

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service - Sundays at 9:00am; Sunday School, (Sept. 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.

JUNE 2019



Johann Sebastian Bach, the great German composer, was also an organist who played in the church of St. Thomas in Leipzig for many years. Amazingly, he also wrote the music for the choir. His sacred compositions number in the hundreds and many are still played by organists and sung by choirs in our time. Bach was a faithful steward of the musical talent God had given him. And that compels us to consider whether each of us uses the talent or talents God has given us.

I suspect that many among us may be asking "What talent? When God passed out talents I must have been overlooked." To any of you who feel that way, I say, "Yes you do. Believe me, you just need to think of how you can serve God in many ways."

Let's begin with menial chores that need to be done around the church. Did you ever see what happens after worship each Sunday? Well, some volunteers walk through the sanctuary to pick up items left behind and Bibles that need to be picked up and taken to the church office.

Each of us needs to let God use us to do the work of the church, to help work on behalf of the Kingdom of God; that each of us should be a "human instrument letting God use us." Surely we can let God have a healthy portion of our time,

talent, and resources to further the work of God's church. That is what stewardship is all about.

Prayer: Dear Lord, awaken us to the opportunities we can respond to on behalf of your Kingdom. In Christ's name. **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.**



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

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

August 3rd – Chicken BBQ, bake sale, and basket raffle. Caroline Miller - chair

Aug 6th – Community Night at Bethel –evening of fun with games and a chance to get to know your neighbors! Refreshments and drinks and games provided.

October 17th - Pulled Pork Dinner.



See you in October for our monthly breakfasts!!!



Choir practice is held on Sunday mornings at 7:45am. All are welcome to join. Choir's last Sunday will be June 16th till fall



God's Huggers made 13 tie blankets and quilts. Pastor Lee Magneson blessed them and we donated them to UPMC Cole Shinglehouse Health Center. Sue Silvis, ARNP (April Giberson's mom) will distribute them for us to those in need. Thank you Sue!

Have you checked out Bethel's Facebook Group?

The url is:

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

June 2019

Worship Assistants, Birthdays, and Anniversaries



Worship Assistants

Acolyte.....*Dakota & Haedyn Brewer*

Communion Assistants..... *Linda Scott and Cheryl Welles*

16th*Linda Scott and ?*

Lectors:

June 2nd*Connie Smith*

June 9th*Mark Welles*

June 16th*????*

June 23rd*Mark Welles*

June 30th*Ruth Brewer*

Prayer Leader:

June 2nd*Mark Welles*

June 9th*Connie Matteson*

June 16th*Linda Scott*

June 23rd*Mark Welles*

June 30th*Caroline Miller*

Usher/s*Bill Graves*

Mail Greeter*Caroline Miller*

Altar Guild.....*Ruth Brewer*

9th*?*

16th*?*

Bread Baker.....*Ron Kile*



Happy Birthday to:

1—Joe Shoff

2— Nedeane Knowlton

3—Bryan Hatch, Trinetta Brewer

4—Chris Linn

8—Deb Wolsky

14—Tom Olson, Carol Parr

20—Lindsey Nicholas

21—Rick Giberson & Chris Badger

22—Justin Brewer, Emily Linn

23—Jon Wolsky

28—Lisa Andrus



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

4—Jon & Amy Giberson

9—Doug & Terri Ploetz

10—Dan & Kerrie Parr

11—Bill & Judy Graves

25—Chris and Mary Jane Badger

29—Warner & Joan Johnson

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - JUNE 2019

- Sunday, June 2 ***The Seventh Sunday of Easter***
7:45am - Choir Practice
9:00am- Worship with Fellowship time following
- Sunday, June 9 ***Day of Pentecost***
7:45am - Choir Practice
9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following
 Wear red for Pentecost
- Sunday, June 16 ***The Holy Trinity***
7:45am - Choir Practice, last Sunday of choir
9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following
- Thursday, June 20 Council meeting at 7pm
- Sunday, June 23 ***The Second Sunday after Pentecost***
9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following
- Sunday, June 30 ***The Third Sunday after Pentecost***
9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following

The monthly offering for June will be Interfaith Caregivers



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.

Please visit us at the Mountain in 2019!

We welcome everyone to make a visit to the Mountain in the upcoming year. Whether it is to take a hike, sit by the pond, share a meal, relax on the porch or spend a few days with us ... please know you are always welcome to join us for some time on the Mountain ... this is home for everyone!

Summer 2019 - Evenings of Re-Creation

Celebrating the Mountain's responding to the call of Jesus to "Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation." (Mark 16:15)

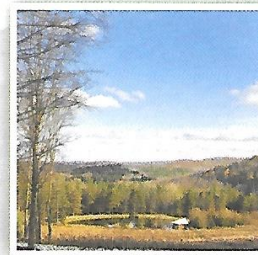
Wednesday Evenings - June 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24

- 5:15 pm Evening Prayer followed by quiet time on the land
- 6:30 pm Dish to pass supper
- 7:30 pm Eucharist with discussion of theme

Feel free to come to all or part of any evening and to come early to spend time on the land.

For any questions about the evenings, call the friars at 585-973-2470.

"Climb the Mountain!"



The Women of the Church Banquet was held on Saturday, May 4th. The food was prepared by Ron & Jo Kile and served by the men of our church. We had a great attendance of 36 guests and the food was awesome. We had a garden salad, chicken cordon bleu, wild rice pilaf, green beans and brownie sundae for dessert. New this year was the kids menu of chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese and grapes. Many thanks to Shelley Sassaman for donating the money for the food in memory of her grandmother's Beatrice Scott Husband and Bernice Ferris and her aunt Linda Giberson. Thank you to Janet Nolan for providing music. She did a beautiful job.





Thank you to Justin, Ron, Scott, Ron, Skip, Troy and Rick for making our evening very special!!!

Our winner this year of the Bethel Lutheran Brooklyn Street Woman of the Year Award for 2019 is Trinette Brewer!!!! Congratulations !!!!



On May 12th we had our last day of Sunday School until fall. We performed during church. We sang I Like to be in Sunday School, Rise and Shine, Amigos de Cristo, Father, I Adore You, He's got the Whole World in His Hands, God is Good. We had 10 children that did an outstanding job!!! Courtney played the ukulele and the group also played the shaker eggs and tambourine and signed to different songs. After service we had coffee hour for the Sunday School kids and had specialty cupcakes made by Crystal Torrey of Crystal Confections. Thank you to all of the parents for bringing their kids to Sunday school each week. Thank you to April, Skip and Courtney for all of their help and support each week. Have a great summer! See you in the Fall!





Guatemala mission update.

This year Dakota will be joining me on the mission trip to Guatemala. Exciting things has happen since last summer when I was there. The Impacto organization has purchased a lot in town of San Juan and has started to build a facility for the elderly that they can accommodate a full day program separate from the school children. They were also able to start another “Happy Tummies” program in the next town.

Several years ago there was a small girl that had a problem with her eye and needed surgery. The Impacto ministry was able to get the medical help she needed for the surgery and they are happy to announce that the little girl is now well and has vision restored.

We continue to bring peanut butter with us, and this year, thanks to Nannette Giberson, we are bringing small hygiene packs to the mission. I look forward to working with the Impacto team again.

Sincerely

Ruth Brewer

Congratulations Graduates!!!!!!



Dakota Brewer will be graduating from Otto Eldred High School On May 31st. He will be attending college at Edinboro, PA in the fall.

