

THE CHURCH WINDOW



... letting out the light of Christ

Monthly Newsletter of the Bedford Presbyterian Church

FROM THE PASTOR **THE SEASON OF THE SPIRIT**

We are approaching the day of Pentecost, a joyous celebration recounting the arrival of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the formation of the church. We read the story of that particular Pentecost in the book of Acts. The familiar text paints us a picture of a small group of Jesus' disciples, gathered in an upper room after his death, resurrection, and recent ascension into heaven. The writer of Acts tells us that these disciples were "all together in one place." I love that description. It sparks my imagination about what the church could be when it lives into its identity and calling to further the "peace, unity, and purity" of its fellowship. The Holy Spirit comes to inspire that kind of imagination, and to equip the members of the church to obediently follow Christ's commission.

One of the first things this early, Spirit-filled church does is select a small group to serve vulnerable people, namely widows. Here is an example of adaptive leadership at work. The apostles are stretched thin as God is adding more and more disciples to the church; they cannot keep up with all the work and all the needs. Instead of turning away people, they select others to take up some of the work. This small group is tasked with serving, and this model serves as the foundation of our church's deacon ministry. Our deacons are carrying on a ministry and tradition that is over two thousand years old!

This instance shows me why it is important for the members of the church to work together to accomplish the tasks that the church is called to undertake. It also shows me that this cooperation is the design and gift of the Holy Spirit.

Churches are called upon to do a lot in the name of Jesus Christ, and our church is no exception. We strive to have vibrant ministries that reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ, meet their needs, and provide them with fellowship and nurture. And we engage in these ministries because we believe that is what Jesus is calling us to do – not because we want to be popular or spectacular.

In order to fulfill those ministries effectively and successfully, we need people to help plan, prepare, and lead. We need people who fit the description of those servants in Acts, people "of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom."

continued on page 2

"It sparks my imagination about what the church could be when it lives into its identity and calling to further the "peace, unity, and purity" of its fellowship. The Holy Spirit comes to inspire that kind of imagination, and to equip the members of the church to obediently follow Christ's commission."

Our church currently has several committees – Christian Education; Fellowship; Finance and Property; Generosity; Mission and Outreach; Personnel; and Worship and Music. Each of these committees is tasked with a different area that is important in helping keep our church growing and thriving. We also have a number of different groups that work to enhance worship and provide service, including our choir, Sunday school classes, and Shoebox Gang. There is a place for you on at least one of these committees or in one of these groups, and more importantly, there is a need for you. In this season of Pentecost, prayerfully consider where the Holy Spirit is asking you to serve. That way, if someone asks you if you would like to serve on one of our committees or in a ministry area, you will be ready to answer them with a resounding 'Yes!' Or feel free to volunteer your time and energy by letting me know where you feel called to serve. We all have a Spirit-given gift to share and role to play as we worship and minister together in this one place, our church.

In the Holy Spirit,
Pastor Jack

COMING UP IN WORSHIP

ACTIVE FAITH

Jesus calls his followers to be people of action. As many of us and our neighbors travel for vacations, family reunions, and sporting events we are reminded that no matter where we go or who we are with, we never stop being a disciple of Jesus.

DIS-POSSESSED

What really matters in life? Jesus helps us wrestle with this question as he interacts with people who clamor for his attention and counsel. While some people only hear words of deprivation in Jesus' teaching, his followers know that in those words are found freedom and life.

TOUGH TIMES

Faith is a gift that can be easy to access when things in our lives are going great. What about when the going gets tough? Jesus shows us how our faith becomes a solid foundation for us and a transformational gift for our communities when it is shared in the face of opposition and in times of waiting.

Our Mission

Bedford Presbyterian Church Will reach beyond complacency, nurture connections as a community of disciples, sow seeds of compassion within the community where we are planted, and grow together in the light of Christ.

Prayers & Concerns

SUE MARSHALL
AMANDA BAKER
CLAY LEYDIG
MARSHA SHARBAUGH
DOT BOLLMAN'S SON
MIKE SHIPPY
DEBORAH STAHLMAN
NIKKI GERVINSKI
DOTTIE'S COUSIN, KAREN
GRANT MINER
KEN NACE
KALEB MILLER
STAN HOWES
JEAN MCCUSKER
THE FAMILY OF TERRY MOXLEY
THE FAMILY OF MARY
BULLINGTON
LISA TURNER SCHMID
GARY & KAREN FEATHERS
BILL GRIFFITHS
ROD HORNER
NANCY CESSNA
JIM EDWARDS
CONNIE HUNT
FAYE LATSHAW
TINA HOWES
SHIRLEY HACKNEY
BLAIR TURNER
BOB SHIPPY
AUDREY VAN WYK
DOUG STUART

If you have updates or additions to the prayer list, please contact the office

Special Friends & Members

Please continue to keep these elderly or ailing friends in your prayers - and maybe send them a letter or note to say you're thinking of them!

