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CHANGES!

Change is hard, isn't it? And Bethel Hill seems to have a lot of changes happening in 2021 and 2022, especially with staff. Elaine Smith retired as our Program Catalyst/Youth Director at the end of December 2021. Hannah Yu is leaving the 10:30 service at the end of April. Janet Kopistansky is retiring at the end of May after over 17 years as our Administrative Assistant. Change is hard. I am reminded of this tongue-in-cheek beatitude: Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.

And so, we welcome Bob Whiteside as our new Administrative Assistant, starting May 31st. The office hours will remain the same: Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

All this change reminds me of this scripture from Hebrews 13:8 – Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. What an amazing promise! We all experience change in our lives, some of it joyful, some sorrowful, some unexpected, some stressful. But, how reassuring that our Savior never changes! His mercy doesn't come and go. His grace doesn't wane. His love doesn't lessen. His faithfulness doesn't waver. His presence never leaves.

So, in the midst of whatever changes you might be going through, may you be reminded that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. That is a truth you can trust! And be grateful!

Blessings to Elaine, Hannah and Janet as they begin new chapters in their lives.

Pastor Sue

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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!



The United Methodist Church

Bishop John Schol

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Eastern Pennsylvania
& Greater New Jersey

April 4, 2022

Direction: A Key Ingredient for Successful Leadership

Part 2: Mission

Successful leaders lead toward something. Churches, ministries and organizations without direction flounder and eventually fail. There are three things that are essential to successful leadership: vision, mission and goals. In March* I shared with you about vision. Today I will talk with you about mission.

While vision provides direction and inspiration, mission provides purpose, focus and alignment.

What is Mission?

Mission is used in different ways. We use the word mission to describe an activity when helping others, or a cause or purpose we give money to, or the purpose of a church or organization. In this article I am using the word mission to describe the purpose of a church, organization or ministry.

A mission is a brief phrase that describes the key activity or purpose of a congregation or ministry. It provides what leadership should focus on achieving; and it aligns people, resources and activities to accomplish the purpose of the church or ministry. The following are examples of mission statements.

Recruit and develop transformational leaders to make disciples of Jesus Christ and grow vital congregations for the transformation of the world. This is our purpose as United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania (EPA). The mission statement is the first five words, recruit and equip transformational leaders; and the remainder of the phrase is what transformational leaders do.

"Recruit and develop transformational leaders" focuses and aligns people, resources and activities of EPA. EPA is shaping its budget, staffing and activities with the singular question, "Will this recruit and develop transformational leaders?" EPA as an organization does not directly make disciples or grow vital congregations. This work is done by congregations. Instead, EPA develops lay and clergy leaders to be transformative leaders so that disciples are made, congregations grow in vitality and world transformation is experienced in and through congregations.

Maximize disciple making. This is the mission statement of the cabinet, our district superintendents and bishop, when making appointments. When the cabinet considers different churches and pastors for appointments, it asks the question, "Which churches have the greatest probability of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and which pastors will maximize this possibility?"

Sometimes the cabinet is faced with the difficult decision of whether a particular pastor will better serve the overall mission of the church, making disciples and world transfor-

mation in one church over another church. But the question becomes, “Which pastor will better maximize making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?”

A congregation’s mission

To know and serve God. This is a congregation’s mission. It focuses the time, treasure and talents of people to deepen their relationship with God and to equip and support them to serve God. This is a mission statement that can adapt with the congregation and people as they grow and mature in their faith, within an ever-changing community as their mission field.

Some churches would like to expand a mission statement by providing further descriptors of what people are to know or the types of service. But this leads to narrowing God’s possibility for the congregation, or its ministry groups, or its individuals. The concise mission statement actually expands possibilities, based on an individual’s level of faith development and talent, passion and ability for service. It also provides a powerful question for focusing resources and ministry: “Will this better help us to know and serve God?”

Gather for fellowship and learning, and support members in daily living. This is a mission of a small group; and while a little long, 11 words, it clarifies why the group meets. It also provides a paradigm for what they do when they meet: begin with fellowship; engage in learning; identify life commitments in the coming weeks; and covenant for how the group members will support one another in their living during the week.

