the Holy Land, the diary of two priests on a pilgrimage to encounter Jesus. Each of the stops along their journey constitutes a chapter in the book: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jordan, Bethesda, Capernaum, and many more. Part travelogue and part journal, *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* is an enchanting and spiritually moving journey through a land full of wisdom and mystery.

***Searching for Happiness: How Generosity, Faith, and Other Spiritual Habits Can Lead to a Full Life* By Martin Thielen, WJK, 167 pp.:** The key to happiness is being rich, successful, and beautiful . . . *right?* Thielen insists that this is far from the truth! A United Methodist pastor from Tennessee, he uses psychological research, personal anecdotes, and Scripture to describe ten practices that do contribute to happiness in an easy-to-read book. It's a fun read and you'll learn something about yourself and happiness along the way.





Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life By Richard Rohr, Jossey-Bass, 199 pp.: In *Falling Upward*, Father Richard Rohr offers a new paradigm for understanding one of the most profound of life's mysteries: how our failings can be the foundation for our ongoing spiritual growth. With rare insight, he takes us on a journey to give

us an understanding of how the heartbreaks, disappointments, and first loves of life are actually stepping stones to the spiritual joys that the second half of life has in store for us. A most insightful and wisdom-filled book.

Grounded: Finding God in the World A Spiritual Revolution By Diana Butler Bass, HarperOne, 323 pp.: Bass writes, "Where is God?" is one of the most consequential questions of our times. People believe, but they believe differently than they once did. The theological ground is moving; a spiritual revolution is afoot." *Grounded* guides us through our contemporary spiritual habitat by paying attention to the ways in which people experience a God who animates creation and community. A wonderful primer on the changing nature of our understanding of who God is, in and for the contemporary world.

The following authors are some of the ones I read for fun. I won't single out any author in particular; they are all excellent and can speak for themselves. Read them all, and you will travel around the globe. Each of their novels is written in "series" fashion, so be sure to start with the first book in the series!

- ◆ **Donna Leon** uses Venice for the setting of her Commissario Guido Brunetti Mysteries. Makes you want to visit Venice in person. Brunetti is wonderful.
- ◆ **Louise Penny** is a Canadian whose Inspector Gamache Novels are set in Quebec. A superb writer of mysteries. You will not be disappointed.
- ◆ **Alexander McCall Smith's** NO.1 Ladies' Detective Agency Novels take place in Botswana. (He himself lives in Scotland.) Sweet, gentle novels, full of humanity.
- ◆ **Steven F. Havill's** Posadas County Mysteries unfold in the sunny southwestern corner of New Mexico. You'll fall in love with Posadas County and green burritos!
- ◆ **David Rosenfelt** pens the Andy Carpenter Mysteries which are set in New Jersey. Funny, smart, and gripping.
- ◆ **J.A. Jance's** Joanna Brady Novels are set out west in Cochise County, Arizona. Atmospheric and full of action! Well worth the read.
- ◆ **Phillip Gulley's** novels about the Quaker Meeting in Harmony, Indiana, and its Pastor, Sam Gardner, are priceless! Full of humor, humility, and humanity, they are stories "ripped from the pews" of countless congregations. Your sides will split, your eyes will tear-up, and your heart will be strangely warmed!

There are enough books here to keep you in reading for at least four summers! Remember, they are merely suggestions from an inveterate reader who has mined his library for reading options to make your summer extra-special. So, enjoy, and don't get sunburned at the beach!



Homebound of Bethany

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Helen Cumpston Mennonite Home 202B Jackson Run Lancaster, Pa. 17601	Agnes Taylor 65 Mill Pond Dr. Lancaster PA 17603	



July & August Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 07/04 Polly Snyder | 07/29 Daniel Rine |
| 07/06 Bob Waldeck | 08/08 Grayson Martin |
| 07/07 Diane Ashba | 08/17 Allison Fetterman |
| 07/19 Robert Schwartz | 08/20 Susan Paxson |
| 07/20 Michele Unitas | 08/23 Helen Schwartz |
| 07/25 Betty Duncan | 08/24 Eva Lauer |
| 07/25 Randy Mohler | 08/26 Sylvia Doyle |
| 07/27 Jean Schwartz | 08/28 Katlyn Martin |
| 07/28 Betty Irwin | 08/29 Kent E. Holmes |
| 07/28 Betty Stevenson | |

SUMMER PRAYER REQUESTS

Agnes Taylor
Jo Fleckenstein Polly Snyder

*“Prayer is simply
a two-way conversation
between you
and God.”*
Billy Graham

Worship Schedule: July 2017



July 2, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Preaching: Rev. Daniel Erdman
 Celebration of the Lord's Supper

July 9, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Preaching: Rev. Daniel Erdman

July 16, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Preaching: Rev. Alicia Conklin Wood

July 23, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Preaching: Rev. Alicia Conklin Wood

July 30, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Preaching: Rev. Kent Holmes



