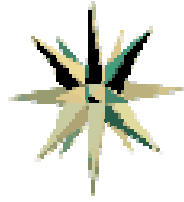


# BLESSINGS FROM BETHEL

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March 2015



## Coming events:

- **Consistory Meeting: Monday Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 PM**
- **Zook Pie orders due on Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>. Pick up orders on Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## From the Pastors Desk

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

Several years ago I attended a full day Lenten Retreat sponsored by the York Association Ministerium. The leaders of the retreat/workshop sub-titled one of the areas of their presentation: "Lent – Must We Endure This Again?" February 18 was Ash Wednesday which was the beginning of the Lenten season which leads up to Holy Week and Easter.

Are the forty days of Lent an endurance run during which we give something up which we probably don't need anyway? Is it a time that we have to appear somber and gloomy? Is it a time in the church year that we never understood, but always felt it lasted forever? Is Lent a time of refreshment and renewal as we prepare for the celebration of Easter?

Very simply Lent has been and still is a time of retreating into the wilderness with Jesus. It is a time for reflection, renewal, and repentance.

I'm not sure each one of us understands the full meaning of Lent. During the retreat I attended we were asked to fill out the statement which you will find below. During the season of Lent I am going to set aside some space on a bulletin board in the narthex for anyone who would like to fill out the following statement and share it. You do not need to put your name on it. Just fill this out and post it for others to read. It might just bring to others new meaning to this season that is not a time for endurance, but a time to renew our faith life in Jesus Christ.

Lent is \_\_\_\_\_ to me because . . . .

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.

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

#### **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

Codorus (Jefferson)

### **Holy Week Schedule**

**April 2: MAUNDY THURSDAY - Holy Communion 7:00 PM at Bethel UCC**

**April 3: Good Friday Service - Community service, 7:00 PM at Christ UCC in Jefferson.**

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

**April 5; Easter communion service at 9:00 AM at Bethel UCC**

## Pastor's Report

January 2015

1. Worship Leadership and Preaching : 4
2. Pastoral Contacts: Hospital 2; Visits (HC:2): 10; Phone Calls: 10
3. Church Gatherings/Meetings (local & denominational):
  - Funerals; Joyce Reichert & Frances Werner
  - Bible Study 1
  - Consistory
  - After Christmas Church Dinner
  - Leadership Retreat
  - Meeting with community clergy to plan Lenten / Holy Week Services
4. Personal / Professional Growth:
  - Colleague Meeting: 1
5. Agenda Items
  - Next step after retreat
  - We are putting our house on the market again this week.
  - How do I count March 1?
  - Speaker will be the Rev. Stephen Nicholas. We need folks to do portions of the worship.
  - Ash Wednesday will be our own. I am doing a simple imposition of ashes service and thought our attendance would be better if we did this alone.
  - Reminder: We are responsible for the Lenten Meal and Devotional Worship on March 18 & Maundy Thursday Holy Communion.

David D. Danneberger

**Bethel UCC Consistory Meeting**  
**January 6, 2015**

Meeting was called to order by Dave Bankert at 7:00 PM. Pastor Danneberger gave the opening prayer.

**Attendance:** Pastor Danneberger, Cheryl Worley, Sue Tharp, Fred Brillhart, Tom Allison, Lynn McJunkin, Peggy McCawley, Nancy Vickers, Kim Weaver and Dave Bankert

December's minutes were reviewed and approved with no corrections. Lynn McJunkin made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Fred Brillhart and all approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Kim Weaver. The report was reviewed and approved with no corrections. Motion to accept the report was made by Fred Brillhart and seconded by Lynn McJunkin and all approved.

**Offering and Attendance Report:** Submitted by Bob Ernst and presented by Dave Bankert. There was a decrease in attendance from last year due to deaths in the congregation and members moving out of the area.

**Pastor's Report:** Presented by Pastor David. Motion from Tom Allison to accept the report and seconded by Lynn McJunkin with all approving.

