

# BLESSINGS FROM BETHEL

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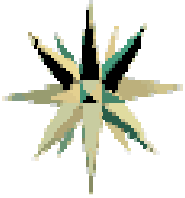
February 2015

## Coming events:

- **Ministry and Advisory: Monday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00 PM**
- **Consistory Meeting: Monday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 PM**
- **Bowling at Greenmount Lanes: Saturday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> (5 – 7 PM)**

## From the Pastors Desk

**Greetings to you, and, peace from God our Father, and our Lord, Jesus Christ!**



Periodically I clean off my desk. I begin to file that which needs to be filed and trash that which needs to be trashed. Each time I clear my desk I soon find that I have made room for more stuff and before long it is messy again.

In the Luke 4:1-13 we read about Jesus being driven into the Wilderness and there he fasted or uncluttered his mind and his life. We talk a lot about the sacrifices we make for Lent, but do we ever think about why we make the sacrifice?

The sacrifices we make during Lent are, in part, identification with Jesus whose sacrifice, in this case, was to go without food. I believe that the sacrifices we make are also a way of making more room for God. I once read an interesting article on the sacrifices that might benefit us during this year. It seems to me that rather than giving up a certain type of food, maybe we should give up our cell phones or anything else that takes too much of our attention.

I said that my desk usually gets cluttered soon after I clean it and the same thing applies to our spiritual lives. I believe that this season of Lent is a time to free our minds and spirits of the clutter and then to open ourselves to the Still Speaking God. What is God's will for you?

Pastor David Danneberger

This year we will be joining with several other congregations to observe Lent and Holy Week. We will observe Ash Wednesday at Bethel and then join with several congregations for Lent and Maundy Thursday.

**Lenten Schedule – Reflecting on the Parables of Jesus**

**February 18: ASH WEDNESDAY -- 7:00 P.M** -- Worship with Imposition of Ashes  
Bethel United Church of Christ

**February 25: Bible Study of “The Sower and the Seed” - Matthew 13:1-8,18-23**

Community Supper at 6:00 P.M.  
Devotion and Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
6 York Street  
Codus (Jefferson)

**March 4: Bible Study of “The Hidden Treasure and the Priceless Pearl” - Matthew 13:44-46**

No Supper  
Devotion and Bible Study at 7:00 P.M.  
Trinity (Roth’s) United Church of Christ  
6417 Church Street  
Spring Grove

**March 11: Bible Study of “The Good Samaritan” - Luke 10:25-37**

Supper at 6:00 P.M.  
Devotion and Worship at 7:00 P.M.  
Mt. Zion United Church of Christ  
12 N. Main Street  
Spring Grove

**March 18: Bible Study of “The Workers in the Vineyard” - Matthew 20:1-16**

Supper at 6:00 P.M.  
Devotions and Bible Study at 7:00 P.M  
Bethel United Church of Christ  
2112 Yingling Drive  
Spring Grove

**March 25: Bible Study of “The Prodigal Son” - Luke 15:11-32**

Community Supper at 6:00 P.M.  
Devotion and Bible Study at 7:00 P.M.  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
6 York Street  
Codus (Jefferson)

Holy Week Schedule

**April 2: MAUNDY THURSDAY - Office of Tenebrae with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.**

Bethel United Church of Christ  
2112 Yingling Drive  
Spring Grove

**April 5: EASTER Sunrise Service at 6:00 A.M. in the Jefferson Cemetery**

## Pastor's Report

December 2014

1. Worship Leadership & Preaching: 4 & Christmas Eve Service
2. Pastoral Contacts: Hospital: 2; Visits (Home & Other): 8; Phone Calls: 10
3. Church Gatherings/Meetings (local & denominational):
  - Funeral: Roy Geisler
  - Bible Study:1
  - Consistory (Partial on the phone)
  - Confirmation Class: 2
  - Christmas Cookie Exchange/Fellowship
4. Personal/Professional Growth:
  - Colleague Meetings: 3

