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A note from Pastor Sue

DON'T CALL ME STUPID!

This quote came across my Facebook feed one day:

"When God put a calling on your life, He already factored in your stupidity."

HA! This made me laugh out loud! And then I thought about it. How many times have I jumped to conclusions, said something nasty, had a judgmental thought, or made a glaring error? Lots of times. And how many times have I called myself stupid, crazy, impatient, or a brat? Lots

of times.

And then Psalm 139 came to mind:

- ¹ You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

God knows ALL about us and calls us to do his work ANYWAY! At Weight Watchers we often talk about positive self-talk. Why are we so quick to tear ourselves down, or give up on ourselves? God is a god of second and third and fourth chances. When we realize we've done or said something wrong, we ask forgiveness, Jesus nailed that mistake to the cross, we are forgiven, and we start over.

What a blessing that God loves us so much! And he doesn't call us stupid! Bask in God's love. Next time you have a negative thought about yourself, remember you are created in the image of God, which is love, light, and hope. Let's strive to live in that love, light, and hope as we begin 2025. Happy New Year!

Pastor Sue

Worship Schedule Reminder

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

Worship Notes for January & February – (topics are subject to change)

January 5 - Epiphany Sunday, Holy Communion

Lay Preacher John Gannon

January 12 – Baptism of the Lord

Luke 3:15-17, 221-22 - The Perfect Baptism

January 19 – 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

John 2:1-11 – Wedding Water

January 26 – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 4:14-21 - Spirit Power

February 2 – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany, *Holy Communion*

1 Corinthians 13 – What's Love God to Do With It?

February 9 – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 5:1-11 – A Big Fish Story

February 16 – 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 6:17-26 - True Happiness

February 23 - 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 6:27-38 – *Jesus' Opposites*





Lenten Services Ash Wednesday Community Soup Supper & Worship Service

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025, location TBA.

Community Lenten Services

Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9, locations to be determined.

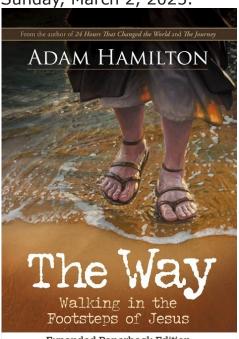
HELP BUILD HOPE

April 4, 5, & 6.

Friday night for skilled-labor cutting and sorting. Saturday for the hammering and constructing. Sunday for the dedication service and loading walls. Put aside this weekend to assemble our 5th Habitat for Humanity Build through Crossroads Missions.

Lent 2025 Bible Study

Tuesday nights at 7pm on ZOOM. March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2025. Books will be \$15.00. Deadline to register with Pastor Sue: Sunday, March 2, 2025.



Expanded Paperback Edition

Are you looking to make a commitment to read and study the Bible in 2025? Consider joining this 22 week study titled Disciple. We will work through both the Old and the New Testaments in this time. You will have about 15-20 minutes of reading to do each day and a 90 minute weekly meeting on Thursdays at 7pm on ZOOM to dig in more and consider the scriptural application to our daily lives. The group will be led by Rev. Karen Bartkowski from Conshohocken UMC and Rev. Tawny Bernhardt from Christ UMC in Lansdale. All local UMCs are being invited. Everyone is welcome! No prior Bible study experience is necessary! If you have ANY questions, please ask! This is an exciting adventure! The \$30 registration fee covers the cost of the study guide.

To register, visit https://forms.gle/pgZ792Le6yuapuRz9



The Trustees would like to thank everyone who helped with our fall cleanup in December, including those who weren't available that Saturday morning but came earlier in the week to help with some of the tasks: Jim Angelo, Les Brown, Dan Delaney, Brenda & Paul Doll, Paul Fisher, Beatty & Ken Hoffman, Gerry Ketterer, Jack Paugh, Alan Silfies, Ray Vasey, and Jim Wilkie.

Cemetery and columbarium space still available for members to purchase.
Contact Bob in the church office to set up an appointment to discuss purchase.

Four Seasons of Bethel Hill

Sets of the limited edition prints of the Four Seasons of Bethel Hill, sketched by our own resident artist, the late Keith Robson are still available. Framed prints are on display in the narthex, and the images of the prints are pictured below. A set of four unframed prints is available for \$100. Contact Bob in the office if you'd like to purchase a set.











Manna on Main Street

Upcoming collections are:

January – Soup February – Canned Fruit

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, al-

low members a chance to contribute to a cause they may feel called to help.

January – Hospitality

Feburary - Missions-Souper Bowl



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.





UM MEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly on the last Saturday, 8am in Hayes Hall January 25th & February 22nd All men are invited.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

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

January 11th & February 8th
Bring a dish to share. All women are invited.

LUNCH BUNCH January 15th & February 19th 12:30 in Hayes Hall

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



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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

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:

February 13, April 10, June 12, August 14, October 9, December 11

The "Chili/Soup Sale" is Back!

