

ANNOUNCEMENTS for week of August 27, 2017

Vital Conversations on Race, Justice and Culture -- Series Two

"Race, Culture, Tribe and the Global Church" will be the theme of the next round of Vital Conversation on Race, Justice and Culture sponsored by the Southern Montgomery County (SOMOCO) United Methodist Mission ConneXion.

Each session begins with a video by a pastor, author, scholar or activist. Discussion questions follow. The group is committed to careful listening, building respectful relationships, avoiding stereotypes and judgmental language, and seeking practical applications for our individual lives and the life of the church. Sessions will be held on alternating Sunday nights at 7 pm and rotate among the participating churches with the first session being held at First UMC, 300 N. Broad St., Lansdale on September 10. Contact Pastor Sue for more information.

Bishop Peggy Johnson will be visiting our New East District on Tuesday, September 12th at Sanctuary UMC, 1346 E. Prospect Avenue, North Wales. You are invited for dinner at 5:30 p.m. and a Laity gathering at 6:30 p.m. Buffet dinner is for clergy & Laity & costs \$10. Reservations due by September 5th online at <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=272741&> All are welcome!



Do you shop at Giant or Shop Rite Food Store? Purchase Gift Cards from Bethel Hill Mission's Team to use in those stores and 5% goes to support the Missions committee at Bethel Hill. Please contact Ed Gale, Janet Kopistansky or Karen Matus to purchase. Just a reminder the Mission's team sells gift cards all year round.

Do you have extra unused coupons? Bring any unused merchandise coupons and leave them in the narthex box or at the church office. **Thank you SO much – keep 'em coming!**



Prayer Concerns for: Earle Shaw, Sally Kirkbride, Maryellen Mossbarger, Liz Kilcullen, Mary White, Amos Ross, Gerry Ketterer.

If you would like to ask prayer for yourself or someone, please contact the church office at 610-584-5936 or bethelhill@verizon.net.

Our homebound members: Dorothy & Brooke Aker, Beth Batton, Barbara & John Bidwell, Calvin Brown, Moss Cohen, Lindy Coseo, Thelma Erb, Dave Fischer, Charles Glanding, Don & Marge Hart, Janice Jacobs, Peter Klein, Sara Norman, Laura Stratton.



TODAY following the 9:30 service , P.R.A.R. - a new prayer group will meet in the sanctuary at 10:30am to pray for those battling addiction, the families affected and the possibility of recovery miracles. All are welcome. Let us raise our petitions to the Lord, who hears all our prayers!

Communion offering next Sunday will support various **Christmas Mission Projects**, supplementing costs for shipping shoeboxes and Glad Tidings Christmas Shop. These offerings are intended to be above your normal tithing. Please use the envelop provided in your bulletin. Thank you for your support.



Pastor Sue will be away Sept. 1-4, Rev. Harold Burkett will cover pastoral emergencies. Please contact him at 215-362-0427. If no answer, call 215-330-2039.

Anniversary Committee volunteers wanted. In 2020 Bethel Hill will celebrate our **250th anniversary** and we would like to begin planning a celebration now. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Janet or Pastor Sue know.



Please wear your name tag each week! If you need one, please make a note on the attendance pad or call Janet at the church office at 610-584-5936.

Worship notes:

Sunday, August 27 – Semitekol Baptism at the 9:30 service.

10:30am – Prayer for those battling addiction, held in the sanctuary.

Sunday, Sept 3 – Ed Gale will preach at 8:15 & 9:30 services.

Sunday, Sept 10 – Communion will be served at 8:15 & 11:00 (no 9:30 service in Sanctuary)
9:15 am - SS Rally Day will be in Hayes Hall (Communion served).



MISSIONS Team reports that Wawa Hoagie coupons have arrived! Get your discounted coupon for \$4.00 from the Mission Committee after both services. Each coupon gets you a delicious shortie hoagie at any Wawa and benefits Bethel Hill's mission projects.

