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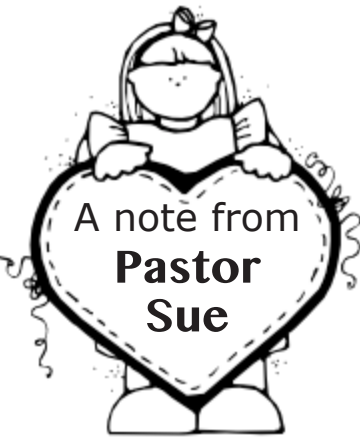


November 3rd

LIGHT

Without giving away our Christmas Eve message, I wanted to talk a little about light. The gospel writer John uses the imagery of light often as he speaks and teaches about Jesus. Of course, John contrasts the light with darkness. Darkness is associated with sin, this human world, and our former selves before we met Jesus.

When Jesus, who calls himself *The Light of the World* came into our humanity, he



overcame our darkness!

In this fall season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us remember to always give thanks to God for his many blessings and also for the Light of God's Son. Let us look forward to the season of Advent, the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, with anticipation and hope. Let us celebrate The Light being born on Christmas.

Let us also remember that Jesus calls each one of us to be light! So, for the rest of 2024, let's be intentional about looking for places to shine the light of Jesus, to let our light shine. That light may take on a variety of forms. It may be a note of encouragement. It may be a prayer with someone who is hurting. It may be providing food for someone in need. It may be a hug. It may be just sitting with a friend. So many possibilities to be Jesus to someone else. Let your light shine!

*A very Happy Thanksgiving to you & yours.
May your family be blessed at Christmas and may you know the joy of the birth of Jesus deep down in your soul.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Pastor Sue & Gerry*

Worship Schedule Reminder

**Fall Schedule: worship 9am & 10:30am* | Adult Sunday School: 9am
One Service ONLY December 29th - 10:30am*
* services live-streamed on Facebook**

Worship Notes for November & December – (topics are subject to change)

November 3 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost, **All Saints Sunday, Holy Communion**
Psalm 89:15 & 1 Corinthians 11:26 – *SALT – Acclaiming Jesus*

November 10 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost,
Matthew 22:37-39 – *SALT – Loving Our Neighbors*

November 17 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost
SALT – Teaching the Word; Guest Speaker: Missionary Christi Whitekettle

November 24 – **Christ the King Sunday**
Psalm 121:1-8 – *Gift Exchange: Despair for Hope*

Wednesday, November 28 – **Thanksgiving Eve, Holy Communion**
Matthew 6:25-33 – *Seek Ye First*

December 1 – 1st Sunday of Advent, **Holy Communion**
9:00: John 14:27 – *Gift Exchange: Anxiety for Peace*
10:30: **Hanging of the Greens**

December 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent, 1 Kings 8:62-66 – *Gift Exchange: Fear for Love*

December 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent, 1 John 4:7-19 – *Gift Exchange: Fear for Love*

December 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent, **Cantata at both services!**

December 24 – **Christmas Eve**

6:00 – Children & Family Service with Candlelight
The Pine Tree Parable by Liz Curtis Higgs

8:00 – Choir & Candlelight, Isaiah 9:2-7 – *Darkness for Light*

December 29 – 1st Sunday after Christmas Day – **ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:30**
Jeremiah 19:11 – *Gift Exchange: Meaninglessness for Purpose*

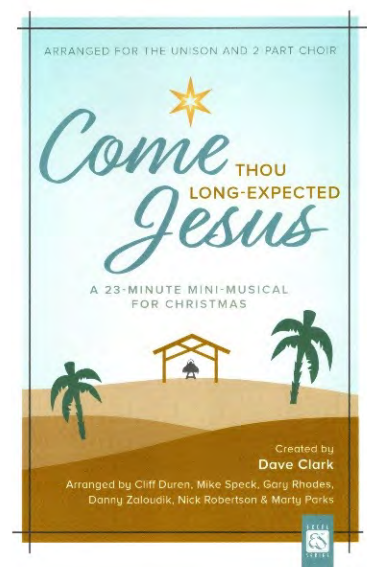


Monday, December 23rd, 7pm

Christmas can be a difficult time for some. Perhaps missing a loved one who has passed away, the anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, or the pain of isolation. All these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the Advent season. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern and know that we are not alone. GOD IS WITH US! Please join us in the sharing of prayers, scripture readings and music that acknowledges God's presence offering comfort to those who mourn and to those who struggle. For God's Word comes to shine light into the darkness.