Sunday, February 23th in Hayes Hall between and after worships services.

Last year, we had 19 different varieties of soup from 17 soup makers and everyone had lots of fun. If you need a recipe, the church office has a file folder full of them. We will provide the containers for use with the sale. We are looking for soup makers and soup buyers. Proceeds will go to this year's HELP BUILD HOPE project. For additional information, contact the church office.



A big THANK YOU to my Bethel Hill family for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, emails and expressions of support this past year during my two knee replacement surgeries and recoveries. Bethel Hill is the best!

—Nancy Powell

A big THANK YOU to all who contributed to our holiday missions. If you contributed in any way, we are so grateful. Your generosity is a blessing. We supported these missions: Harvest Home (Manna on Main Street), Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes, Glad Tidings Christmas Shop, Angel Tree Gifts. Well over a hundred individuals and families had a better holiday season thanks to your generosity.

Many thanks to the Bethel Hill dressmakers! 33 dresses were blessed and then packed and mailed with their eventual destination the Caribbean. There they will clothe needy girls through the OM Ship ministry. I am aware of and thank the following dressmakers for their well-made efforts. (Let me know if I have not included your name, please) Eva Beagle, Joyce Gannon, Pam Haynie, Sandy Marshall, and Janet Vasey. A non-member Carrie Burch also contributed. For more information on the ministry, see www.om.org/ships. ~Joy Black



DIRECTORY UPDATES:

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



Shirley Burkett passed away on November 8, 2024







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.

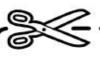
BONUS: you have the best seat in the sanctuary!

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.



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Upcoming Bugle Schedule

Publication	Submission
Date	Deadline
March 1	February 10
May 1	April 10
July 1	June 10



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Claudia Smith, Logan Gillmer
- 4 Zoë Curran
- 6 Wayne Acker
- 7 Katelynne Gilbert, Ed Wild, Nancy Sherlock-Robson, Jacob Helman
- Marsha Wolgast, Mason Hall
- 11 Margaret Buchanan, Amanda Gale, Logan Lister
- 12 Rich Durling, Bonnie Yale, Donna Hall
- 14 Karen Delaney, Matt Robinson
- 16 David Ingram, William Lo Greco
- 17 Chuck Mossbarger
- 18 Bob Berger
- 20 Betsy Novelli
- 22 Sally Helman, Ethan Haley
- 23 Prudence Silfies, Stephen Napier
- 24 Jim Barbiers, Steve Hoyer, Andrea Tyson 23 Grayson Keaton
- 25 Lois Coyne, Liz Nahrgang
- 26 Patrick Rissmiller
- 28 Merrilee Hurley
- 30 Eric Wright
- 31 Caydi Conway

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Jim and Andrea Barbiers ('74)
- 12 Albert and Heather Closs ('08)
- 19 Bob and Maureen Berger ('80)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Bonnie Hurd, John Smink, Michael Bucha
- Ed Buchanan, Mary White
- Brooke Frederick, Alex Tomlinson
- Holly Frederick, Tyler Nash, Kenneth Martinez
- Benjamin Hoyer
- 9 Ellie Beagle
- 10 Mary Watson, Tammy Rissmiller
- 11 Junelle Edgard, Michael Flatley, Nancy Flatley, Matthew Reimel
- 15 Eva Beagle, Christina Perrone
- 16 John Haley III, Tom Hurd, Daniel Perrone
- 17 Jillian Harris
- 18 Lex Matus
- 19 Scott Lockledge
- 20 Tracy Reimel, Ralph Salvina
- 24 Beth Gloviak, Jeremy Spittle, Jamie Yale
- 25 Kaitlyn Shaw
- 26 Grace Hurley
- 27 Theresa Cox, Eileen Gillmer
- 28 Zachary Strohl, Dean Ingram
- 29 Brianna Gaylets

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

18 Scott and Selaine Keaton ('96)

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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THURSDAY	2	6	7:00pm Adult Choir	16	7:00pm Adult Choir	23	7:00pm Chime Choir Practice	30	7:00pm Adult Choir
WEDNESDAY	Happy New Year	ω	7:00pm Missions Mtg	15	12:30pm Lunch Bunch	22		29	
TUESDAY	g: Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Soup	7	7:00pm Worship Mtg	14	·	21		28	
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FRIDAY	Don't Forget! Food for Interfaith Canned Fruit	2		.(Apply Offentives Day) :	21		28	
THURSDAY		9		13	2-7pm Blood Drive	7:00pm Adult Choir	20	7:00pm Chime Choir Practice	27	7:00pm Adult Choir
WEDNESDAY		2		12	6:30pm Generosity Team	7:15pm Finance Committee		Bunch 7:00pm Church Council	26	
TUESDAY		4		1			18		25	1:30pm Bugle Mailing
MONDAY	ering:	8	7:00pm Evangelism Comm Mtg	10	BUGLE DEADLINE		41	Day	24	
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