While vision provides direction and inspiration, the mission statement provides what you will do to move toward God’s preferred future. The mission statement focuses and aligns how you will use the resources of time, talent and treasure to accomplish the purpose of the congregation.

Does your congregation have a clear mission statement, vision and goals? Are they shaping and focusing your congregation’s time, talent and treasure? EPA has people ready to assist your congregation and ministry to shape a mission statement. Contact the Director of Connectional Ministries, Dawn Taylor-Storm at dtaylorstorm@epaumc.org for more information about how your congregation can develop, identify and carry out its vision, mission and goals.

Be purposeful and fruitful. Lead toward your vision, mission and goals.

Keep the faith!

John

**Read Part 1 of Bishop Schol’s three-part essay “Direction, A Key Ingredient for Successful Leadership” on the EPA website’s Bishop’s Page. There he shares Jesus’ vision, mission and goals. He tells us what a vision should accomplish—providing inspiration and direction—and how a vision should be articulated and promoted to be most effective.*

“Today, the church is in a season of discerning what God has next for us,” Bishop Schol writes. “This is a time to discern and reframe God’s vision, missional clarity and ministries for a healthy body of Christ. This is a time for learning, experimentation and refinement to identify what is essential for the life of the church, as we move forward with God.”

Part three of his essay, with a focus on Goals, will follow in May 2022.

*Bishop John Schol, The United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania & Greater New Jersey
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Worship Notes for May & June 2022 (subject to change)

All Sunday services are in person at 9am and 10:30am, with the later service currently being broadcast live on Bethel Hill United Methodist Church Facebook Page. If you do not do Facebook, watch for the link to the service and the Saturday Story by Pastor Sue on in your email box.

Worship Note: As of May 1st Hannah Yu will be our organist only at the 9:00 service as she joins her husband Peter in his new pastorate at a church in Flourtown. We pray God's blessings over the both of them. The 10:30 service will be covered by Jeff Varner and others.

May 1 – 3rd Sunday of Easter, Acts 9:1-20 – *Blinded by the Light*

May 8 – 4th Sunday of Easter, **Mother's Day**, Lay Speaker Kelli Durling

May 15 – 5th Sunday of Easter, Lay Speaker Liz Kilcullen

May 22 – 6th Sunday of Easter, Lay Speaker Heather Smink

May 29 – 7th Sunday of Easter – **ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:30**

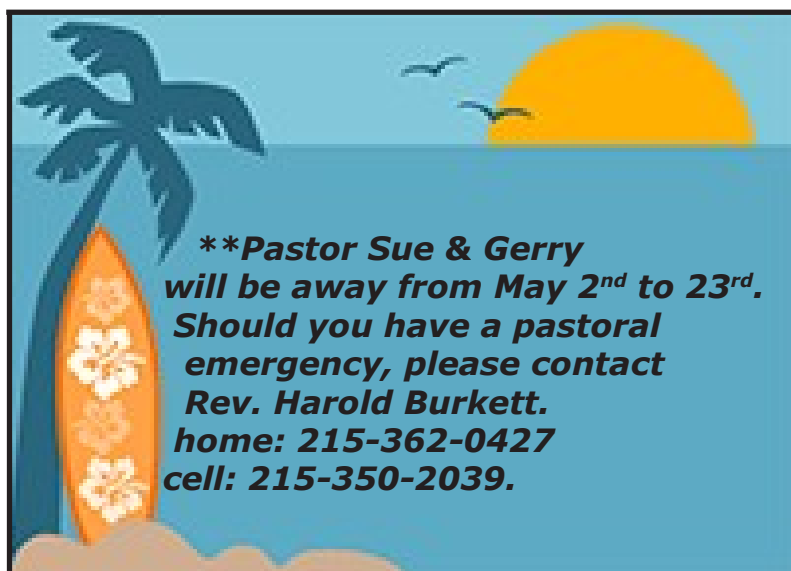
Acts 26:16-34 – *A Slave Set Free*

June 5 – **Pentecost**, Acts 2:1-21 – *Happy Birthday, Church!*

June 12 – **Trinity Sunday**, John 16:12-15 – *Happy Birthday, Church, Part 2!*

June 19 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, **Father's Day**, Luke 8:26-39 – *When Pigs Fly!*

June 26 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 – *Passing the Mantle*



There are still plots available for urns in the new burial garden, as well as regular burial plots, in our cemetery. For more information on making a purchase contact Janet in the church office to set up an appointment to discuss your options.



