

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service - Sundays at 9:00am; Sunday School, (Oct. thru May) at 10:15am
God's work. Our hands.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church at: 716-933-6699 or Pastor Derek Cheek at 716-307-7963.

APRIL 2019

As I was reading my Bible the other day, there was a scripture verse that woke me up. The verse is from the Old Testament and written by the prophet Haggai. Speaking on behalf of God, here is what God said to the Jews who were about to build a temple in which to worship: "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord." The writer of the 24th psalm made the same point when he wrote: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." So that compels us to ask, if ultimately God's owns everything, where does that leave us?

The answer Scripture gives us is very clear. We are care takers of God's earth and all that is in it. We are stewards, or managers, who have the responsibility of caring for the earth and for whatever God blesses us with. Not only responsible for this earth, but our bodies, minds, and the resources that come our way. Because ultimately what we say is ours is not ours at all.

There is an old joke about two men standing on a street corner when a funeral procession came into view. They were respectfully silent until they noticed that somehow a Brinks truck had gotten right behind the hearse. That was when one fellow said to the other, "Who says you can't take it with you?" Well, the sober truth is we really can't take it with us. Yet there is a lot we can do with what God allows us to manage right now. We are the servants of the Lord. so let's be the best caretakers of whatever the Lord has placed before us.

Prayer: Dear Lord, you have given us such great responsibilities. Please give us the guidance and strength to do what we can do for your Kingdom!
Amen



The Portville Food Pantry collects these items on an on-going basis: spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, pasta, mac and cheese, pork and beans, canned vegetables, tuna, soup, rice, egg noodles, and canned tomatoes. **Cereal is also needed as well.**

Have you checked out Bethel's Facebook Group?

The url is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/127210584114232/>.



Pray First!

- For all service men and women, and their families, especially *Casey McCarthy, Tyler McCarthy, Kendra Linn, Travis Dorvit and Kyle Lust*. For Christ to be made known in our companion synods – *Zimbabwe and Zambia*, and our partner synod – *Central/Southern Illinois Synod*. For the Franciscan community at *Mt. Irenaeus* and the *Burkhart Retreat Center for Life* – retreats in our local area. For our Bishops, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (ELCA) and John Macholz Upstate New York Synod), Assistants to the Bishop Dave Preisinger, Mary Johnson, and Dean Daniel Rumfelt. For the mission congregations in our synod—*Organic Faith* in Amherst and *Todos los Hijos de Dios* in Amsterdam. For the pastors and congregations in our Southwestern Conference and for our congregation council leaders – President *Bill Graves*, Secretary *Linda Scott*, Treasurer *Doug Ploetz*, Vice President *Ruth Brewer* and members *Caroline Miller, Donald Linn and Ron Kile*. For our sister congregation, *Peace Lutheran* and their ministry in Slidell, LA for the ministry of *ELCMA* – Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Mission in Appalachia. For area ministries: *Genesis House, Portville Community Food Pantry, and Interfaith Caregivers, Accounting Beyond Borders*.

PLEASE SEE BULLETIN BOARD outside the sanctuary for a COMPLETE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Council Member

Assignment

Bill Graves
Ruth Brewer
Linda Scott
Doug Ploetz
Ruth Brewer

Caroline Miller

Ron Kile
Don Linn

Committee

Council President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Worship and Music &
Christian Education
Stewardship &
Fellowship

Property

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We NEED people to sign up as worship servants. We are in need of Lectors, Prayer Leaders, Ushers, Communion assistants and Altar Guild. There are sign-up sheets on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for one or more of these positions as you feel led. Thank you.

Prayer Chain:

If you have need of prayer, we have an e-mail prayer chain. Just call Bev Robinson – phone number 814-225-3341 or e-mail at grandmagee756@gmail.com

Fundraiser Funds are divided as follows:

- 10% Charity of our choice**
- 10% Benevolence**
- Rest in general fund**

Please keep these members in your prayers
and send them a card if you are able.

Hilda Prosser

% Cuba Memorial Hospital
Nursing Home – Room 238W
140 West Main Street
Cuba, NY 14727
(585) 968-2000 Ext. 712



Our next monthly breakfast will be on
Saturday, April 6th, 8:00 till 11:00. Please
come and join the fellowship and bring your
family and friends. This will be the last
breakfast till fall! See you in September!!!



Choir practice is held on Sunday mornings
at 7:45am. All are welcome to join.

No audition necessary

New address for Ariel Kile

Ariel Kile
80 Eaton St- South Hall Room 212A
Morrisville, NY 13408



Memorials:

In Memory of Thelma “Peg” Welty

Kurt and Caroline Miller for Building Fund

Cliff and Marge Nix

Jean Morgan and Nedean Knowlton

June Murray

Mark & Cheryl Welles

*St John's Allegany will host regular
Lenten services thru Lent at 7pm on
Wednesday nights.
A Soup supper will be at 6pm.*

*Bethany will host a mid-day Lenten
service on Wednesdays with
communion at noon led by Deacon
Gerry Zimmerman*

*Maundy Thursday hosted by Bethany at
7pm*

*Good Friday hosted by Immanuel at
7pm*

*Portville Presbyterian Church services
Sunday April 7th
following service 11am soup & study
Maundy Thursday meal at 5:30pm with
communion
Good Friday 12pm – 3pm Church open for
prayer and meditation
Easter –sunrise service at Chestnut Cemetery*