2024 Christmas Cantata

December 22nd at both services:
9:00 & 10:30. It's not too late to
join the choir & sing with us!
Contact Cheri Brown for a schedule.





The children of Bethel Hill need you! As of now there is no Children's Sunday school because there are no volunteers to lead the classes. Please consider stepping up to help. You can either call the church office or email Sondra Haley at Sonhaley@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM THE



BOARD of TRUSTEES

The Trustees will be having a Fall Clean-up after all or at least most of the leaves have fallen from the trees. We expect that to be sometime in early December. We will give as much notice as we can through the weekly announcements and everyone is invited to join.

Thanks,

NEWS FROM THE



Generosity Team

The Generosity Team (formerly Stewardship) would like to thank all those who have already contributed to the Church's new Endowment Fund. Your generosity has allowed us to reach our initial goal to open the account! This is not to divert from your standard donations nor take away from other special missions to which you may want to donate such as hurricane relief. Rather this is a way to reflect on how you can contribute, not just monetarily, but through actions that honor the values of those who came before us, helping ensure stability and longevity of our children, our neighbors, and our faith.

Thank you,

Paul Doll, Generosity Team Chair

Members of the ***Evangelism team***, along with two additional volunteers gathered at Bethel Hill for a Drive-Thru Prayer event that took place in the church parking lot. The weather was beautiful, with several cars pulling in for prayer. In addition, there were many beeps, waves, and smiles from drivers passing by. Evangelism hopes to continue with this new activity. Dates will be forthcoming.



A CHURCH ON A MISSION

Missions Events – contact church office for details
 November 12, 5:30-7:30pm ~ **Mitzvah Circle** volunteer
Dine to Donate benefitting Help Build Hope
 November 19 ~ Iron Hill Brewing/North Wales 4-8pm
 December 17 ~ Panera /East Norriton 4-8pm

The Mission's team is selling Giant gift cards and Wawa shortie coupons 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. Wawa shortie hoagie coupons are available for \$5 each.



Manna on Main Street

Upcoming collections are:

November – Vegetables | December – Peanut Butter

Please leave in the basket in the narthex.
 Thank you to Ken & Joy Black for continuing to deliver the collections.

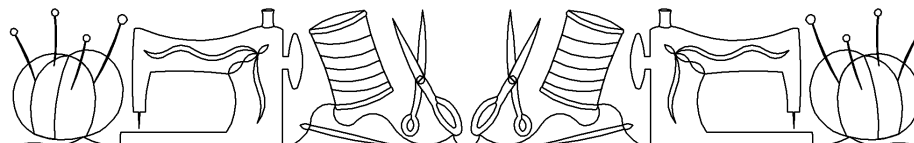


Thank you for your support of our communion offerings collected on the first Sunday of each month. These offerings, above any amount pledged, allow members a chance to contribute to a cause they may feel called to help.

November – Local Missions **December** – Love Fund

Sewers Still Wanted!

The opportunity to sew dresses for girls in danger in other countries is still here. If you attend church you will see some dress packets hanging from a clothes line in the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself and enjoy sewing a dress! There are many packets available that are not hanging yet so please ask for one. If you want one delivered to you please ask and I will be happy to bring a selection. Happy sewing! ~Joy Black



We have many mission opportunities this coming holiday season. Pick one, pick them all, anything you can contribute is appreciated.