**Worship:** Discussed by the group.

- Annual Year End Congregational meeting will be held at the end of the Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Service.
- Ash Wednesday service will be held on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Bethel
- Bethel will participate with the Jefferson community of churches for Lenten services. Each of the 5 churches will host a Wednesday service. Motion to approve was made by Sue Tharp and seconded by Tom Allison. All approved the motion.
- Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services will be held at Bethel. The Easter Sunrise Service will be held at a designated Jefferson church.
- A leadership retreat will be held at Pastor's David home on Saturday Jan, 10<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 1 PM.

**Church Care:** We will be taking the Christmas decorations down on Jan 10<sup>th</sup> after the retreat.

**Rentals for January:** Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> (Simpsons), Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> (Forbes), Jan 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> (GirlScouts) and Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Fund Raisers:** Zook meat pies were selected as a fundraiser. There will be 3 types available to order (Beef, Chicken or sausage) in 6 or 9 inch pans. Cost for 6" is \$7.00 and cost of 9" is \$11.00. Order forms will be available. These pies were sold at Shiloh UCC and were a big success.

**Ministry & Advisory:** Meeting set for Monday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM.

**Search Committee:** Nothing to report. Dave Bankert will contact the conference office for an update.

**Old Business:**

- Thanks to Cheryl Worley for being Greeter in December.
- Offering envelopes were distributed.

**New Business:**

- **Church Officers for 2015:** President- Sue Tharp, Vice President- Fred Brillhart, Secretary- Dave Bankert, Assistant Secretary- Cheryl Worley. A complete list of consistory members and their responsibilities is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- **Thank you** to Tammy Diehl for rearranging the Bulletin board
- **Future events:**
  - After Christmas Dinner: Sunday Jan 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex bulletin board
  - Bowling @ Greenmount Lanes: Saturday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 PM.
  - Everybody's Birthday Party: Covered dish on April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM. We are looking for entertainment.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
*David Bankert*

## 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:*

**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 prayers.

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

**MARG LEPPA** was in the hospital and we pray she is doing better.

**RUTH SNYDER** was recently in the hospital for her back and we pray she is also doing better.

*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*



### March Birthdays

- 1 - Jill Kuhn
- 3 - Bob Becker
- 4 - Tim Miller
- 9 - Rachel Nelson
- 11 - Brett Noel
- 11 - Mike Walter
- 15 - Makenzie Dehoff
- 22 - Jessie Nace
- 27 - Diane McCollum
- 30 - Robert B. Thoman
- 31 - Vicky (Jarvis) Miller



### March Anniversaries

- 7 - Bill & Ruth Snyder
- 20 - Curt & Charlotte Miller
- 28 - Larry & Nancy Vickers

## COMING EVENTS:

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

### **FUND RAISERS: (Please help make this a success)**

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 March are focused on Pasta and Sauces. . 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 underware (Toddler thru size 6) Boy's underware (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 Krispy 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 LEPPA 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 evaluated 2 profiles and interviewed one pastor. As we continue the process, please pray that Bethel finds the right Pastor for us.



## Revised Common Lectionary for March

Lent Year B	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<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 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i>		<a href="#">Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</a>		<a href="#">Mark 11:1-11</a> <b>or</b> <a href="#">John 12:12-16</a>

## Revised Common Lectionary for Holy Week

Holy Week Year B	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>Monday of Holy Week</b> March 30, 2015 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> March 31, 2015 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> April 1, 2015 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> April 2, 2015 <i>Holy Thursday</i> <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
<b>Good Friday</b> April 3, 2015 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 <b>or</b> <i>Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9</i>	John 18:1-19:42
<b>Holy Saturday</b> April 4, 2015 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Job 14:1-14 <b>or</b> <i>Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24</i>	Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66 <b>or</b> <i>John 19:38-42</i>
Easter Year B	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>Easter Vigil</b> April 5, 2015 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	<p><b>Old Testament Readings and Psalms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26</li> <li>• Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 and Psalm 46</li> <li>• Genesis 22:1-18 and Psalm 16</li> <li>• Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18</li> <li>• Isaiah 55:1-11 and Isaiah 12:2-6</li> <li>• Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4 or Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 and Psalm 19</li> <li>• Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalm 42, 43</li> <li>• Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 143</li> <li>• Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Psalm 98</li> </ul> <p><b>New Testament Reading and Psalm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114</li> </ul> <p><b>Gospel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark 16:1-8</li> </ul>			



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