### Agenda Items

- Thank you again for your understanding. The month of December continued to be a difficult time for me and I am extremely grateful for your understanding and patience.
- I need to know what is coming up? Annual Meeting? Other services and programs?
- We have been invited to share in the Lenten Programs of the Jefferson Churches
- January 10, 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. – Planning Retreat at my home
  - 1133 Putters CV, York, PA
  - Nancy Danneberger will provide lunch.
  - I need to know if you are coming by today

David D. Danneberger

## Bethel UCC Consistory Meeting

December 1, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Robert Ernst, III at 7:00 PM with Sue Tharp leading the group in prayer.

**Attendance:** Pastor Danneberger, Jill Kuhn, Lynn McJunkin, Sue Tharp, Cheryl Worley, Dave Bankert, Kim weaver, Nancy Vickers, Robert Ernst, III.

**November minutes** were reviewed. C Worley made a motion to accept, seconded by N. Vickers with all approving.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by K. Weaver. J. Kuhn made a motion to accept and D. Bankert seconded the motion with all approving.

**Offering and Attendance:** Report will be provided in January.

**Pastor's Report:** Presented by Pastor Danneberger

- Discussed Christmas Eve service
- Discussion of Congregational meeting and installation Service of Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion of the Retreat at Pastor David's home for church committee members and Lori Noel. The retreat is planned for Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 2 PM.

S. Tharp made a motion to accept the pastor's report and N. Vickers seconded with all approving.

**Church Care:** Presented by D. Bankert, Outside lights were replaced by Eddie and Walt. Thank you!

**Social:** Presented by L. McJunkin, Cookie social following the service.

**Outreach:** Presented by N. Vickers

N. Vickers will take over outreach from P. Smeltzer in December.

**Education:** No Report

**Rentals:** Presented by S. Tharp, There is one rental scheduled for January

**Fundraiser:** Presented by Kim Weaver and L. McJunkin

- Butter Braids orders due by Dec. 7, Delivery will be Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>
- Gift cards were ordered.

**Website:** Website is up to date and newsletter is posted.

**Ministry and Advisory:** No Report

**Search Committee:** No Report

**Old Business:** Thanks to D. Bankert for being greeter in Nov.

Discussion to make updates to church profile.

**New Business:** Preparation for 2015 Church envelopes was discussed.

- Christmas tree for gloves and hat donations will be placed in the vestibule.
- N.Vickers initiating greeting card bulletin board.
- Communion prep assignments: B. Ernst in Dec. and D. Bankert in Jan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM with a motion from S. Tharp and seconded by C. Worley followed by the Lord's Prayer.

## LIST OF SHUT-IN AND PRAYER CONCERN MEMBERS

	<b>KATHRYN KALTREIDER</b> 118 Pleasant Acres Rd. York, Pa. 17402	<b>RUTH STERNER</b> P.O. Box 330 Hanover, Pa. 17331
<b>Janet Barnhart</b> Brethren Home 2990 Carlisle Pike New Oxford, Pa. 17403	<b>LEONA ERNST</b> Broadmore Manor Knob Hill Rd. York, Pa. 17403	<b>DAISEY ERNST</b> Manor Care North 1770 Barley Rd. York, Pa.



### *From the Congregation's Life:*

**PAT SMELTZER** will be celebrating her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of Valentine's Day. Happy Birthday Patsy

**DAISY ERNST:** God Bless Daisy! Our prayers are with you!

**LEONA ERNST** is having health problems. Keep her in your prayers.

**CURT AND CHARLETTE MILLER** are still in our prayers.

**JOAN MURRAY** continues to improve from her broken tibia. We pray that her recovery continues to go well.

**GENETTA FAHNESTOCK** is going through some rough times. She needs our prays.

**BOB LINDSEY** is experiencing problems. Our prays are with Bob.

**FAMILY OF JOYCE REICHART:** Joyce passed away on Jan 9<sup>th</sup>.

**FAMILY OF FRANCES WERNER,** Frances passed away on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>.

*We also uplift many of our congregation and friends who have been going through some rough times. We certainly apologize if we fail to mention anyone going through any illnesses or other experiences we mention during our prayer concerns at church! We do keep you in our prayers*