Harvest Home Collection

Our church is proud to once again collect for our community food bank, Manna on Main Street, during this holiday season to try and fill their quickly emptying shelves. Nonperishables always welcome but also consider things like detergent, shampoo, and paper goods. Please fill any boxes or bags and bring to church by Sunday, November 24th for distribution.



Methodist Services Christmas Angels are coming!

Keep a look out for the angels at the back of the sanctuary and take one (or more!) to purchase a gift for the many families supported by this local organization. Gifts will be due back by Sunday, December 8th. We also have the opportunity this year to help them set up the gifts on the morning of Monday, December 9th. If you would like to join Paul Doll to help please let him know (267-421-2595 or pfdoll@verizon.net)

Glad Tidings Christmas Shop

The Glad Tidings Christmas Shop will be happening again this year at Haws Avenue UMC on Saturday, December 7th. We will be "pricing" gifts on Friday, December 6th at 10am in the old Sunday School Room at Bethel Hill UMC. Then we will load the gifts for transport to Haws Avenue. Saturday morning, we will need help at Haws Avenue UMC to unload and organize the gifts. Also, the sale itself runs from 10:00-11:30. Helpers are needed at that time as well. If you can help, contact Pastor Sue. Thank you for your generosity in donating to this cause!



Upcoming Events



Bethel Hill UMC Charge Conference, our annual church meeting, will be held Saturday, November 2nd, 9am at Sanctuary UMC, 1346 E. Prospect Ave., North Wales, PA. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!

**Dine & Donates
to benefit Help Build Hope**

IRON HILL

BREWERY & RESTAURANT

Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 4-8pm

1460 Bethlehem Pike
North Wales



Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 4-8pm

101 W. Germantown Pike,
Norristown

Upcoming Blood Drives

Mark your calendar and schedule your appointments now online at www.redcrossblood.org call 800-REDCROSS, or contact Brenda Doll.

December 12

2025 Dates:

Feb. 13, Apr. 10, June 12,

Aug. 14, Oct. 9, Dec. 11



All blood types are needed.

Schedule your
blood donation
appointment today.



UM MEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the last Saturday,
8am in Hayes Hall

Nov 30th ~ open to everyone in the church and we will decorate the church after breakfast for Christmas.

All men are invited.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the 2nd Saturday,
9am in Hayes Hall.

Nov 9th & Dec 14th

Bring a dish to share. All women are invited.

LUNCH BUNCH

Nov 20th & Dec 18th

12:30 in Hayes Hall



Missions include,

- 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

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Bonnie & Tom Hurd
 4218 Brittany Pointe Estates
 Lansdale, PA 19446

Remember a loved one with a Christmas Poinsettia Plant



THE COST IS \$15 PER PLANT

To order a Poinsettia plant for the Advent Season, please complete the form below, include a check made to Bethel Hill UMC and give to Joy Black; place it in the "Cross" box in the Narthex; or return it to the church office. The plants should be picked up following the Christmas Eve services.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS:

If you will be unable to pick up your poinsettia please consider giving a gift to Missions in lieu of receiving a Poinsettia plant.

YOUR NAME: _____

Phone: _____

of plants _____ @ \$15 and/or

of spiritual bouquets _____ @ \$15 = TOTAL \$ _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

FINAL DATE FOR ORDERS: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th.

Ways you can SERVE

TELLERS needed.

We are looking for people willing to serve as Tellers. Tellers count the weekly offerings after the second service, which generally takes around 30 minutes. You will serve as part of a team. Training is available.

LITURGISTS needed!

Every Sunday a liturgist assists the pastor in leading worship. All readings and prayers are supplied to the liturgist by email, so this job is well-coordinated and easy! You can choose which service you serve. We utilize a rotating schedule to assign Sundays and the liturgist has the option to switch with someone if they are not available for a certain week.

BONUS: you have the best seat in the sanctuary!

Contact the church office (610-584-5936 or bethelhill@verizon.net) for more information about either of these opportunities to serve.

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.

