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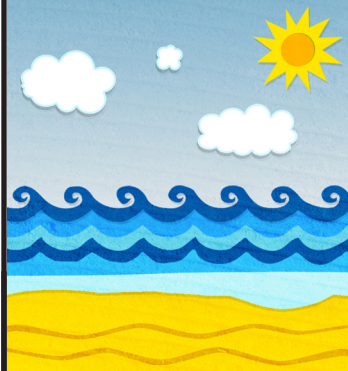


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While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest,  
cold and heat, summer and winter,  
day and night, shall not cease.

Genesis 8:22, ESV



## PONDERINGS...



Thanks to Ruth Lehman who gave me two pages of inspirational quotes. Unfortunately, I do not have the author to credit, but let's look at one of them:

*Every sunrise reminds me of God's promises, it gives me strength to get up and try again. It gives me another opportunity to thank God for all his blessings.*

What a great God we serve, that every day is fresh and new. That the wrongs we have committed in the past are forgiven and forgotten. That God gives us second and third and fourth chances. I'm reminded of these verses from Lamentations 3:22-23:

*"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.<sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

So many times, we are not faithful. We are not faithful in following Jesus carefully and fully. We are not faithful in caring for ourselves or others. We are not faithful in living out the call God has given us.

Thank God he is patient with us! Thank God for Holy Spirit strength. Thank God for all of his blessings!

As I write this I am on Harker's Island, North Carolina. One of Gerry's customers has a vacation home here and Gerry is doing a little home repair work. But what a blessing to be able to come along, visit a new place and be only twenty minutes from the beach!

I am thanking God for the opportunity to be in the place where I feel closest to God: the beach. I am sitting in the living room

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**Please – if you hear of any of our members being in the hospital or ill at home for an extended period of time, please let Pastor Sue or the church office know. We care about you & want to know you are well! Thank you!**

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at the front window of a beautiful home where there are no blinds yet on the front windows (one of Gerry's jobs) and I can see the inlet's water across the street. This morning as I was reading my devotions, a bunny rabbit came out of the bushes and had his breakfast in the grass right in front of me.

Thank you, God, for these blessings of vacations, nature, relaxation, and beaches! May you pause to give thanks today for all of your blessings and God's never-ending faithfulness and promises!

*Pastor Sue*

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## **Worship Notes for July & August 2021** *(subject to change)*

Sign-up to come to worship in person at <http://bit.ly/BH-InPersonWorship>, tune in to Facebook live on Sundays at 10am or watch for the link in your email later on Sunday morning. Don't forget to check out the Saturday Story by Pastor Sue on Bethel Hill's Facebook page.

**July 4** – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion will be offered in person.

If watching from home, have a piece of bread or cracker and something to drink so you can participate. Mark 6:1-13 – *Sent Out*

**July 11** – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 6:2-5, 12b-19 – *Jumping and Dancing*

**July 18** – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Rev. George Alt is our Guest Preacher

**July 25** – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, John 6:1-21 – *Out for Dinner*

## **August sermon theme: "The Right Stuff"**

**August 1** – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost,

John 6:24-35 – *The Bread of Life–The Right Food*

**August 8** – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Rev. Michael Johnson is our Guest Preacher

**August 15** – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost,

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 – *Asking for the Right Thing*

**August 22** – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Ephesians 6:10-20 – *The Right Clothes*

**August 29** – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Kelli Durling is our Guest Preacher

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## **MESSAGES FROM THE**



### **BOARD of TRUSTEES**

Thank you to everyone who helped out at our spring work day in May: John Delaney, Charles Delaney, Karen & Dan Delaney, Brenda, Paul, Alena & Kyle Doll, Kelli Durling, John & Joyce Gannon, Charlie & Elaine Hegh, Beatty & Ken Hoffman, Gerry Ketterer, Lorraine Shaw, Alan Silfies, Ray Vasey, Ed Wild and Jim Wilkie. Many yards of mulch and wood chips were spread, and other spring clean-up tasks completed around the campus.