Blair Turner - Hollidaysburg Veterans Home,
Arnold Hall Center 2, PO Box 319, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Shirley Hackney - Rm 102

Bob Shippy - Rm 122

Faye Latshaw - Rm 126A

Donahue Manor - 136 Donahue Manor Rd
Bedford, PA 15522

Anna Waltman - 120 Kittanning Care Drive, Room 123,
SW/Unit 2, Kittanning, PA 16201

Tina Howes - 260 Arandale Street, Bedford, PA 15522

Grace James - Pennknoll Village, Rm 508

208 Pennknoll Rd,
Everett, PA 15537

John Keiper - Westminster Woods, 160 Aspen Lane
Huntingdon, PA 16665

Connie Hunt - 277 Hoffman Ave, Windber, PA 15963

In My Father's House

H. Eugene Koontz

Born: December 17, 1929

Joined the Church: September 6, 1953

Entered the Church Triumphant: April 23, 2022

Gene was an active member of the church and served as an elder.

Terry Moxley

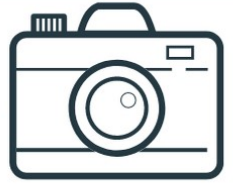
Born: October 5, 1952

Joined the Church: March 22, 1964

Entered the Church Triumphant: May 17, 2022

Terry was an active member of the church and served as a deacon and an elder.

FROM THE CAMERA ROLL



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY PREP & EVENT





THE YOUTH GROUP SHOWING OFF SOME FABULOUS FINDS!



LAUGHTER AFTER LOSS



DAUGHTER'S DAY BRUNCH



SUNDAY SCHOOL

BUILDING A TEMPLE TO WORSHIP GOD



LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION



KIT MAKING EVENT

Money raised to offset cost of kits: \$1457

We made:

- 20 disaster clean up kits to be distributed by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- 48 school supply kits
- 22 hygiene kits
- 15 infant care kits to be distributed by Mennonite Central Committee





Grad Spotlight



Mason Evans

Mason is the son of Matt and Tracy Evans, he is graduating from Bedford High School. He is planning on attending Allegheny College of Maryland in the fall to pursue a degree in Massage Therapy. Congratulations Mason!



Jaden Fuller

Jaden is the granddaughter of Mac and Sharon McNamara. Jaden recently graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a degree in natural science, mathematics & chemistry. She will be continuing her education in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Seton Hill University. Congratulations Jaden!



The Ulman Foundation envisions a world where no young adult faces cancer alone.

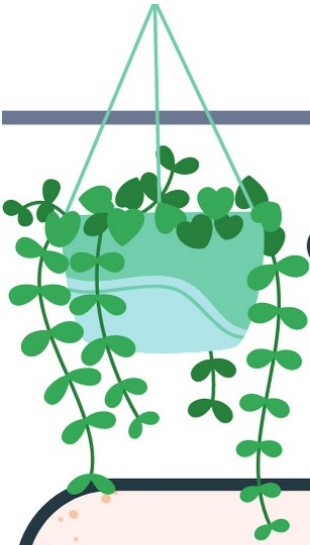
To find out more about how donations make an impact in the lives cancer patients and survivors visit ulmanfoundation.org. **We're currently collecting a special offering, if you'd like to give please mark your donation "Ulman Foundation"**

We will once again be hosting the Ulman 4k for Cancer cyclists on Tuesday, June 7 through Wednesday the 8th!

We need volunteers and donations as follows:

- Rides to and from the middle school beginning at 5 pm Tuesday
- Help with dinner Tuesday and potluck donations
- Breakfast food donations and help with breakfast Wednesday
- Prepackaged snack foods to send with the group Wednesday

Call the church office and let us know how you can help!



News & Announcements

The Church Window Weekly



Are you subscribed to our church email list?
If you'd like to be added, call or email the office!