Altar Flowers

Upcoming Bugle Schedule

Publication Date	Submission Deadline
January 1	December 10
March 1	February 10
May 1	April 10

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
Elaine Hegh	Ray Vasey
Alan Powell	Bob Whiteside

EVERY SUNDAY+

Worship Services: 9:00 | 10:30*
Adult Sunday School: 9:00

*10:30 service also available on
Facebook Live

+One service only 9/1 at 10am

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November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3</p>  <p><i>Fall back</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Election Day</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00pm Worship Mtg</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Women's Breakfast</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Veterans Display in Narthex</p>	<p>11</p> <p>VETERANS DAY</p> <p>11:00am Mission Link Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Trustees Mtg</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:00pm Mitzvah Circle Volunteering</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00pm Missions Mtg</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>Dine & Donate Iron Hill</p> </div>	<p>20</p> <p>12:30pm Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00pm Chime Choir Practice</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service</p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00am UM Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>Communion Offering: November 3rd Local Missions</p>		<p>Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Canned Vegetables</p>				

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December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:30am Hanging of the Greens	2 6:45pm Evangelism Comm Mtg	3	4	5 7:00pm Chime Choir Practice	6	7
8	9	10 BUGLE DEADLINE	11 6:30pm Generosity Team 7:15pm Finance Committee	12 2-7pm Blood Drive 7:00pm Adult Choir	13	14 9:00am Women's Breakfast
15	16	17 Dine & Donate Panera, East Norriton	18 12:30pm Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Church Council	19 7:00pm Adult Choir	20	21
22 9 & 10:30am Cantata	23 1:30pm Bugle Mailing 7:00pm Blue Christmas Service	24 Christmas Eve 6pm Family Service 8pm Candlelight	25 	26	27	28 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast
29 10:30am One Service ONLY	30	31	Communion Offering: December 1st Love Fund			
						
				Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Peanut Butter		



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tallie Smink
- 2 Michael Bealer
- 3 Liam Hurley, Vincenzo Perrone,
Matthew Shaw, Eric Shaw
- 4 Kaylee Shellenberger, Clint Kreitz
- 6 Nancy Powell, Daniel Ingram
- 7 Ruth Bosler, Jon Kirkbride,
Tiffany Semitekol
- 9 Benjamin Gabel
- 13 John Bhajjan, Lindy Fischer
- 16 Brian Shaw
- 18 Camryn Perkins, Jordyn Perkins
- 20 Elizabeth Angelo, John Haley IV,
Lois Wild, Chris Wright
- 22 Les Brown, Matt Strohl
- 23 Alice Loper
- 24 Katie Schwanholt
- 25 Sam Tooley, Vincent Woodson
- 26 Carol Deptula, Kelli Durling,
Sandra Martinez, Hannah Perkins
- 27 Lisa Hoyer
- 28 Marie Dickson
- 29 Gladys Bittner

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Dan & Pam Culp ('84)
- 9 Jim & Gail Wilkie ('74)
- 11 John & Jeanne Napier ('72)
- 27 Jim and Ruth Bosler ('92)
- 30 Tony & Debra Hall ('90)

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Dan Delaney, Christopher Wolgast
- 5 Karen Ross, Mark Straubel
- 6 Morgen Brown, Tyler Murray
- 7 Kayleigh Gloviak
- 8 Anthony Woodson
- 9 Elaine Smith
- 10 Ashley Gabel, Evelyn Whiteside
- 12 Dotti Asbert, Phillip Wright
- 13 Max Stadler
- 16 Paul Doll, Bob Yale
- 19 Pastor Sue Ketterer
- 20 Julie Chittick
- 21 Barbara Melnyk, Cheryl Tigh
- 23 Dylan Burkett
- 27 Madeline Brown
- 29 Paul Fischer
- 30 Kent Conway
- 31 Cole Stadler, Breanna Lister

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Wendy & Michael Henderson ('96)
- 12 Tom & Bonnie Hurd ('87)
- 29 Stan & Sandy Dahl ('67)
- 31 Bob & Eileen Gillmer ('99)

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