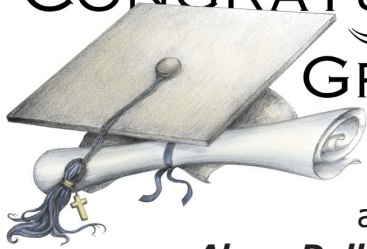
More wood chips still need to be spread, contact Ed Wild for more info on helping out with this task.

We are also still looking for more volunteers to **Adopt-a-Garden** and help us weed the flower beds and keep our campus looking great throughout the summer and fall. Sign up to help here: <http://bit.ly/BHGarden2021>.

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



At the June 6<sup>th</sup> service we recognized the following members of our congregation who are recent graduates in 2020 and 2021:

**Alena Doll** – graduated 2021 from Wissahickon High School, planning to attend University of Hartford to study Architectural Design & Technology.

**Junelle Edgard** – graduated 2021 from Drexel University with a BS in Health Service Administration.

**Ethan Haley** – graduated 2020 from Methacton High School, recently finished his freshman year at Temple University, pursuing a business major.

**Trevor Keaton** – graduated 2020 from Methacton High School, recently finished his freshman year at Pennsylvania College of Technology, studying Manufacturing Engineering Technology.

**Jeremy Spittle** - graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 2020 with a BS in Chemical Engineering.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to keep up with their tithes by mail or online over this



*Communion Offering*

past year. Upcoming communion offerings, which give members a chance to direct contributions to a group or mission that they may feel called to help above their pledged amount, are as follows:

**July** – VBS | **August** – Trustees

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## Manna on Main Street

Upcoming collections are:

### **July & August - Potluck Canned Foods**

You can leave donations on the parsonage porch. Thank you to Ken & Joy Black for continuing to deliver the collections over the last year. Thank you to everyone who has dropped off donations!



## Monthly Fellowship

**Keep an eye on your email for updates on our fellowship meetings, we are starting to meet again in person!**

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the second Saturday of each month - July 10<sup>th</sup> & Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 10am. All women are invited.

### UM MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Hayes Hall, last Saturday, 8am, July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup>**

All men are invited.

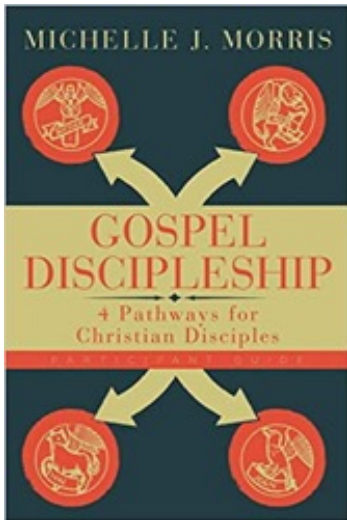
### LUNCH BUNCH IS BACK !!!

**July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**12:30 in Hayes Hall**

Bring a bag lunch for fun and fellowship; beverages and dessert provided.





## Pastor's Fall Bible Study

Join us Tuesday evenings for a unique look at your own expression of discipleship. By understanding what type of disciple you are, participants in Gospel Discipleship can clarify the path they need to walk. Some people love to go on mission trips; some people really thrive learning from a great teacher; some

people connect to God through painting and music; and some people just want to have a cup of coffee, talk about life and eventually get around to talking about Jesus. Participants in Gospel Discipleship can be set free from the guilt of not feeling like a "real" disciple because they don't feel called to experience the journey the same way as everyone else. Instead, participants can become the disciple Jesus wants them to be. They can spend their valuable time and energy living and walking on the path where Jesus is calling them to follow. We will meet September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12 & 19 at 7pm. The final decision regarding whether to meet in person or on ZOOM has not yet been made. Watch the Wednesday announcements in August and Sunday bulletins for that determination. Price of the book is \$15.00. Please sign up by Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and let me know whether or not to order you a book. (Checks should be made out to Bethel Hill UMC) kettsue@gmail.com or 267-577-2223



Please bring gifts for children and teens to the old Sunday School room on Wednesdays or Thursdays between 9am and 1pm.