Save these Dates:

Quaintance Group Sept. Activity – A Day in Cape May at the Silfies' home **on Sat., Sept. 9th**. Contact Alan or Prudence at 215-855-9667 for directions and more information.

Cradles to Crayons Volunteer Opportunity – Wed. Sept 27 from 1-3pm. Meet at church at 12:15pm to carpool. Contact Carol Shellenberger at 215-855-4044 for more information.

SAW Mission Dinner & Presentation – Sunday, Oct. 8 at 6:00pm-8:00pm. Everyone is invited for pasta dinner and baked potato bar with salad & dessert. Come to hear stories from the mission team about their experiences and view a video presentation. Free will offering to support SAW Mission 2018.



Our Evangelism Team is starting a **52 Day Challenge**. Beginning on Rally Day, September 10th, everyone is encouraged to participate by inviting someone to join you any Sunday at church, Sunday school or Youth Group. Bring a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or a family member and let them experience everything there is here at Bethel Hill. Evangelism is

hoping to meet our 52 Day Challenge by having someone visit with us each week for 52 weeks. To show your participation and to see how the challenge is progressing, there will be a poster in the Narthex to sign indicating you brought someone to Church that day. Even if your guest comes to Sunday school or Youth Group, walk over to the Narthex and sign your name.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have at least 52 guests visiting us throughout the year? So please, help Evangelism meet this challenge!



Bethel Hill United Methodist Church invites you to attend the

Sunday School RALLY DAY

for the 2017-2018 Sunday School year!

JOIN US SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 FROM 9:15-10:45 AM!

- ☺ free, yummy BREAKFAST for all to enjoy
- ☺ Sunday School registration
- ☺ Seeing all your Faith Friends (and making some new ones!)
- ☺ Update on Fall events and activities
- ☺ Communion with Pastor Sue!

The VBS mission this year was the **2012 BRICK PROJECT** supporting investment in the church campus and effective use of the property.

The Rally Day collection will support this project and the

GLAD TIDINGS CHRISTMAS SHOP.

Rally Day will be followed by the return of the 11:00 am worship service.

What a wonderful day to see everyone and get excited about learning more about Jesus and the Fall events at Bethel Hill!



UM Men's Breakfast - On September 30, 2017, the UMM of Bethel Hill will host its **300th breakfast**. The men's breakfast will also be turning 25 years old. It is amazing to think that this monthly meeting started in 1992 with just a few men coming together in fellowship and enjoying a meal. Come join us on this momentous occasion. Breakfast starts at 8:00 am. All men invited! **FREE COFFEE!**

Women's Breakfast – on Sat. Sept. 9 at 8:30 am. All women invited. Continuing the Liz Curtis Higgs, "The Girl's Still Got It", the story of Ruth. Please bring a breakfast item to share.



Still be on the lookout for Christmas gifts to stock the **Glad Tidings Christmas Shop** to be held 12/2/17 at Haws Avenue UMC. This shop will benefit those struggling to meet their expenses, let alone afford Christmas gifts. Gifts for all ages welcome. Please leave price tag or receipt with the gift so we can price at a reduced rate. Leave in container in Hayes Hall. Thank you!



THE NEW RADA CUTLERY CATALOGUES AVAILABLE! Rada Cutlery sells quality

American made knives, kitchen utensil and serving pieces, our Youth Fellowship are selling these quality products as a fund raiser. NEW catalogues are available in the narthex, Hayes

Hall & SS room or by contacting the church office to place an order. Drop off order form and payment in cross box. This will be an ongoing SAW fundraiser, if you have any questions, contact Janet in the church office.



Save the Date: September 30, 2017 at Hopewell United Methodist

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610.269.1545 Email Inquiries: boyd@hopewellumc.org

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Message by Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr. Special Music by The Philadelphia United Methodist Mass Choir, Keynote Speaker is Rev. Scott Chrostek, Pastor of Resurrection Downtown, Kansas City, MO