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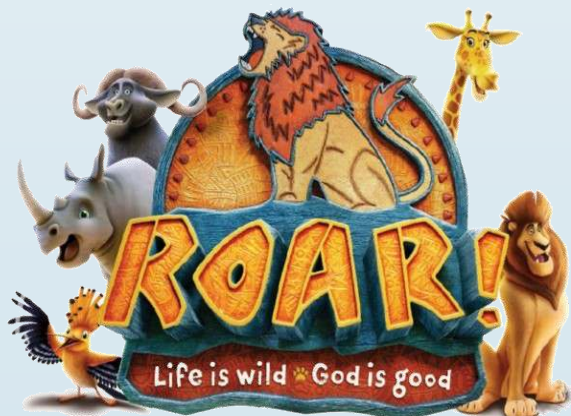
The VBS That Roared

Many thanks to the dedicated folks who planned and executed this year's marvelous VBS, "Roar." The attendance hovered around 40 children from the Oromo and Resurreccion congregations, with a few from the neighborhood thrown-in. Putting on a week-long VBS is hard work! It takes months of planning, purchasing, recruiting, and advertising for it to be a success. From the outside, it looks easy, but behind the scenes it takes dedication and forethought.

Jim Grossman has taken the lead in VBS for many years, and he spends hours agonizing over every detail. Along with Betty Duncan, they chose a new VBS provider this year which meant more time deciphering the plans and purchasing the supplies. VBS is an expensive undertaking, so Jim and Betty counted their pennies and bought supplies with an eye toward discounts and sales. Beth Bjerklie from Covenant UMC was the third member of the team. Their collective work literally paid off!

Pat Rineer, Kelly Rine, and Gail Feigley took over the kitchen to create tasty and healthy snacks for the children. No simply opening the bag and pouring out chips and decanting soda for them. They create their snacks from scratch with an eye toward making sure they are well-balanced and taste great. They succeed each year!

The Scouts handled the games with aplomb, herding the wee ones and engaging the older children in creative games. Betty Duncan and Meredith Cox-Holmes handled the story telling and Pastor Marie Mada focused on the Nursery School aged children. Brian Ashba, our resident jack-of-all trades, made sure the children were in the right place at the right time, and that the mechanics ran smoothly. Mothers and Fathers and Senior Highs from the Oromo and Resurreccion congregations filled in around the edges and served in a variety of other capacities. So, thanks to you all for a job well done – it was an amazing week!



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 July & August 2019



Independence Day
Wednesday, July 4



Rev Holmes will be gone for the next three weeks. The Rev's Daniel Erdman and Alicia Conklin-Wood will be our guest preachers. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office and let them know. They will put you in touch with an "on-call" pastor.

Thank you!"

Polly's Posters

If you've been looking closely at the upstairs hallway coming off the parking lot, I'm sure you've noticed some new "Posters-By-Polly." Polly Snyder is our resident creator of the marvelous posters which adorn the hallway throughout the year. They, in fact, change with the seasons.

This time of year, her creative energies are focused on the themes of the VBS used that particular year. This year is no exception. Polly has created a series of posters which reflect the themes of the five days which constitute the Biblical focus for each day. The various animals of this year's theme, "Roar," are also worked into the posters. Each poster is created by hand and takes hours to create. They are indeed a "labor of love." So, take a closer look at her fabulous posters – they are works of art. Thanks, Polly! You are a treasure.



From Pastor Kent's Desk



"Pedernal," 1941, by Georgia O'Keeffe

We're heading out to New Mexico again this year to spend some time at Ghost Ranch, in Abiquiu. Abiquiu was for many years the home of American artist, Georgia O'Keeffe. Go to any major art museum in the US, and you'll find at least one O'Keeffe hanging in the 20th century American wing. She spent many summers on the Ranch itself in the 1930's through the 1960's, painting the spectacular scenery which defines the Ranch.

The Ranch was given to the Presbyterian Church in the 1950's and it has been used as a retreat center and movie location ever since. I spent the summer of 1967 at the Ranch between my junior and senior years of college working on the College Staff. Our advisor that summer was the Rev. John Conner, Campus Pastor at the University of Oregon. John went on to be the Moderator of the General Assembly of the UPCUSA in 1975. The summer of 1967 was the infamous "Summer of Love," right at the height of the Hippie Movement. I won't go into the details – suffice-it-to-say it was quite an experience for me! Life-changing, actually! It solidified my decision to work in the church.

Ghost Ranch is what is referred to as a "thin place;" a place where the divine is present in extraordinary ways. The immensity, the beauty, the silence, the scenery, all coalesce to create an environment in which the "sacred" is present. One is literally put in touch with God. It's virtually impossible not to be transported to a higher plane when you're there. Over the years, I've visited the Ranch on countless occasions – I never tire of being there.