Get Ready For a Howlin' Good Time!

TRINITY LUTHERAN & BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN

VBS

 June 12 - 15
6-8:15 pm

There is still time to volunteer! For more information or to register call the office!

friends | snacks | games | crafts | music | fun




OCC Shoebox Items for the Summer


***Small* stuffed animals, school supplies**

Laughter After Loss

Grief Support Group

June 28, July 27, & August 24
11:30 am at Springhouse.

For more information contact the church office.

Community Dinner

BPC Serve Date:
Tuesday, June 21
5 pm

See Barb Koontz or call the office to find out how to get involved!

PENTECOST

Special Offering, June 5



At Pentecost,
we celebrate that
God offers more
than we can plan.



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS
April 18 - June 5, 2022



GARDEN CLUB

Flower Show

August 2 & 3

10 am - 4 pm

BPC Social Room



Renewing hope Ministries

Motorcycle RIDE FOR HOPE

Saturday, July 2nd

For more information
contact Pastor Jonathan
Wyns | 814-617-1036

Organ Dedication Service

Sunday, September 25th

Mark your calendars, more info to
come!



Know a child who wants to
go to summer camp? Visit
Krislund.org or call the
office for more info!



Breezewood Trucker Traveler Ministry

A Yard Sale Fundraiser will
be held

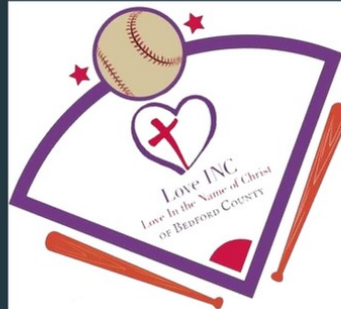
June 3: 8 am - 5 pm

June 4: 8 am - ?

5343 Forest Ave, Bedford
Come to shop, Come for Lunch!

Congratulations to Stan Howes,

who was examined by the
Presbytery of Baltimore and was
approved to be commissioned
as a lay pastor for the First
Presbyterian Church of
Frostburg Maryland.



CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

benefiting Love Inc of Bedford
County

Saturday June 11, 2022

Snake Spring Rec Park

\$250 Team Registration

Game Day Registration Begins at 7:30 am

7 men, 3 women on the field - 15 player roster max

For more details contact Jason Brown at 814-979-4472

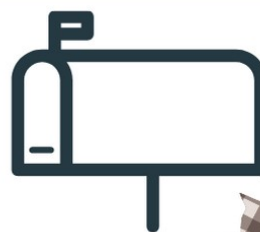


Do you have good
news or an
announcement to
share? Email or
call the office and
let us know!

Love Inc is in need of volunteers

if you can help please call
Deb at 814-652-0025 ext 3

From the Mailbox



Bedford Presbyterian Church,
I cannot put into words how much your gift in the mail every year means to me. It's funny because every year when it feels like my work is at its toughest point, I see I got something from you guys and it really makes my day. The pick-me-up in knowing I have the biggest support system means a ton to me. Thank every single one of you guys at BPC!
Dylan Downs

Dear Pastor Miller,
Thank you for a beautiful worship experience this Easter Sunday. Our family was staying at the resort and found your wonderful congregation. Everyone was so welcoming and your sanctuary is beautiful. Your choir is amazing, how can a small group make such incredibly beautiful music? We were uplifted by your sermon and felt blessed by worshiping with you. May the Lord continue to bless your work and the entire Bedford community.
Blessings, Alice & Paul Herrington

Greetings to the Shoebox Gang and all members of BPC,
Just a short note to thank you for all your effort in packing 121 shoe boxes. These Covid years were quite the challenge to meet, shop & pack. Your efforts definitely helped Bedford County send 13,377 boxes around the world. Children were blessed by the treasures in the box, as well as hearing the gospel. Keep up the good work and may God continue to bless your church & all you do!

