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Please note that all dates listed in this newsletter are subject to change based on where we are with COVID-19 regulations & recommendations. Refer to your email for ongoing updates.



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BEST MADE PLANS....!

Gerry & I had planned for this vacation for a long time! Actually, more than two years! And Covid cancelled it three times! Our original plans were a transatlantic cruise, stopping in Punta Delgado, Azores, and two stops in France. Land in Southampton, England. Travel to London for two days, come back to the pier and catch the same ship for an eight-day cruise to the Norwegian fjords.

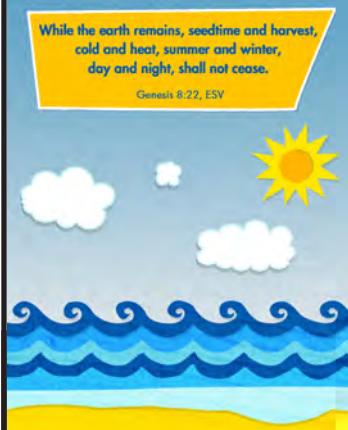
Well, Gerry got Covid on the first cruise and we got banished to Royal Caribbean quarantine jail on deck three. While we had a "window" cabin, we no longer had our balcony. When we docked in France, all we could see was a utility pier and as the tide changed, our view became a cement wall 😞.

We made it to London and by that time, I had the accursed Covid as well. (When they quarantine the healthy spouse with the sick one, what are the chances the healthy spouse will remain so?? When pigs fly! [some of you will get that!]) While nothing I had planned was working out, I HAVE to think that in the years ahead, we will look back on this and see God's hand in it somewhere!

All was not lost – when we both felt better, we were able to do a few things in London. Our hotel was lovely and so convenient to two pharmacies (for Covid testing), an English pub (fish & chips, of course), two pastry shops (very detrimental to a healthy diet!), a little grocery store (with a case of fresh pastries – oh my!) and even a Burger King, a KFC, and a Starbucks! We got to see the second Downton Abbey movie in London – how cool is that! We toured the Tower of London, saw the crown jewels, took a river cruise on the Thames, walked to the Natural History Museum, and toured Westminster Abbey. We even went to church on Sunday!

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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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It ran really long, because as Pastor Mark preached, a woman translated every sentence into Spanish! It was good to be in worship and they made us feel very welcome.

Did I handle each day with patience and grace? I'm afraid not! I shed many tears and was extremely frustrated about being sick and being halfway around the world! Did I trust God as much as I should have? I'm afraid not! Every other day, I had to check into the hotel desk and extend our stay by two more days. Our big London "excursion" one day was to walk to a local laundromat to do some laundry. We had originally planned to do a load on the ship (who has three week's worth of underwear, anyway?), but the hotel laundry service was ridiculously expensive. So, Gerry did a little internet research and we found one within walking distance. It was quite far, but we did a whole, large load for what it would have cost us to do 2 tee shirts and one pair of underwear at the hotel. As I was complaining about the long walk home, we passed a much closer laundromat on the other side of the street that we walked right by! HA! Oh well, I must have needed to walk off one of those pastries that day!

There is an old saying: "man plans; God laughs". I think maybe that connects with us and with me! What did I learn? I tried to keep my sense of humor. Was I always successful? I'm afraid not! I tried to look on the bright side. Did I always do that? I'm afraid not! I am a champion complainer after all! I tried to have a good time anyway. Did we? Yes – it wasn't what we planned, but it was a sort of vacation. And I am EVER so grateful that we both tested negative the day before our flight back home. And while my body clock is STILL adjusting to all those time changes – losing hours on the way out and gaining them on the way back, I rejoice that our Covid cases were not serious and we are SO glad to be home! And as I reflect on our interrupted vacation, I am trying hard to see God's guiding hand. I KNOW he loved us through!



Worship Notes for July & August 2022 *(subject to change)*

REMEMBER – For June, July & August our worship service times will be 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. The 10:00 service will be live-streamed on our facebook page.