The communion offerings collected on the first Sunday of each month provide all members a chance to direct contributions to a group or mission that they may feel called to help. These offerings are intended to be donations above any amount pledged. Thank you for your support. Upcoming communion offerings are as follows:

May – UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

June – Youth Ministry



Bread of Life Mission

Bethel Hill is scheduled to prepare and serve dinner at the Bread of Life Cafe in All Saints Episcopal Church on Haws Ave. in Norristown a few times in 2022: Mark your calendar for Saturdays, June 25, Oct. 22, Dec. 10. Whether the dinner is take-out only, or also sit-down will depend on the COVID environment at that time. We will be looking for cooks and volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal. Volunteers are organized into 2 shifts; 1pm to 3:30 pm and 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm. Cooks can prepare food at home and deliver it to the church or to the Whiteside's house on Friday night or Saturday morning. Recipes will be provided. Contact Bob Whiteside at (610) 745-2967 or whiteb04@yahoo.com with questions or to sign up or look for the SignUpGenius being emailed in the weeks prior to the above dates. Who can volunteer? (masks required as of now). Anyone regardless of age, who is vaccinated can volunteer for either shift. Thank you for considering this mission.



As this issue is going to print the final plans are being made for our Help Build Hope mission project, to build the walls of a house in our parking lot. The weather looks great, we have plenty of people signed up to help, but additional funds are still needed, both to cover the costs of lumber, and then for the SAW Mission Trip to Kentucky in July.

If you would still like to contribute, donations can be dropped in the collection plate on Sundays, mailed in to the church office (put Help Build Hope or SAW in the memo line) or made online here: <http://bit.ly/BHgiving>



Manna on Main Street

Upcoming collections are:

May - Soup | June - Juice

Please leave in basket in the narthex. Thank you to Ken & Joy Black for continuing to deliver the collections. Thank you to everyone who has contributed donations!



MESSAGES FROM THE



BOARD of TRUSTEES

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who came out in April help spread mulch and spruce up the campus for spring: Les Brown, Charles Delaney, Brenda & Paul Doll, Gerry Ketterer, Jack Paugh, Lorraine Shaw, Ray Vasey, Ed Wild, and Jim Wilkie.

We also will be looking for volunteers throughout the upcoming spring, summer, and fall months to Adopt-a-Garden and help us keep the beds looking neat and weed-free all growing season. Look for the sign-up in the narthex or sign up now online at <https://bit.ly/BHGarden2022>

Pictorial Directory

It's time for a new pictorial directory!

Appointments are now being scheduled for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 12, 13, & 14. We'd love to have 100% participation, and every family gets a free 8x10 portrait, plus the option to purchase additional prints. **Schedule online now!**

To schedule your photography appointment, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on *photography appointment scheduling login* on the right side, enter **pa913** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. You can also contact Janet in the church office to schedule your appointment.



Linda Price, pictured with the plaque in Hayes Hall, that was dedicated to her late husband, Joe Price, acknowledging his founding of the United Methodist Mens Breakfast thirty years ago.





It's Time for the Annual Chicken BarBQ

Since 1964 the congregation of Bethel Hill has come together for our annual Chicken BarBQ. Things have been different the last two years and we have had to pivot to make things work for this great event that brings together many members of our congregation for one of our most productive fundraisers. The pivot to a take-out version in the fall of 2022 and again last spring on our usual weekend after Memorial Day worked well. We know there is a social aspect of gathering in Hayes Hall to sit down for a meal, but fewer volunteers are needed for the take-out only format, and there is a bigger profit margin, so we will be sticking with that format again for 2022. Tables are available in the picnic grove for anyone who would like to eat their meal right after picking up. We will again taking pre-orders to help with ordering and pickup.

Saturday, June 4th, 3-6pm

Order your meal here: <http://bit.ly/BHBBQ2022-order>

There will be a job for everyone, even if you're not available on Saturday. You can pick up a bag of potatoes and onions, cook and chop them at home and return on Thursday or Friday, or bake brownies.

Sign up to help here: <http://bit.ly/BHBBQ2022>.