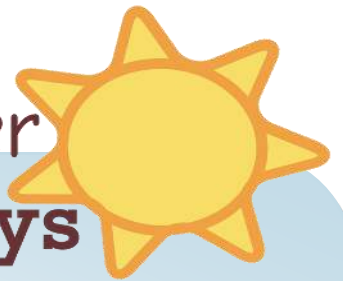
One doesn't have to go all the way to the Southwest to find "thin places." For example, Tucquan Glen is a mini "thin place," especially in the spring when the foliage is green and the water seeps out of the rocks. Or, Longwood Gardens, in any season, can serve as one, too.

God is available to us in many guises. All that's required of us is to look carefully, with wonder and eyes wide-open. God loves being in relationship with us! God is besotted with us and meets us in all sorts of places. God waits patiently for us to take notice, and when we do, God is thrilled! This summer take time to find your own "thin places," those places where *your* soul soars and your heart races. Believe me, you'll be richly blessed when you do!

Grace & Peace, *Kent*

July & August

Summer Birthdays



07/03 Judith Maier
 07/04 Polly Snyder
 07/06 Bob Waldeck
 07/07 Diane Ashba
 07/19 Robert Schwartz
 07/20 Michele Unitas
 07/25 Betty Duncan
 07/25 Randy Mohler
 07/27 Jean Schwartz
 07/28 Betty Stevenson

07/29 Daniel Rine
 08/08 Grayson Martin
 08/17 Allison Fetterman
 08/20 Susan Paxson
 08/24 Eva Lauer
 08/26 Sylvia Doyle
 08/29 Katlyn Martin
 08/29 Kent E. Holmes

SUMMER PRAYER REQUESTS

Anne Sensenig
 Carol Martin
 Agnes Taylor

Jo Fleckenstein
 Polly Snyder
 Willa Pedrick



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



WORSHIP



Sunday, July 7, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preaching: Rev. Daniel Erdman
 Celebration of the Lord's Supper



Sunday, July 14, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preaching: Rev. Alicia Conklin-Wood
 Summer Music: David Houck, Viola

Sunday, July 21, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preaching: Rev. Daniel Erdman
 Summer Music: Olivia Ober, Mezzo-Soprano

Sunday, July 28, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "Lord Teach Us to Pray" Scripture: Luke 11:1-13
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Greeters	Michelle Atwater	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman
Fellowship	Michelle Atwater	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman
Ushers	Eva Lauer Sue Fetterman	Diane Ashba Joyce Richards	Doug Smith Susan Schaeffer	Bob & Jean Schwartz
Liturgists	David Schwartz	Sue Fetterman	Betty Duncan	Judy Maier



Sunday, August 4, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "Storing Up Treasures" Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

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

Summer Music: Chris Earhart, Baritone

Sunday, August 11, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "The Teachings of our God" Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Preaching: Rev. Holmes Summer Music: Kathy Horein, Oboe

Sunday, August 18, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "Under Siege" Scripture: Luke 12:49-56

Preaching: Rev. Holmes Summer Music: Brenten Megee, Tenor

Sunday, August 25, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Message: "Set Free" Scripture: Luke 13:10-17



Preaching: Rev. Holmes

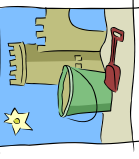


	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Greeters	Gail Feigley	Sylvia Doyle	Susie Paxson	Eva Lauer
Fellowship	Gail Feigley	Sylvia Doyle	Diane Ashba	Eva Lauer
Ushers	Brian & Diane Ashba	Doug & Maurine Smith	Eva Lauer Sue Fetterman	Bob & Jean Schwartz
Liturgists	Elaine Bornstein	David Schwartz	Sue Fetterman	Betty Duncan

July 2019



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1 6:45 P.M. Scouts	2 7:00 P.M. Scout Committee Meeting	3 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	4 July 4th	5 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	6 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast	
7 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	8 6:00 P.M. Scout Swim Party	9 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	10 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	11 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	12 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	13 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run
14 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	15 6:45 P.M. Scouts	16 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	17 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	18 Scout Knoebels Trip	19 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	20 Scout Knoebels Trip
21 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo Scout Knoebels Trip	22 6:45 P.M. Scouts	23 18:00 P.M. AI Anon	24 18:00 P.M. AI Anon	25 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	26 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	27 Office Hours: Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
28 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	29 6:45 P.M. Scouts	30 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	31 8:00 P.M. AI Anon			



August 2019

Sunday

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Office Hours:

Tues - Thurs
9:30 A.M. -
12:30 P.M.

4

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Resurrection
2:00 P.M. Oromo

5

6:45 P.M. Scouts



6

7:00 P.M. Scout
Committee Meeting

7

8:00 P.M. AI Anon

8

10

7:00 P.M. AA
8:00 P.M. AI Anon

11

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Resurrection
2:00 P.M. Oromo

12

6:45 P.M. Scouts

13

7:00 P.M. Scout
Roundtable Meeting

14

8:00 P.M. AI Anon

15

16

7:00 P.M. AA
8:00 P.M. AI Anon

Scout Campout

18

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Resurrection
2:00 P.M. Oromo

19

6:45 P.M. Scouts

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8:00 P.M. AI Anon

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7:00 P.M. AA
8:00 P.M. AI Anon

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Scout Campout

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8:00 A.M.
Men's Breakfast

17
6:45 P.M.
White Deer Run