July 3– 4th Sunday after Pentecost, July 4th weekend-**ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10am!**

Holy Communion, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 – *Two by Two*

July 10 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost, Luke 10:25-37 – *A Bad Trip*

July 17 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost, Luke 10:38-42 – *Too Many Jobs*

July 24 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost, Lay Speaker Mary White

July 31 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost, Guest Speaker Rev. Harold Burkett

August 7 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Communion,

Luke 12:32-40 – *Treasure Chests*

August 14 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost,

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 – *What Will They Say About You?*

August 21 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost, Luke 13:10-17 – *Afflicted*

August 28 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost, Luke 14:1, 7-14 – *Seating Charts*

MISSIONS CORNER

The Mission's team is selling Giant and ShopRite gift cards at both church services. See Bob Whiteside at the early service or Karen Matus at the later service. Proceeds go to ongoing local, national and international Missions work. We now have Giant gift cards in \$25 denominations.



Manna on Main Street

Upcoming collections are:

July & August - Potluck Canned Food

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!



Please pray for our SAW Mission Trippers as they travel to Princeton, Kentucky to work on rebuilding homes destroyed by the tornadoes in December 2021. We are hoping to take a day to "visit" the home we built here in the Bethel Hill parking lot in April to see its progress.

Also, be sure to check out the video of April's event in our parking lot:

<https://bit.ly/BH-HBH2022video>

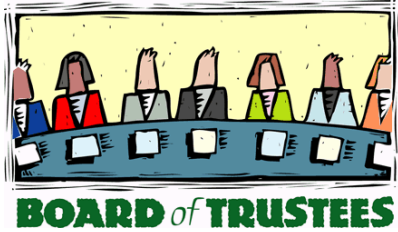


The communion offerings collected on the first Sunday of each month provide all members a chance to direct contributions to a group or mission that they may feel called to help. These offerings are intended to be donations above any amount pledged. Thank you for your support. Upcoming communion offerings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

July – VBS Mission

August – Trustees

MESSAGES FROM THE



The Trustees have been working on some much needed upgrades to the parsonage, recently completing a project to replace the surround and tub in the main bathroom. We also are still in need of volunteers throughout the upcoming 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>



Stewardship Message

IRA RMD TAX BREAK

A reminder that if you take Required Minimum Distributions from your IRA and give to Bethel Hill, then its likely you could have significant savings on your taxes next year. To get the savings next year you need to set up your RMD to go directly to Bethel Hill, then it is likely the RMD will not count towards your taxable income. You should talk with your financial advisor about your specific tax implications and with your financial institution to set up your RMD going directly to a qualified charity (Bethel Hill).

Bring your children,
grandchildren,
cousins,
friends,
neighbors!

God knows you.
God forgives you.
God chooses you.
God comforts you.
God hears you.

Vacation **B**ible **S**chool

Wednesday, July 20

5:45 pm registration

6:00-8:00 pm program

Bible story * Music * Craft * Treasure Hunt

Ages: 4-12

register: <https://bit.ly/BHVBS22>

or call the church office at 610-584-5936



Come-a, come-a
Kona, Kona
yummy cold treats for all
It's at the end.
It's at the end,
yeah, the end!





Tellers needed!

Can you count to ten? Do you have available time after the 10:00 worship service on Sunday? We can use your help! Tellers are volunteers who count and record the offering for our financial secretary, Bob Whiteside. You won't be alone! You will be paired with someone, as it is a 2-person job and you would be assigned a month of the year. Call the church office (610-584-5936) if interested.

Bethel Hill UMC is looking for a **YOUTH LEADER.**

If you have a love for teens and their families and would like to work to build up our youth program, please call the church office at 610-584-5936 to get an application & submit a resume. If you know anyone with these qualifications, please encourage them to apply! Thank you.





Fellowship

'Quaintance Group

Saturday, August 13th 3pm

Come together for food and fellowship at Les and Cheri Brown's home in Hatfield. All are welcome. Contact Les or Cheri at 215-368-7180 for more info and directions.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the second Saturday, 9am in Hayes Hall. **July 9th & August 13th** Bring a dish to share. All women are invited.

UM MEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the last Saturday, 8am in Hayes Hall **July 30th - 30th anniversary celebration!**

August 25th

All men are invited.