April 2019



Happy Birthday to:

- 2—Shirley Levernier
- 2—Chloe Dunn
- 3---Pamela Deibler
- 7—Laurie Dunn
- 8---Jillian Miller
- 14—Allison Doty
- 16 –Hudson Miller
- 20—Judy Graves
- 22—Jimmy Baughman
- 24—Connor Dunn
- 28—Dan Parr
- 29—Nannette Giberson



Happy Anniversary to:

Worship Assistants

Lectors:

- April 7th*Doug Ploetz*
- April 14th *Connie Matteson*
- April 21st *Jo Kile*
- April 28th *Jo Kile*

Prayer Leaders

- April 7th*Doug Ploetz*
- April 14th *Nannette Giberson*
- April 21st *Connie Matteson*
- April 28th *Jo Kile*

Assistants for entire month!

Acolyte.....*Dakota or Haedyn Brewer*

Communion Assistants*Jo Kile*
&*Nannette Giberson*
28th – *Nedean Knowlton*

Usher.....*Rick Giberson*
 28th – *Bill Graves*

Altar Guild.....*Trinette Brewer*

Mail Greeter.....*Nannette Giberson*

Bread Baker.....*Ron Kile*

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - APRIL 2019

Saturday, Apr 6 8:00am-11:00am - Monthly Breakfast. Last breakfast till fall

Sunday, Apr 7

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

7:45am - Choir Practice

9:00am- Worship with Fellowship time following

10:15am- Sunday school

Sunday, Apr 14

PASSION SUNDAY

7:45am - Choir Practice

9:00am - Worship with fellowship time *following*.

10:15am - Sunday school

Thursday, Apr 18

Council meeting at 7pm

Sunday, Apr 21

EASTER SUNDAY

7:45am - Choir Practice

9:00am - Worship

with Easter brunch after worship hosted by Council

No Sunday school - Easter egg hunt after worship

Sunday, Apr 28

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:45am - Choir practice

9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following

10:15am - Sunday school

The monthly offering for April will be going to the Portville Food Pantry



One ornament

Front of second ornament

Back of second ornament

Ruth Brewer is selling these 2 ornaments for a fundraiser for the mission trip to Guatemala. They are \$24 each. Ruth will bring them to church to display and sell.

Support our annual

BASKET RAFFLE & BAKE SALE APRIL 13, 2019

Proceeds Benefit North Park Wesleyan Church's
2019 Missions Trip to Impacto Ministries in Guatemala

**PALMER OPERA HOUSE
MAIN STREET
CUBA, NY
10AM-4:00PM**



Women of the ELCA

Upstate New York Synod Southwestern Conference

presents

Caring & Sharing

Saturday, May 4, 2019

At Bethlehem Lutheran Church 20 North Phetteplace Street Falconer, New York 14733

Guest Speaker **Michael Daloia**

Agency Services Manager, Food Bank of WNY

Registration: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$5.00

RSVP: Stephanie Buccola (665-4221)

~ Deadline: Friday, April 29, 2019 ~

Please bring a non-perishable food item

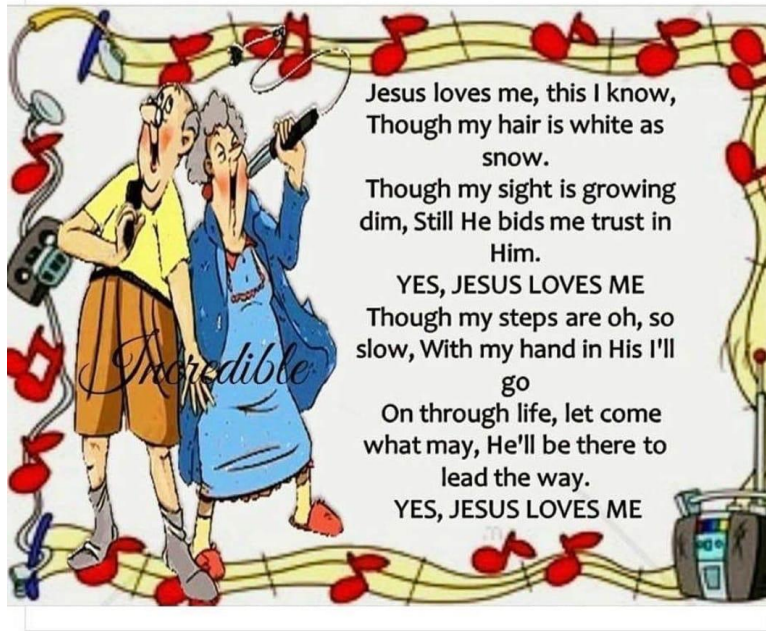


Saturday, May 4th Women of the Church Banquet at 5pm.
Ron Kile will be our chef and served by the men of our church.
Special music by Janet Nolan.



What's happening in Sunday School you ask?
May 12th during worship Sunday School will perform. This will be the last Sunday of Sunday School till September. Special coffee hour for Sunday School!!!!

**Jesus loves me, this I know, Though
my hair is white as snow.**



THANK YOU



A great big Thank you goes out to Bethany for their donation of the Sunday school supplies. It took me 4 hours so sort everything and get it put away. What an awesome problem to have!! We appreciate your support and thinking of us when you cleaned these items out!! Thank you again Nannette