The Glad Tidings Christmas Shop will be held Saturday morning, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at Haws Avenue United Methodist Church.

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated; checks can be made out to Bethel Hill UMC with Glad Tidings on the memo line. Donations will be used to supplement the gifts and purchase a Giant gift card for each guest. Thank you!



## Save the dates for VBS 2022!

July 18, 19, 20, 2022 in the evening. We will be needing volunteers and your prayers as we prepare to offer our children ways to discover they are priceless to God. Music, crafts, games, fellowship, learning, & fun!



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Thank you to everyone who helped out with our Chicken Bar-b-q in June. We raised over \$3,000, which goes to the Way & Means fund, to be used for unexpected expenses not covered in the annual church budget. Mark your calendar for June 4, 2022! ~Brenda & Paul Doll, and Lorraine Shaw

Dear Friends at Bethel Hill,

Thank you for your expressions of love and caring at the loss of my husband Lance. After all the years and many miles between us, Bethel Hill is still a part of me and remains in my prayers daily.

In His love, Mary Wald

*To My Bethel Hill Family and Friends;*

*It is with heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the thoughts, prayers and cards Mike and I received from so many of you after the loss of his Mother. It is always difficult to lose one's Mother no matter how old we get. Nancy was able to celebrate her 96th birthday on March 23 before she went home to our Lord on March 29.*

*It really means a lot to us and our family.*

*Thank you. Dotti and Mike Asbert and family*

Dear Bethel Hill Family,

Many, many thank yous for all the prayers, cards and well wishes over the last few months. Your support has kept me moving forward. Please continue your prayers as it appears my situation will continue for a few more months.

Also, I want to thank the mystery construction men who installed railings to help me get into my house. The railings have really been helpful and what a surprise to come home to.

With love and many thanks,

Liz Kilcullen



## *Women's Ministry*

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Zoom meetings were well attended but we are returning to in-person breakfasts.

Great Job Ladies for all your hard work.

The women of Bethel Hill continue to support a number of projects.

Over the last few months three boxes were delivered and two boxes mailed to the Methodist Hospital. Included in the boxes were lap robes, prayer shawls, walker bags, lap covers, baby hats, and tray favors.

A box of hats was sent to the Rosebud Reservation and five pillow cases were sent to Cases For Causes.

It is time to work on dresses for girls in countries where trafficking is common. A girl with a nice dress is less likely to be taken. Fabric and patterns are available - check the project box on the porch for patterns, fabric, yarn and kits for loom hats, girl dresses, and other projects. If you need additional yarn, fabric or help please contact Liz Kilcullen at 610-952-5942.



*Fresh  
Altar  
Flowers are back!*

If anyone would like to put a fresh flower arrangement on the altar, please email the church office at [bethelhill@verizon.net](mailto:bethelhill@verizon.net). The arrangements are still \$25. Email the church office to arrange pick up of your arrangement. We are not able to deliver it due to Covid restrictions.



### COUPON UPDATE:

Thank you for your unused coupons! You can leave them on the parsonage porch or in the white mailbox on the inside of the railing at the old Sunday School room entrance.

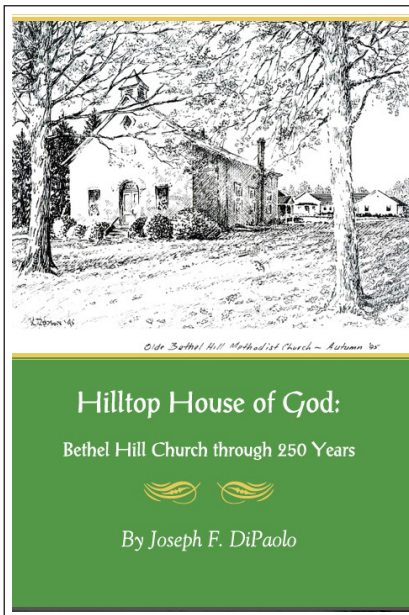


Celebrating  
**250**  
YEARS

## 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update

Mark your calendar for our postponed 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 3, 2021. Stayed tuned for more details coming soon. We've reschedule some guest speakers (see page 2) and are looking at options for a Pictorial Directory, with photo session scheduling coming this summer - watch your email.