Any questions, please contact Brenda Doll at brendoll@verizon.net or 267-421-2590.



**WE NEED
YOU**

Flea Market Coordinator Needed!

We have historically held a flea market in conjunction with the Chicken BarBQ, and would like to do so again this year, but are in need of someone to coordinate this year's sale on Saturday, June 4th. Lisa

Hoyer, who has done a fabulous job in recent years, is unavailable this time around, although she is more than willing to chat with anyone who is considering taking on the role this year. The format of not pricing individual items, but instead asking for donations, worked well last year, so the suggestion is to keep that. Therefore the primary tasks would be to unpack and organize items that are donated for the sale, which will be dropped off starting Memorial Day weekend, but individual pricing will not be necessary. Volunteers to help with the prep, selling, and clean-up will be solicited on the same sign-up as the Chicken BarBQ, the coordinator will not be doing it all.

**FLEA
MARKET**

Monthly Fellowship

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST MEN'S BREAKFAST LUNCH BUNCH

Monthly on the second Saturday, 9am in Hayes Hall. **May 7th (NOTE DATE CHANGE) & June 11th**
Bring a dish to share. All women are invited.

Monthly on the last Saturday, 8am in Hayes Hall
May 28th & June 25th
All men are invited.

May 18th and June 15th
12:30 in Hayes Hall
Bring a bag lunch for fun and fellowship; beverages and dessert provided.



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!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Can You
Spare
A Drop?



Blood supplies are still dangerously low.
Your donation could help save up to three lives. Are you ready to help out?
Thursdays, May 19th and June 23rd
2-7pm in Hayes Hall

**MAKE YOUR
APPOINTMENT TODAY!**

Call 800-REDCROSS,
go to www.redcrossblood.org
and enter sponsor code Bethel Hill
or contact Brenda Doll at
267-421-2590 or
brendoll@verizon.net.



The women of Bethel Hill continue to support a number of projects, including:

- Crocheted or knitted hats, scarves and/or mittens for Tree of Life Ministry/Rosebud Reservation
- Prayer shawls, lap robes and tray favors for Methodist Hospital
- Pillowcases for "Cases for Smiles"; which delivers pillowcases to children in the hospitals
- Little Girl Dresses for Operation Mobilization to help protect young girls from human trafficking.
- Collection of Campbell's soup labels

We no longer participate in blankets for Project Linus.



Welcome New Member



Virginia Williamson
1514 West Marshall St
Jefferson Apts. #246
West Norriton PA 19403

Ginny was a long time member of Asbury UMC in Norristown, which closed recently.



Giavana Marie Perrone,
presented for baptism by her parents, Daniel & Lauren Perrone on May 1st at Bethel Hill. Grandparents are Christina & David Perrone, god-parents are Kelli D. Perrone and Andrew J. Fluck. Older brother Vincenzo.



Sally Kirkbride passed away on March 3^d. A service was held at Bethel Hill on March 10th.

Don Hart passed away on April 14th. A graveside service for family and a few friends was held at Bethel Hill on April 28th.

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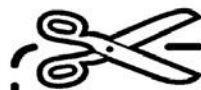
To the Friends of the Bethel Hill United Methodist Church:

The results are in! The "Bread for Bocce" fundraiser for indoor bocce courts at Camp Innabah was a huge success! Thank you so much to those members of Bethel Hill UMC for ordering 28 breads and then purchasing several more when they came to pick up their pre-ordered breads. And thank you for all who contributed by way of in-kind donations. The total amount of money raised was over \$2,500!!! This is enough to purchase 2 sets that include bocce balls and connecting pieces for the PVC frame, plus the PVC piping that will make the court frame, and the carpet that will help protect the gym floor while providing a smooth surface on which the balls will roll will be purchased. Another \$800-1,000 will make it possible to purchase the 3rd bocce ball court materials that will complete the number of courts desired.

These bocce ball courts are going to be a big hit with the many Challenge campers that attend seven different sessions during the summer. In addition, many other groups at camp will be able to enjoy playing this game, perhaps for the first time.

Thank you, again, for participating in this fun, delicious fundraiser!!

Sincerely,
Jenny Hyde



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.



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!

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.



If anyone would like to put a fresh flower arrangement on the altar, please email the church office at bethel-hill@verizon.net

Altar Flowers

or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

The arrangements are now \$35.

