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MARCH 9th

FLY, EAGLES, FLY!

Isaiah 40:31b: *They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, and they will walk and not be faint.*



I am writing this the day after the Philadelphia Eagles defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 40-22 at the 59th Super Bowl. And though it was way past my bedtime, I did stay up to watch the entire game, because, you know how fast a game can change!!

I watched a couple of brief post-game interviews, and I was struck by two in particular. Both head coach Nick Sirianni and quarterback Jalen Hurts mentioned thanking God and being blessed by God in their opening sentences. And then they both went on to say how important the entire team was and how important the team working together is.

I thought to myself – what a great metaphor for the church! Especially for us here at Bethel Hill UMC. We should always thank God first. And we should then realize the importance of working together. We are the body of Christ, and we are working together toward bringing more souls into the kingdom of God. We are working together toward serving God, acclaiming Jesus, loving our neighbors, and teaching the Word (our mission statement, SALT). We are working together to collect bedding and blankets for the Code Blue shelter at Haws Avenue UMC. We are working together as we come in to worship each Sunday (or view online). We will be working together in early April (4th-6th) as we construct the walls for another duplex for Habitat for Humanity in Reading, PA.

And then, I got a little convicted. I wondered if I were being interviewed on TV, would I thank God first? Would I even remember to include God in the conversation? Would you? Oh God, forgive our lack of boldness when it comes to sharing our faith!

So, congrats to the Philadelphia Eagles, and thank you for the bold witness of people in the national spotlight that draws peoples' attention to God! And may we all take a page from their playbook!!

Pastor Sue

Worship Schedule Reminder

Current Schedule: worship 9am & 10:30am* | Adult Sunday School: 9am
*** services live-streamed on Facebook**

Worship Notes for March & April – (topics are subject to change)

March 2– **Transfiguration Sunday, Holy Communion, Contemporary**

Exodus 34:29-35 & Luke 9:28-36 – *Cover Your Eyes*

Ash Wednesday, March 5

Ash n Dash at Bethel Hill UMC parking lot – 7:00-9:00am

Soup Supper & Worship at Wentz's UCC – 6pm supper; 7pm worship

March 9 – 1st Sunday in Lent

2 Corinthians 4:5-11 – *Drink from the Fountain of Grace: The Broken Cup*

Wed, March 12 – **Community Lenten Worship** at Bethel Hill UMC at 7pm

March 16 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

John 4:7-29, 39 – *Drink from the Fountain of Grace: The Cup of Living Water*

Wed, March 19 – **Community Lenten Worship** at Olivet Schwenkfelder UCC at 7pm

March 23 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Psalms 16 – *Drink from the Fountain of Grace: The Cup You Choose*

Wed, March 26 – **Community Lenten Worship** at Trinity Episcopal Church at 7pm

March 30 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Matthew 20:20-28 – *Drink from the Fountain of Grace: The Cup of Discipleship*

Wed, April 2 – **Community Lenten Worship** at St. John Lutheran Church at 7pm

April 6 – 5th Sunday in Lent,

****HELP BUILD HOPE DEDICATION ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10am**

Wed, April 9 - **Community Lenten Worship** at Trinity Christian UCC at 7pm

April 13 – **Palm Sunday**

Psalms 23 – *Drink from the Fountain of Grace: The Overflowing Cup*

Thursday, April 17 – **Maundy Thursday Worship** at 7pm with Communion

Matthew 26:20-29 - *Drink from the Fountain of Grace:*

The Cup of the New Covenant

Friday, April 28, noon – **Good Friday Worship ~ The Seven Last Words of Christ**

April 20 - **Easter Sunday**

8:00 a.m. – Early morning worship

9:00 a.m. – Easter Breakfast in Hayes Hall

10:30 a.m. – Worship

John 20:1-18 - *Drink from the Fountain of Grace: The Cup That Never Runs Dry*

April 27 – 2nd Sunday of Easter, **Holy Communion**

John 20:19-31– What's With Thomas?

Lenten 2025 Bible Study

Tuesday nights at 7pm on ZOOM.

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15.

Books will be \$15.00.

Deadline to register with Pastor Sue:

Sunday, March 2nd





Our tale begins in the summer of 2024. Jeff Varner (our 10:30 organist) noticed an issue with the organ stops. Grafton (our organ company) came out to service the instrument. It was discovered that mice had destroyed the felt on the majority of our 40 organ stops. The felt allows the stops to silently open and close. A rough estimate of at least \$4,000.00 was given to replace the felts. Grafton could do the work, but no longer carry that brand and might have difficulty finding replacement parts. Should further damage come to light, the repairs would cost significantly more. At that time (and still today), the organ still works, though some stops are no longer usable because of the missing felt.

