

# THE CHURCH WINDOW



*Monthly Newsletter of the Bedford Presbyterian Church*

## FROM THE PASTOR **THOSE LAZY, HAZY, CRAZY DAYS OF SUMMER**

Pastors, like me, and other church leaders, tend to breathe a sigh of relief as we enter the summer months. There is a sense that June, July, and August will provide a much-needed respite from the marathon of church seasons. We kick off with a new program year in the fall that keeps us jogging towards the sprint that is Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. By the time the month of May wraps up, we often feel like we've finished a grueling race and look forward to a time that offers a slower pace and an opportunity to catch our breath. I've learned that this is more of a dream than an actual reality. While the pace does indeed change in the summer months, there is still a lot of activity – and a lot of that activity is great!

Our church marked the beginning of the summer season with a joyous romp through the wild west as we combined forces with our neighbors, Trinity Lutheran Church, to host a fun and exciting vacation Bible school program called Monumental. Over the course of four packed, energetic evenings, more than 70 children learned new songs, participated in fun activities, and made new friends as they stepped into the biblical story of Joseph.

Following the week of VBS, I had the opportunity to travel to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary for my third week-long intensive course in my Doctor of Ministry degree program. Though the school packed our schedules full for the week, it felt great to be in the classroom again. This week was especially meaningful as it marked the first time that our entire cohort was together in person. After studying with one another virtually for an entire year we shared a “family reunion” atmosphere within the group.

Summer also marked some significant events in the life of the presbytery and the wider church. At the end of June, the Huntingdon Presbytery voted to call Elder Kate Sillman as Huntingdon Presbytery's new General Presbyter. Kate had been serving as our interim GP and has done exceedingly well. She is a delightful and caring individual. She will serve our area's congregations and pastors with compassion and wisdom.

*"We cannot exist apart from other people, and the church cannot be the church without being in relationship with other churches and the broader community. We need one another."*

In a time when many of our local congregations yearn for the consistent presence of wise and compassionate leaders, we got to celebrate and bear witness to a great demonstration of our denomination's emphasis on interconnectedness. Elder Stan Howes, one of our own, was commissioned as a Lay Pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Frostburg, Maryland. His presence and ministry there show how churches and presbyteries can support one another. Stan's commissioning service was a joy to be a part of, and I know that Stan will continue to serve Frostburg, our own congregation, and the wider church with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

One of the threads that connects all of these activities and events – VBS, my seminary class, and the designation of new leadership roles – is the reality of our interconnectedness. We cannot exist apart from other people, and the church cannot be the church without being in relationship with other churches and the broader community. We need one another. More importantly, we cannot be who we are called to be apart from these connections and relationships. Just as the Church cannot exist apart from Christ, the Church cannot be the Church apart from its mission to reach out to people to proclaim the good news of the Gospel and work for the transformation of all creation. With such a robust mission statement, is it any wonder we cannot do this on our own?

As the summer winds down and we return to familiar patterns and a different pace, may we remember that whatever season we are in, we are a part of the church and involved in Christ's work in the world and for the world. We can't do this alone. Give thanks that we don't do this alone.

In Christ,  
Pastor Jack

## COMING UP IN WORSHIP

<b>September 4</b> Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 A Labor of Love	<b>September 11</b> Luke 15:1-10 Disciples Do: Seek People	<b>September 18</b> Luke 16:1-13 Disciples Do: Resist Greed	<b>September 25</b> 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Disciples Do: Practice Generosity	<b>October 2</b> 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Disciples Do: Share Their Faith
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## Prayers & Concerns

SUE MARSHALL  
AMANDA BAKER  
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  
PATTY MILLER, DOTTIE'S SISTER  
KELLY BARON  
RICHARD CROOKS  
CHADDIE KIDD  
JULIA GARBER  
ANDREW PEJACK  
DAVID TURKOVICH  
DONNA HOLLAR  
THE FAMILY OF AMY RUMMELL  
TEAGAN TOMKO

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 1665

**Connie Hunt** - 277 Hoffman Ave, Windber, PA 15963

## In Our Father's House

*Josephine Yauger*

Born: January 10, 1938

Joined the Church: October 15, 1989

Died: May 25, 2022

*Clay Leydig*

Born: April 27, 1935

Joined the Church: April 7, 1977

Died: July 7, 2022

*Amy Rummell*

Born: June 19, 1977

Joined the Church: April 8, 2012

Died: August 13, 2022

# Ulman 4K Riders: June 7 & 8

Dear Bedford Presbyterian Church,

We, as a team, wanted to thank you so much for being amazing hosts while we ride across the country. We all felt very at home here, especially due to the fantastic home-cooked meals you provided for us.