## February Birthdays

- 7 - Jolene Ernst
- 11 - Tori Allison
- 14 - Pat Smeltzer
- 14 - Brady Noel
- 15 - Pam Ernst
- 17 - Miriam Walls
- 18 - Cheryl Worley
- 22 - Terry Jarvis
- 26 - Curt Miller
- 28 - Karen Beard
- 28 - Jeff Zumbrum



## February Anniversaries

- 7 - Dave & Deb Bankert
- 20 - Mike & Joan Stevenson

# COMING EVENTS:

**Bowling at Greenmount Lanes:** Saturday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 PM; If interested, sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex or leave a message on the church phone.

**Everybody's Birthday covered dish:** Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM

## **FUND RAISERS:**

Fundraiser for Zook Meat pies (Beef, Chicken and Sausage). There are 2 sizes; 6inch for \$7.00 and 9 inch for \$11.00. Orders due Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> and Pick up pies on Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> .

## **REMEMBER OUR OUTREACH MINISTRIES:**

**God's Meal Barrel** – Continue to fill our shopping cart with donations that we give to Doris and God's Meal Barrel as they provide supplies to the needy of the Hanover area! We have been supporting this ministry for many years and are so thankful that you have been so generous! Donations for February are focused on soups. . THANK YOU!!!!!!

## **HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:**

- **Changing Lives:** Men's razors, Disinfecting wipes, coffee, creamers, men's thermal gloves, men's warm hats.
- **PAL:** Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Saltines, Hot Chocolate
- **Clothing Bank:** Girl's underwear (Todler thru size 6) Boy's underwear (extra small and small), Children's socks age 3- 5, Children's winter coats (size 4T thru 10) Knit hats and gloves all sizes.
- **Ruth's Harvest:** (All single servings please) Hot chocolate, complete meals, pouch fruit drinks, rice krispie treats and cookies.

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION.** Many products we buy at the grocery store have these coupons on them. Collect the coupons and bring them to church. There will be a box to receive them. We can donate these coupons to Hoffman Homes or even divide them between the school districts our children attend. This will be an ongoing project just like another one we have in process.....

**POP TOP CAN TABS** – MARG LEPPPO has been collecting Pop Top tabs for HOMEWOOD HOMES.

She has contributed a couple of thousand of these so far and we are helping her with this project. So, ANY pop top tabs you may have, collect them and bring them to church. There is a plastic container on the table in the Sanctuary to collect the tabs for Marg. THANK YOU!!!!!!

## **SPECIAL OFFERINGS:**

We are aware that sometime in the future we will have major expense with either the Heat Pumps or maybe a new roof. In order to prevent a major blow to our reserve funds, we are asking people to use the special **Building Improvement Fund** Envelopes to help build up funds we would have available to replace anything we may need for the church building! There are envelopes available in the pews as well as one for each month in the envelope boxes and can be given anytime.

## **SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE::**

- The committee members are: DAVE BANKERT, BOB ERNST, III, TOM ALLISON, CHERYL WORLEY, SUE THARP, DEB BANKERT and ROB THOMAN.
- We have received two profiles to evaluate.