A big thank you to Jeff who did a lot of research and attended several Church Council meetings to give us updates. Jeff also consulted Cunningham Piano Company. Neither company wants to repair the organ because of its age (almost 40 years), its outdated technology, and the difficulty in finding parts.

Because Grafton no longer deals in Allen organs, and because of unfamiliarity and less life expectancy with their new brand, Jeff got a few bids from Cunningham. One bid included a gently used 3 manual Allen organ (it has been at our Annual Conference) for \$50,000, which is considerably less than a comparable instrument brand new. It would still be guaranteed and has a life expectancy of around 38 years. Installation would involve new speakers (with the

holes being opened by Bethel Hill volunteers or by a contractor we hire) and would probably take a week or so. This new organ is so constructed as to be mouse-proof!

Late in 2024, the Church Council approved a deposit on this instrument. This holds the organ for Bethel Hill for one year. The Finance Team will be recommending to Church Council to move forward with the purchase of this organ. Both Hannah (our 9:00 organist) and Jeff have given this organ a trial run and approve. Training is included in the cost, so they get familiar with all the new bells and whistles.

You know how vital the organ is to our worship services. You hear it playing as you enter and leave the sanctuary. It provides accompaniment to our hymn singing. It provides a meditative background during offering and Holy Communion. It announces a bride and groom as they are married. It plays Alleluia as babies are baptized. The organ is a blessed part of our corporate worship, and we bless God with the sounds it makes. How can you help? You can make a donation to this "organ project" in many ways. You can write a check to Bethel Hill UMC with organ in the memo line. You can add a gift through your electronic giving. You can write an amount in on your offering envelope. And so, our tale ends with you! If you enjoy hearing the organ when you come to church, make a donation! And thank God for the sound of music in the sanctuary!





Come to Bethel Hill's parking lot on Ash Wednesday morning, March 5th from 7:00 to 9:30am Drive through to receive your ashes and a short prayer before you start your day – before you go to work, before you do your errands, before the day gets away from you. Be reminded that God created you from the dust of the earth, and he loves you! THEN, plan on attending the Lenten Community Soup Supper



at Wentz UCC at 6:00pm for soup and stay for the worship service after. As we start Lent, use this time to contemplate your life, to repent of your wrongdoings, to get closer to God!

EZ View Community Lenten Worship Schedule

****Note:** March 12th is our night to host. We need bakers and snack providers and set-up/clean-up helpers. Contact the church office to help.

Date	Church
March 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday 6:00PM soup dinner 7:00PM worship	Wentz's UCC 3246 Skippack Pike, Lansdale
March 12, 2025 7:00PM worship Fellowship follows	Bethel Hill UMC 2000 Bethel Road, Lansdale
March 19, 2025 7:00PM worship Fellowship follows	Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC 619 Township Line Road, Norristown
March 26, 2025 7:00PM worship Fellowship follows	Trinity Episcopal Church 750 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell
April 2, 2025 7:00PM worship Fellowship follows	St. John ELCA 1802 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell
April 9, 2025 7:00PM worship Fellowship follows	Trinity Christian UCC 2009 Church Rd, Skippack

Help Build Hope 2025

The first weekend in April is drawing near. This year we will be planting/building the seeds for our 7th & 8th home with Help Build Hope. The time spent in fellowship in our parking lot will provide two families with the seeds of encouragement to strengthen their families, their faith and their community.

It's an opportunity to share this experience with friends, family and neighbors, that they might share faith experiences at Bethel Hill or a church of their choosing.

If you have done this before you can do it again. If you have never done it and question how you could fit in, many tasks and opportunities exist that do not require you to swing a hammer. Registration, passing out wall plans and directions , moving materials, feeding the multitudes, or bandaging a blister. You will find Christianity existing outside the pews, right here in our parking lot.

Please come and help put the Love of Jesus Christ into the walls of homes #7 & #8. Plant a mustard seed of faith!

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20th – Christ is risen – He is risen indeed!!!

Early worship service at 8:00am ~ Late worship service at 10:30am

Breakfast in Hayes Hall at 9:00am – Please register with the church office by Palm Sunday so we can get a count: 610-584-5936 or bethelhill@verizon.net



**Sunday, March 23rd
5-7pm**

Benefits Help Build Hope

Adults are \$10;

12 & under are \$5.

Ticket sales after church
during March.

Bakers needed for desserts.

UM MEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the last Saturday,
8am in Hayes Hall

March 29th & April 26th

All men are invited.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

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

March 8th & April 12th

Bring a dish to share.

All women are invited.

LUNCH BUNCH

March 19th & April 16th

12:30 in Hayes Hall

Bring a bag lunch for fun and
fellowship; beverages and des-
sert provided.