Without you, this trip would not be possible, and we can't thank you enough for your hospitality.

Sincerely,  
The Ulman 4K  
for Cancer  
2022 ride team

After enjoying a delicious breakfast the riders set off for the next leg of their trip!



## Overnight Youth Group

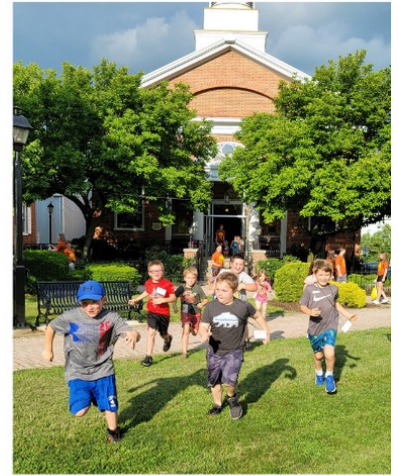


A youth group traveling from Chicago to Philadelphia stayed overnight on Saturday, July 23 and joined us for worship on Sunday.



The cyclists made it to their final destination, San Francisco, on August 13!

# Vacation Bible School: June 12-15



## Commissioning Service for Stan

## Curve Game



We congratulate Stan Howes, as he was commissioned as Lay Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Frostburg on Sunday, August 21.

A fun night of fellowship and baseball at the Curve on August 2!

# Annual Church Picnic

September 11 at 12:30 pm

Shawnee State Park, Pavilion #3

*(this pavilion is ADA accessible)*

The church will provide a main course, drinks, and utensils. Please consider bringing a side or dessert to share, though it's not required. During the picnic there will be time for fellowship, prayer, activities for the young (and young at heart!), and even balloon art for everyone!

**We hope you'll come spend the afternoon with us!**



## Fall Worship Schedule

**Starting Sunday, September 11**

**9 am** - Christian Crew Practice followed by Children's Sunday School

**9:15 am** - Adult Sunday School in the Office Annex

**10:30 am** - Worship in the Sanctuary and Online



# Organ Dedication Service

Sunday, September 25

2:30 pm

Join us as we gather in the sanctuary to celebrate a service in dedication of our refurbished church organ and the new cross that now graces the center of the chancel. We'll hear from several local organists and get to experience the joy of giving glory to God through music.

## Fall Foliage Schedule

### Saturday October 1 - Soup & Sandwich Sale in the Church Basement

The Christian Ed committee will sponsor this sale to benefit students of TeachHaiti. Committee members are asking for donations of the following:

- Vegetable & Chicken Noodle Soup
- Chicken Salad
- Sloppy Joe's
- Pies

Monetary donations are also welcome. The committee would also appreciate anyone who would like to help with the sale. There will be a sign up sheet in the sanctuary. For more information contact the church office or Darcy Windows.



### Saturday October 8 - Habitat for Humanity Sale in Church Basement

Habitat for Humanity will host this sale to raise funds for their work and local projects.

### Sunday October 2 and 9 Worship Changes

No Sunday School.

Worship remains at 10:30 am

Members and friends of the church are welcome to park in the lot behind the Berkebile Funeral Home. Please note, due to road closures and vendor set up there will be no handicap accessible parking on these two Sundays.

# News & Announcements



## Scripture Reflection Group

This bible study will be starting up in September. If you're interested in joining or would like more details please contact the church office!



Meeting  
Tuesdays  
at 6 pm

Bedford United Methodist Church, call 814-623-8711

**Bedford County  
Overdose Awareness Day**  
An Evening of Healing & Hope

**Wednesday, August 31**  
Downtown Bedford Gazebo

6:30-7:30 pm: Prevention and Education Fair  
7:30 pm: Program/Lighting of Luminaries

All are welcome

**Recovery Worship Service**  
Bedford United Methodist Church

**Sunday, September 18**  
6:30 pm

Contemporary Worship Service  
Communion, healing, & intercessory prayer. Everyone is welcome to come as they are.

## Fall Clothing Giveaway

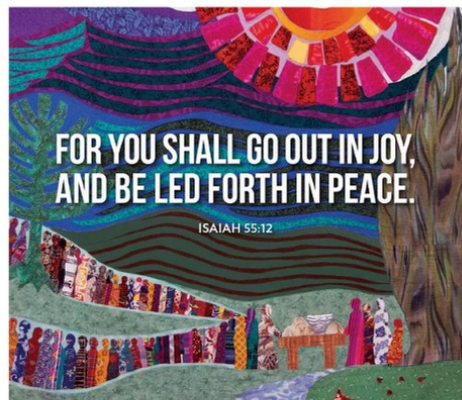
Mare is coordinating a fall clothing giveaway on November 5 in the social room.