## Revised Common Lectionary for February – March

Lent Year B	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<a href="#">Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</a> February 8, 2015	<a href="#">Isaiah 40:21-31</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 147:1-11, 20c</a>	<a href="#">1 Corinthians 9:16-23</a>	<a href="#">Mark 1:29-39</a>
<a href="#">Transfiguration Sunday</a> February 15, 2015 ( <i>Last Sunday before Lent</i> )	<a href="#">2 Kings 2:1-12</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 50:1-6</a>	<a href="#">2 Corinthians 4:3-6</a>	<a href="#">Mark 9:2-9</a>
<a href="#">Ash Wednesday</a> February 18, 2015 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Joel 2:1-2, 12-17</a> <b>or</b> <a href="#">Isaiah 58:1-12</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 51:1-17</a>	<a href="#">2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</a>
<a href="#">First Sunday in Lent</a> February 22, 2015	<a href="#">Genesis 9:8-17</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 25:1-10</a>	<a href="#">1 Peter 3:18-22</a>	<a href="#">Mark 1:9-15</a>
<a href="#">Second Sunday in Lent</a> March 1, 2015	<a href="#">Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 22:23-31</a>	<a href="#">Romans 4:13-25</a>	<a href="#">Mark 8:31-38</a> <b>or</b> <a href="#">Mark 9:2-9</a>
<a href="#">Third Sunday in Lent</a> March 8, 2015	<a href="#">Exodus 20:1-17</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 19</a>	<a href="#">1 Corinthians 1:18-25</a>	<a href="#">John 2:13-22</a>
<a href="#">Fourth Sunday in Lent</a> March 15, 2015	<a href="#">Numbers 21:4-9</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22</a>	<a href="#">Ephesians 2:1-10</a>	<a href="#">John 3:14-21</a>
<a href="#">Fifth Sunday in Lent</a> March 22, 2015	<a href="#">Jeremiah 31:31-34</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 51:1-12</a> <b>or</b> <a href="#">Psalm 119:9-16</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 5:5-10</a>	<a href="#">John 12:20-33</a>
<a href="#">Annunciation of the Lord</a> March 25, 2015	<a href="#">Isaiah 7:10-14</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 45</a> <b>or</b> <a href="#">Psalm 40:5-10</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 10:4-10</a>	<a href="#">Luke 1:26-38</a>
<a href="#">Liturgy of the Palms</a> March 29, 2015		<a href="#">Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</a>		<a href="#">Mark 11:1-11</a> <b>or</b>



**2015 Consistory Information**

<b>Class of 2015</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term</b>
Dave Bankert Linda McJunkin Cheryl Worley	Trustee Elder Deacon	First Second First
<b>Class of 2016</b> Peggy McCawley Sue Tharp Nancy Vickers	Deacon Elder Trustee	First Second First
<b>Class of 2017</b> Bob Ernst Fred Brillhart Tom Allison	Trustee Elder Deacon	Second First First

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Consistory Officers</b>
<b>January: Cheryl Worley</b> <b>February: Lynn McJunkin</b> <b>March: Peggy McCawley</b> <b>April: Tom Allison</b> <b>May: Bob Ernst</b> <b>June: Sue Tharp</b> <b>July: Sue Tharp</b> <b>August: Nancy Vickers</b> <b>September: Fred Brillhart</b> <b>October: Fred Brillhart</b> <b>November: Dave Bankert</b> <b>December: Tom Allison</b>	<b>Sue Tharp: President</b> <b>Fred Brillhart: Vice President</b> <b>Secretary: Dave Bankert</b> <b>Assistant Secretary: Cheryl Worley</b>  <b>Committee Representatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Church Care: Tom Allison</b></li> <li>• <b>Ministry &amp; Advisory: Sue Tharp, Lynn McJunkin, Fred Brillhart, Bob Ernst</b></li> <li>• <b>Outreach: Nancy Vickers &amp; Marg Leppo</b></li> <li>• <b>Worship; Pastor Danneberger</b></li> <li>• <b>Education: Sue Tharp</b></li> <li>• <b>Social: Lynn McJunkin</b></li> <li>• <b>Fundraisers: Peggy McCawley</b></li> <li>• <b>Website: Dave Bankert</b></li> </ul>





# February 2015

## *Bethel UCC Monthly Planner*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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