-Ruth Maruco

SUMMER DATES TO REMEMBER

- | | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| June 5: | Pentecost Offering | July 4: | Church Office Closed | August 2 | Garden Club Flower |
| June 6: | Finance & Planning,
7 pm | July 27: | Laughter After Loss
11:30 am | and 3: | Show, 10 am - 4 pm |
| June 12: | Communion | | | August 7: | Communion |
| June 12-15: | VBS, 6-8:15 pm | | | August 24: | Laughter After Loss,
11:30 am |
| June 14: | Missions, 1 pm | | | | |
| June 19: | Father's Day | | | | |
| June 21: | Community Dinner | | | | |
| June 28: | Laughter After Loss,
11:30 am | | | | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

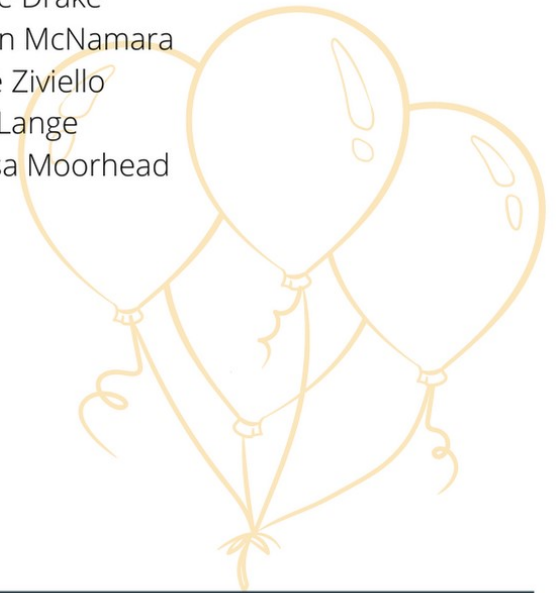
June

July

August

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Michael Meehan | 1 Trudy Cseko |
| 4 Jaden Fuller | 3 Serena (Hess) Perez |
| 5 John L Whitmore | 4 Mac Greenland |
| Jackie Moxley | 9 Cristi Gasperich |
| Gabe Ortego | Amanda Fisher |
| 7 Bobby Fleetwood | 10 Graham Friant |
| 9 Joan Leach | 11 Gannon Ziviello |
| 10 Michelle (Rogish) Lange | 12 Dick Prischmann |
| Brandon Evans | 17 Lisa Horner |
| 13 Bob Shippy | 19 Anna Waltman |
| 19 Jerry Rogish | 21 Carolyn Speicher |
| Amy Rummell | 22 Caleb Way |
| 21 Ron Hillegass | 23 Carter Leap |
| Barb Koontz | 24 Chris Friant |
| 22 Ryan Cornell | Connie Hillegass |
| Matthew Bonchi | Tyler Hull |
| 24 Shirley Stuby | 26 Melissa Ortego |
| Beth Hull | 29 Allison Hess |
| 27 Justin Dibert | 30 Thalia Fleetwood |
| 29 Jerry Klyne | |

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 William Redmond | 18 Samuel Ickes |
| Tony Goad | Skip Rothfuss |
| 6 Mare Poet | 19 Nicki Donahoe |
| 7 Jordan Elliott | 21 Tom Cessna |
| 8 Layne Cober | Susie Waugerman |
| Teddy Rummell | 22 Peggy Rothfuss |
| 10 Lydia Yauger | 27 Bill Griffiths, Jr |
| Brett Hoover | 28 Michael Leydig |
| 12 Barbara Thomas | Marty Krentz |
| Norman Van Why | Doug Stuart |
| Scott Waugerman | 30 Julie Dibert |
| Jeffrey Seitz | Michael Smith |
| 13 Andrew Yauger | 31 Keeley Criswell |
| Nathan Shoemaker | |
| Horace Drake | |
| 14 Sharon McNamara | |
| 15 Archie Ziviello | |
| Jason Lange | |
| 17 Melissa Moorhead | |



BPC is proud to welcome our newest member, **Drew Evans**, who was confirmed May 22, 2022.

Thanks to Elder Vicki Hillegass for serving as Drew's confirmation sponsor.



Is it your birthday?!

If your birthday isn't showing up in our newsletter, let us know. Your day is important, and we don't want to miss it! Call or email the office and we'll update our list!

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
115 E PENN ST
PO BOX 7
BEDFORD, PA 15522

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
BEDFORD, PA
PERMIT NO. 102



Rev. Jack Miller, Pastor
Jacquelyn Paxton, Office Manager
Mary Ann Poet, Business Manager
Beth Hull, Music Director
Tammy Diehl, Custodian
Jodie Zembower, Treasurer

Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Nursery Available during worship
for Children 2nd grade and younger.

Email:
pastorjackmiller@gmail.com
office@bedfordpresby.com
finance@bedfordpresby.com
Phone: 814-623-6891