There are still limited edition prints of the Four Seasons of Bethel Hill available for sale, sketched by our own resident artist, the late Keith Robson. A set of four unframed prints is available for \$100. Contact Janet in the office if you'd like to purchase a set. The proceeds will support the Anniversary events.



We still have a generous supply of 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary books available. Please contact Ray or Janet Vasey at 215-362-8056 or [vaseyrj@verizon.net](mailto:vaseyrj@verizon.net) to arrange for purchasing a copy. Cost is \$20. Thank you.

**The BUGLE LITE** is published on the even months! Committee & team chairpeople – don't forget: You should get a *short* report on what your committee/team is working on from your last meeting. Please email this to Brenda Doll at [brendoll@verizon.net](mailto:brendoll@verizon.net).

### COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Please check with the church office and the church calendar BEFORE scheduling any events. This is very important so that all will be able to participate in the ministries Bethel Hill is providing.

**Thank you!**

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### Upcoming Bugle Schedule

Publication Date	Submission Deadline
September 1	August 10
November 1	October 10
January 1	December 10





## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Ken Black, Jim Wrigley
- 2 John Matus
- 5 Matthew Straubel
- 10 David Beagle
- 11 Lily Brown
- 12 Anthony Hall, Carissa Shellenberger
- 13 Cindy Spittle
- 14 Addy Kleckner, Ruth Lehman
- 15 Doug Stadler
- 16 Ellie Rose Chittick
- 18 Emily Tooley
- 19 Andrea Barbiers, Dan Culp, Peter Klein
- 20 Aileen Thomas
- 21 Charles Hegh
- 22 Cheri Brown
- 23 Marion Roberts
- 25 Todd Brown
- 26 Brenda Doll
- 28 Madison Bealer
- 29 George Bair
- 31 Jacob Groller, Jeff Shellenberger

## **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 Joe & Donna Dickson ('96)
- 8 Michael & Judy Cunningham ('78)  
Christine & Zach Trimble ('06)
- 9 Mike & Janet Kopistansky ('83)
- 10 Bill & Dominique Phillips ('77)
- 14 Diane & Clark Van Hekken ('84)
- 16 Bob & Evelyn Whiteside ('83)
- 18 Todd & Patti Brown ('03)
- 21 Harry & Linda Dennison ('61)
- 26 Ed & Amanda Gale ('08)

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Michael Henderson, Chrissy Wrigley
- 3 John Delaney
- 4 Barbara Burrill
- 5 Linda Batchelder
- 9 Bill Hawkins, Kelly Miller
- 11 Isabella Domm, Ian Domm,  
Jeffrey Reimel
- 12 Elaine Koch
- 14 Chuck Delaney, Elise Durling
- 16 Jane White
- 17 Bruce Lehman
- 22 Mike Kopistansky, Linda Mullins
- 23 Allison Coyne, Dick Unger
- 24 Ralph Batchelder
- 26 Peg Carter, Elaine Hegh, Scott Keaton
- 28 Rick Spittle
- 29 Jillian Frederick, Chuck Smith
- 31 Jake Harris

## **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Matt & Elaine Strohl ('03)
- 5 Don & Julie Chittick ('95)
- 8 Janet & Ralph Salvina ('86)
- 9 Chuck & Mary Ellen Mossbarger ('59)
- 13 Pastor Sue & Gerry Ketterer ('77)
- 16 Mike & Eva Beagle ('69)  
Les & Cheri Brown ('69)  
Don & Sandy Marshall ('69)  
John & Linda Mickna ('69)
- 18 John & Heather Smink ('01)
- 20 Chuck & Audrey Delaney ('88)
- 21 George & Cheryl Tigh ('65)
- 21 Steve & Lisa Hoyer ('95)
- 27 June & Dave Jenkins ('89)
- 28 Wayne & Sherrill Acker ('77)

**Check out Bethel Hill's new webpage at [www.BethelHill.org](http://www.BethelHill.org)**



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