We will be collecting donations in the church office starting

**October 3.**



We will also need volunteers to set up. Call the office for more info!



## Peace & Global Witness Offering

We will be collecting this special offering Sunday, **September 25**

See the insert for more info!

## Caregiver Support Group



Homewood at Spring House Estates:

October 13  
November 10  
December 8

**1-2 pm in the Homewood Cafe**

Please RSVP to 814-623-0349





## Shoebox Gang Update

The Shoebox Gang will resume our meetings on September 8, 2022. Our goal for this meeting is to be sure we have enough items and greeting cards for 100-120 boxes. As time is drawing nearer, we continue to keep our needles and fingers flying!

**We continue to ask for school supplies and money for shipping.** This fee has gone up to \$10.00/box but that includes more than just shipping, it includes the paid staff at the distribution center, the rent for the distribution centers, the boxes that will go into the shipping containers and so much more. I know it sounds like a lot but it covers so much.

Thanks again for all you do in getting these boxes ready, we couldn't do it without you and your prayers.

-Shirley Stuby



## Whee! Presbys!

### October 23 at 4 pm

Kids in grades K-5 and their friends are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun!



### September Committee Meetings

- September 8: Shoebox Gang, 10 am
- September 12: Finance & Property, 7 pm
- September 18: Christian Ed, following worship
- September 20: Missions, 1 pm
- September 26: Session, 7 pm



## Renewing hope Ministries

### End of Summer Festival

Food, Music & Vendors

SATURDAY, SEPT 3

10 AM - 3 PM

*Rain or Shine*

Second Blessings

14275 Lincoln Hwy

Everett, PA

*In One Accord Ministries, Inc*  
formally LOVE, Inc  
new name, same mission

Critical Needs:  
Office Volunteers

Ongoing Needs:  
Dish & Laundry Soap  
Cleaning Supplies  
4 pk Toilet Tissue

Paper Towels  
Non-Perishable Food Items

Call 814-652-0025 for more info



### Community Yard Sale at Egolf Park

September 30

2401 Egolf Rd, Bedford

8:30 am - 6 pm

Vendors wanted, if interested  
contact Cheryl at  
email: lacyne57@yahoo.com  
call/text: 703-409-5351

All proceeds from the sale will  
go towards the purchase of  
playground equipment

# September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4 9:30 am Worship	5 <b>Office Closed</b>	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	7 10:15 am Staff Meeting	8 10 am Shoebox Gang	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's okay not to be okay
11 <b>9:00 am Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> 12:30 pm Church Picnic	12 Finance & Property 7 pm	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 10:15 am Staff Meeting	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself
18 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship CE Meeting	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 1 pm Missions	21 10:15 am Staff Meeting	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Priscilla Shirer Event, Baltimore 9 am - 4 pm
25 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2:30 pm Organ Dedication Service	26 7 pm Session	27 Community Dinner	28 10:15 am Staff Meeting 11:30 Laughter After Loss	29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are	

You can find the September Action for Happiness Calendar at [actionforhappiness.org](http://actionforhappiness.org)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## September

## October

- 3 Norman Williams
- 4 Sharon Hollingshead  
Jim Muir
- 6 Tammy Diehl
- 7 Doug Evans  
Meghan Foor  
Koren Woy-Smith
- 8 Dawn Latshaw  
Carol Wilson
- 10 Seth Montgomery
- 11 Drew Evans
- 13 Graham Paxton
- 14 Glenora Faupel
- 15 Jessica Faupel-Badger
- 17 Angela Feathers-Shanter  
Todd Feathers
- 18 Linda Frazier
- 19 Sally Van Why
- 21 Linda Klyne
- 27 Rebecca (Foreman)  
Wilson

- 6 Mark Donahoe
- 8 Jim Edwards
- 9 Alex Ferrari
- 13 Pat Greenland
- 14 Tina Howes  
Kooper Smith
- 16 Grace Evans
- 17 Dan Datesman
- 18 Dawn Ziviello
- 19 Norman Stuby  
Sandy Detwiler  
Tom Zimmerman
- 20 Jodie Zembower
- 21 Marcie (Dimond) Elbin
- 26 Mark James Redmond
- 27 Dottie Mickey
- 29 Paul Detwiler IV



Our lovely Mare was married to her sweet T, Tom Mills, on Saturday August 13!



*Congratulations to the happy couple!*

**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!



### **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.

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Sunday Worship  
remains at  
9:30 am through  
September 4th

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

**BEGINNING SEPT 11:**

**Children's Sunday School 9 am**  
(Includes Christian Crew practice)

**Adult Sunday School 9:15 am**  
(Annex)

**Sunday Worship 10:30 am**  
Nursery Available during worship  
for Children 2nd grade and younger

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