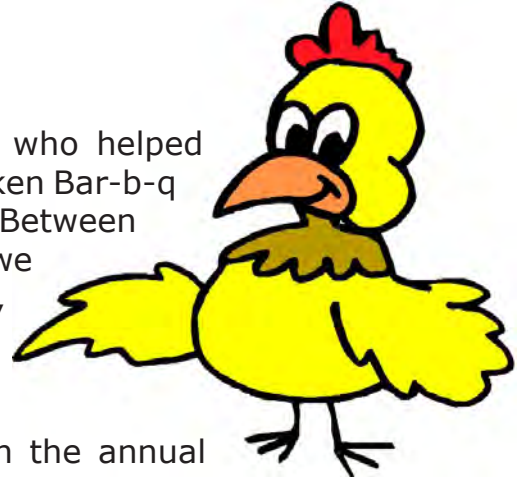
LUNCH BUNCH

July 20th and August 17th 12:30 in Hayes Hall

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



Thank you to everyone who helped out with the annual Chicken Bar-b-q and Flea Market in June. Between the two endeavors we raised over \$4,500, 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 3, 2023

More help will definitely be needed next year to make things run smoothly. We once again sold out, so hopefully we can get more volunteers next year so we can make more potato salad, cook more chickens, sell more meals, and raise more money!

~Brenda & Paul Doll

Red Cross Blood Drive



Blood supplies are still dangerously low. Your donation could help save up to three lives. Are you ready to help out?

Thursdays, July 28th

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.



Dylan Burkett ~ North Penn High School

Attending Arcadia University studying Creative Writing and Digital Art,
studying abroad in London in the Spring.

Robert Heath ~ North Montco Technical Career Center Mechatronics / North Penn HS
Attending Pennsylvania College of Technology studying Mechatronics.

Benjamin Hoyer ~ Penn State University,
Corporate Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Currently employed as Assistant Manager of TCO Flyshop in State College, PA.

Douglas Hoyer ~ Wissahickon High School
Attending Penn State University

Eric Shaw ~ Penn State University,
BS Information Science and Technology

Matthew Shaw ~ Penn State University,
BS Materials Science and Engineering

Christopher Wolgast ~ Gwynedd Mercy University,
BS Early Education & Special Education



We've Lost a Friend

Barb McDermott passed away on June 18th.
The service will be Friday, July 1, 11am at Grace
Mennonite Church, 630 York Avenue, Lansdale.
Calling hour is 10am.

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Stephanie Petch
21 Brookside Dr., Apt D
Lansdale, PA 19446

Diane and Clark Van Hekken
5998 Andrew Way Dr.
Rockford, MI 49341



For more information on purchasing cemetery plots for urns in the new burial garden, as well as regular burial plots, contact Bob in the church office to discuss your options.



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.



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 bethelhill@verizon.net 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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Linda Dennison Janet Vasey
Janet Kopistansky Jay Vasey

Upcoming Bugle Schedule

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

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship Services: 9:00 | 10:00*

*10:00 service also available on
Facebook Live



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion Offering: July 3rd VBS Mission					1 <i>Canada Day</i>	2
3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	7	8	9 9:00am Women's Breakfast
10	11	12	13 7:00pm Missions Mtg	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 12:30pm Lunch Bunch 6:00pm VBS	21	22	23
24	25 7:30pm Lay Speaker Meeting	26	27 7:00pm Christian Educ. Mtg	28 2-7pm Blood Drive	29	30 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast
SAW Mission Trip to Kentucky						
31 SAW Mission Trip						Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Potluck Canned Foodoup

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	1 6:45pm Evangelism Comm Mtg	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	<div>BUGLE DEADLINE</div> 6:15pm Stewardship 7:00pm Finance Committee	11	12	13 9:00am Women's Breakfast
14	15 7:00pm SPRC Mtg	16	17 12:30pm Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Church Council	18	19	20
21	22 7:30pm Lay Speaker Meeting	23	24 12:30pm Bugle Mailing	25	26	27 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast
28	29	30	31			
Communion Offering: August 7th Trustees				Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith		Potluck
				Canned Foods		



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ken Black, Jim Wrigley
- 2 John Matus
- 5 Matthew Straubel
- 10 David Beagle
- 11 Lily Brown
- 12 Anthony Hall
- 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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Joe & Donna Dickson ('96)
- 8 Michael & Judy Cunningham ('78)
- Christine & Zach Trimble ('06)
- 9 Mike & Janet Kopistansky ('83)
- 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)
- Steve & Lisa Hoyer ('95)
- 28 Wayne & Sherrill Acker ('77)

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