THE BUGLE is a bi-monthly publication of Bethel Hill United Methodist Church. Drop off articles in the Bugle mailbox at the church or send to Brenda Doll: brendoll@verizon.net.

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Peg Buchanan	Lorraine Shaw
Linda Dennison	Janet Vasey
Janet Kopistansky	Ray Vasey

Upcoming Bugle Schedule

Publication Date	Submission Deadline
July 1	June 10
September 1	August 10
November 1	October 10



2022

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship Services: 9:00 | 10:30*
 Sunday School for all ages: 9:00
 *10:30 service also available on
 Facebook Live

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 7:00pm Worship	5 7:00pm Chime Choir Practice National Day of Prayer	6	7:00am Bean Soup 7 Kitchen Mission 9:00am Women's Breakfast
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 7:00pm Missions Mtg	12 Pictorial Directory Photo Appointments	13	14
15	16	17	18 12:30pm Lunch Bunch	19 2-7pm Blood Drive 7:00pm Chime Choir Practice	20	21
22	23 7:30pm Lay Speaker Meeting	24	25	26 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice Ascension Day	27	28 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast
29	30 Memorial Day	31	Reminder: Pastor Sue & Gerry will be on vacation from May 2 - 23			
Communion May 1st UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)	Offering:					Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Soup



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Communion Offering: June 5th Youth Ministries			1	2 7:00pm Chime Choir Practice	3 <div>Chicken BBQ Set-up</div>	4 8:00am Flea Market 3:00pm Chicken BBQ
5 Pentecost	6 6:45pm Evangelism Comm Mtg	7	8 6:15pm Stewardship 7:00pm Finance Committee	9 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice	10 <div>BUGLE DEADLINE</div>	11 9:00am Women's Breakfast
12 Trinity Sunday	13	14 Flag Day	15 12:30pm Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Church Council	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 Summer Begins	22 12:30pm Bugle Mailing	23 2-7pm Blood Drive	24	25 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast 1:00pm Bread of Life Mission
26	27 7:30pm Lay Speaker Meeting	28	29	30	Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Juice 	
						



MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Bryan Smith
 3 Pam Culp, Trevor Keaton
 4 Erin Beagle
 5 Hailee Closs
 8 Brandon Frederick, Kaitlin Tomlinson
 10 Donna Dickson
 11 Melissa Puchalski
 12 Douglas Hoyer
 13 Janet Kopistansky, Jacob Lister,
 Matt Pellegrino
 14 Andrew Strohl
 15 Laura Curran, Bobby Kleckner,
 Janet Salvina
 17 Albert Closs, Kelly Dickson,
 McKenzie Nash, Ray Vasey
 19 Misti Conway
 21 Jake Schwanholt
 22 Michael Puchalski, Jr.
 23 Jeff Werkiser
 24 Tina Gaylets, Bill Minor
 25 John Edgard, Roseann Stadler
 29 Keith Fischer
 30 Audrey Delaney, Peter Yu
 31 Dave Woodson

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Polly Holmes
 5 Emma Beagle
 6 Daryl Burkett, Kate Roach
 7 Lauren Perrone, Bob Whiteside
 8 Brenna Haley
 11 Stephanie Nash
 13 Karen Matus
 14 Matthew Henderson
 16 Mike Beagle, Laramie Martinez
 17 Alan Silfies, Alan Powell
 21 Kristina Flatley
 24 Jim Bosler
 25 Megan Bealer
 26 Kyle Doll
 28 Lindsey Jackson, Gerry Ketterer,
 Connor Perkins
 30 Debra Hall



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

6 Linda & Larry Gold ('92)
 7 Dan & Karen Delaney ('83)
 8 Dick & Dessa Clauser ('54)
 14 Alan & Karen Messics ('88)
 15 Glenn & Jennifer Moore, Jr. ('98)
 16 Holly & Brian Frederick ('98)
 26 Rich & Kelli Durling ('90)

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1 Alan & Prudence Silfies ('68)
 5 Nancy & Alan Powell ('71)
 19 Hugh & Aileen Thomas ('52)
 29 Andrea & Andy Pellegrino ('91)
 30 Mark & Jean Parisi ('84)

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