South-East Region Tools for Ministry

Saturday, March 8th at Eastern University

Join us in this wonderful opportunity, a transform-
ative training event for both laity and clergy, fea-
turing workshops designed to spark fresh ideas,
expand ministry beyond church walls, and prepare
you for impactful leadership. Schedule and regis-
tration details can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/ToolsforMinistry2025>

Upcoming Blood Drives

Mark your calendar and schedule your
appointments now online at

www.redcrossblood.org

call 800-REDCROSS, or
contact Brenda Doll.

2025 Dates:

April 10, June 12,

August 14, October 9, December 11

MESSAGE FROM THE



BOARD of TRUSTEES

The Trustees will be having a spring all-church clean-
up day in April. Keep an eye on your email and the
Bugle Lite for the date once it's confirmed. Help will
be needed to spruce up the campus for the coming
warm weather.



Faith Night at the Lehigh Valley Phantoms

Sunday, March 16th, game time is 3:05pm

The Phantoms are playing the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins at the
PPL Center in Allentown. The group will head to the Copperhead Grille
for lunch before the game. Open to all ages! Contact the church office
for details and tickets.



Saturday, May 31th
Chicken Bar-b-que &
Flea Market

Tuesday & Wednesday,
July 8th & 9th

Two-night VBS Extravaganza!!



In-Person Toastmasters

There is an In-Person Toastmasters meeting in our Sunday School Building this year!

Meetings are open to the public
and guests are welcome.

Reserve the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month to
improve your communications skills!

RSVP under *Contact Us* on the club homepage:
<https://ipt.toastmastersclubs.org/>



Remember a loved one with *Easter Lilies*

THE COST IS \$11.00 PER PLANT

To order an Easter Lily plant for Easter morning, please complete the form below, include a check made to Bethel Hill UMC and give to Joy Black; or place it in the "Cross" box in the Narthex; or return it to the church office. The plants may be picked up following the 10:30 AM Worship Service on Easter morning OR check box:

SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS: I would like to give a gift to Missions in lieu of an Easter Lily.

YOUR NAME: _____

Phone: _____

of plants _____ @ \$11.00 = TOTAL \$ _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

FINAL DATE FOR ORDERS: MONDAY, March 17

A CHURCH ON A MISSION

Manna on Main Street

Upcoming collections are:

March – Canned meat & tuna

April – Canned vegetables

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.

March – Hospitality

- **April – Women’s Ministry**



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

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.



2025 Multi-Church Servants At Work mission will be held April 4,5,6 2025

We will build a duplex house frame in the parking lot of Bethel Hill. Yes, you read that right! A HOUSE! In the church parking lot! **HELP BUILD HOPE** is an organization that will coordinate along with our SAW team leaders to provide training, tools, and transportation of a basic frame structure that will be delivered to a location in Reading PA where teams working through Habitat for Humanity Berks County will complete the building project for needy, deserving families.



- ✓ All lumber and supplies will be provided by our SAW team fund raisers, local donations and the generosity of members and friends of local congregations.
- ✓ Friday afternoon is “Cut, Mark & Carry Session”- approx. 2 hours **5:00 - 7:00 PM.**
- ✓ Saturday is “**Build Day**”- approx.. 7 hours – **8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
- ✓ Sunday is Consecration Service followed by “Disassemble and Load Up Day”- approximately 2 hours – Service **10:00 AM** – Write a message & Load up after.
- ✓ Saturday Breakfast and lunch will be provided, T-shirts are available for purchase.
- ✓ Families are encouraged to include children of any age on Saturday for the build day. All ages welcome. No building skills needed. There are many ways to assist.

All monetary donations may be made payable to **Bethel Hill UMC** with **SAW** in the memo line.

Sign up to help using the QR code below or thru our website www.bethelhill.org. Have questions? Contact the church office – 610-584-5936 or bethelhill@verizon.net





Beaty and I would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls, texts and prayers, during my recent cancer journey. Knowing that so many people cared and supported me was truly amazing and uplifting. Thanks also for the visits and the meals. The Bethel Hill family is the BEST. ~Ken Hoffman



**Methodist
SERVICES**

Kathrine J. Martin
President & Chief Executive Officer

December 17, 2024

Bethel Hill United Methodist Church
2000 Bethel Road
Lansdale, PA 19446-5920

Dear Bethel Hill United Methodist Church,

Your generous contribution to our 2024 Toy Drive helps ensure that Methodist Services will remain steadfast, fulfilling crucial basic needs that might otherwise be unmet.

Support from friends like you enables Methodist Services to continue our mission: to provide life enriching programs to children, adults and families as they face the challenges of limited resources, increased poverty, homelessness, disabilities and educational inequities.