July 2

July 9

July 16

July 23

July 30

Greeters:	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman	Gail Feigley	Eva Lauer
Fellowship:	Jim Grossman	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman	Gail Feigley	Eva Lauer
Ushers:	Willa Pedrick David Schwartz	Diane Ashba Brian Ashba	Eva Lauer Pat Rineer	Gail Feigley Susie Paxson	Bob & Jean Schwartz
Liturgists:	David Schwartz	Sue Fetterman	Elaine Bornstein	Barb McCrary	Judy Maier
Flowers:	Anonymous	Anonymous	Schwartz Family	Randy Mohler	Betty Irwin

Worship Assistants



Worship Schedule: August 2017



August 6, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "Wrestling with God" Scripture: Genesis:22-31
Preaching: Rev. Holmes Celebration of the Lord's Supper

August 13, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

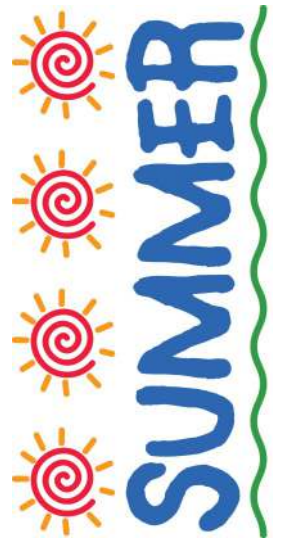
The Message: "My Brother's Keeper" Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Preaching: Rev. Holmes

August 20, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "Reconciled" Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15
Preaching: Rev. Holmes

August 27, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "A Hard Knock Life" Scripture: Exodus 1:8-2:10
Preaching: Rev. Holmes



August 6

August 13

August 20

August 27

Greeters: Sylvia Doyle

Susie Paxson

Michelle Atwater

Elaine Bornstein

Fellowship: Sylvia Doyle

Joyce Richards

Michelle Atwater

Eve Lauer

Ushers: Larry Doyle
Elaine Bornstein

**Doug & Maurine
Smith**

**Eva Lauer
Gail Feigley**

**Gary & Nancy
Peters**

Liturgists: Betty Duncan

David Schwartz

Sue Fetterman

Elaine Bornstein

Flowers: Jack & Hazel Naufts

Agnes Taylor

Anonymous






Willa Pedrick, Gail Feigley

Worship Assistants



July 2017



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	3	4 	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 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	10 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	11 7:00 P.M. Troop Cmt. Meeting	12 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 11:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	17 6:45 P.M. Scouts	18 Scout Trip to Gettysburg	19 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	20	21 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	22
23 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	24 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	25	26 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	27	28 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. Al Anon	29
30 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	31 6:45 P.M. Scouts					Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 A.M.—12:30 P.M.



August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 A.M.—12:30 P.M.		1 7:00 P.M. Troop Cmt. Meeting	2 8:00 P.M. AI Anon 10:30 A.M. The Wired Word	3 	4 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	5 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
6 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	7 6:15 P.M. Scout Mini Golf Night	8	9 8:00 P.M. AI Anon 10:30 A.M. The Wired Word	10	11 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	12
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20 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Scout Camp Out	21 6:15 P.M. Scout Bowling Night 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	22	23 8:00 P.M. AI Anon 10:30 A.M. The Wired Word	24	25 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	26
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The Confession of 1967

This summer marks the 50th anniversary of the adoption of The Confession of 1967 by the 179th General Assembly (1967) (UPCUSA.) In approving the Confession of 1967, the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America adopted its first new confession of faith in three centuries. The turbulent decade of the 1960's challenged churches everywhere to restate their faith. While the Second Vatican council was reformulating Roman Catholic thought and practice, Presbyterians were developing the Confession of 1967.

*In Christ God
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the world to
himself...*

Modestly titled, the Confession of 1967 is built around a single passage of Scripture: "In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself . . ." The Confession addresses the church's role in the modern world. Responsive to developments in biblical scholarship, it asks the church to "approach the Scriptures with literary and historical understanding." It calls the church to obedient action, particularly in response to social problems such as racial discrimination, nationalistic arrogance, and family and class conflict. It sees the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ as the pattern for the church's mission today, and calls on all Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another.

Fifty years later, the Confession of 1967 is still speaking with dignity and purpose to a church which finds itself in a continuing dialogue with a world in flux. We will be using portions of the Confession of 1967 as our Affirmation of Faith in worship during the month of July.

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Sunday Chancel Flowers: Sunday, chancel flowers are placed in honor, memory, or special occasion of a person(s) by a family or friend(s) of Bethany. They preside during the worship service and are then either distributed by the Deacons to a shut-in or given to the donor. Bethany members and friends have been extremely faithful in supporting this ministry over the past twenty years, and we hope this continues. Barbara McCrary is the coordinator. She will contact previous donors from dates/years past as to their wishes for donating and bulletin announcements. The single bouquets will continue to be \$25 each, payable to Bethany Presbyterian Women, and the check sent to: Barbara McCrary, 1509 Santa Barbara Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601. If unable to find a donor for a particular Sunday, then there will be no flower arrangement in the chancel. Hopefully, it will not come to that. Please help support this worthwhile ministry when you are asked to donate. If you wish to reserve a specific date in advance, please call Barbara McCrary at 368-9484 and leave a voice mail. Thank you.