We are not permitted to establish a value for your donation. Only you can do that. For tax purposes, please refer to IRS standards for In-Kind donations in order to place a value on your gift.

In the inspiring words of John Wesley, Founder of Methodism:
"All worldly joys are less than that one joy of doing kindnesses."

We are grateful that you continue to "do kindness" with us.

Sincerely,

Kathrine Martin

Kathrine Martin
President & CEO

How fortunate that Bethel Hill keeps Methodists children + families in your blessings! We are grateful for the care and generosity that congregants demonstrate as they select beautiful holiday gifts!

The above referenced amount as stated by the donor of \$0.00 is a gift from the donor for which no goods or services were received in exchange for this gift.

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!



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.



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

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.

Collating Crew:	Nancy Powell
Linda Dennison	Janet Vasey
Elaine Hegh	Ray Vasey
Alan Powell	Bob Whiteside

Upcoming Bugle Schedule



Publication Date	Submission Deadline
May 1	April 10
July 1	June 10
September 1	August 10

EVERY SUNDAY

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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Communion Offering: March 2nd Hospitality</p>						
2	3	4	5  6:00pm Community Lenten Service	6 7:00pm Adult Choir	7	8 9:00am Women's Breakfast
9 	10 1:00pm Mission Link Meeting 7:00pm Missions Mtg	11 7:00pm Lenten Bible Study	12 7:00pm Community Lenten Service	13 7:00pm Adult Choir	14	15
16 3:05pm Faith Night @ Phantoms Hockey	18 7:00pm Lenten Bible Study	19 12:30pm Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Community Lenten Service	20 7:00pm Adult Choir	21	22	23 5:00pm Spaghetti Dinner
24	25 7:00pm Lenten Bible Study	26 7:00pm Community Lenten Service	27 7:00pm Chime Choir Practice	28	29 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast	30
31	<p>Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Canned Meat & Tuna</p>					





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Communion Offering: April 6th Women's Ministry		7:00pm Lenten Bible Study	7:30pm Community Lenten Service	6:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Adult Choir	4 Help Build Hope	5
10:00am One Service Only - Help Build Hope Dedication	7:00pm Evangelism Comm Mtg	7:00pm Lenten Bible Study	7:30pm Community Lenten Service	2-7pm Blood Drive 7:00pm Adult Choir BUGLE DEADLINE	11	12 9:00am Women's Breakfast
 13	14	15	12:30pm Lunch Bunch	6:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	18 12:00pm Good Friday Worship	19
 Easter Sunday 7:30am Early Service 8:15am Breakfast 9:30 & 11 Worship	21	22	7:00pm Worship Meeting	6:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Chime Choir Practice	25	26 8:00am UM Men's Breakfast
27	28 1:30pm Bugle Mailing	29	30	Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Canned Vegetables		



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Frances Werkiser
- 2 Selaine Keaton
- 4 Phyllis Williams
- 6 Matt Wrigley
- 10 John Geers, Jennifer Lister,
Andrew Shaw
- 12 Trisha Griffin
- 16 Judy Austin, Jessica Yale
- 18 John Gabel, Sondra Haley
- 19 Dawn Anthony, Alena Doll
- 20 Iona Redguard, Rev. George Tigh
- 21 Sarah-Krista Curry
- 22 Michele O'Kane, Carol Shellenberger
- 24 Elaine Strohl, Lily Shaw
- 25 Logan Wrigley
- 27 Chris Delaney, George Geere,
Jeanne Napier
- 28 Michael Henderson Sr.
- 29 Mae Beagle
- 30 Mary Ellen Mossbarger, Barry Shaw,
Bruce Shaw

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Carolyn Unger
- 6 Paige Frederick, Ainsley Gilbert,
- 8 Andy Pellegrino, Emma Shellenberger,
- 9 Kimberly Perkins, Heather Smink
- 12 Keith Kreitz, Rylee Closs
- 13 Shirley Ehly, Christine Trimble
- 14 Alabama Curren
- 18 Jim Wilkie Sr.
- 21 Charlene Bonekemper
- 22 Jack Pellegrino
- 23 April Wright
- 27 Colleen Wosiak
- 29 Giavana Perrone
- 30 Rene Tetro



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Bob & Bonnie Yale ('87)
- 22 John & Sondra Haley ('97)
- 27 Rupert & Iona Redguard ('62)
- 30 Barbara and Michael Melnyk ('84)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Kim & Debbie Zimmerman ('84)
- 19 Frances & Jeff Werkiser ('86)
- 24 Bob & Mercedes Tresca
- 27 Brenda & Paul Doll ('96)

Check out Bethel Hill's webpage at www.BethelHill.org



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