

Bethany

loving with the heart of Jesus

September 11, 2011

8:15 & 10:45 o'clock

Sermon: "Freed From...Freed For"



"If you continue in My word, you really are My disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31

Our Mission

To trust in Jesus...

love like Jesus...

grow in Jesus...

bring others to Jesus.

WELCOME

“Enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. May the blessings of God rest upon you, both in your coming in and your going out.”

We are delighted to have you in worship. We ask you to please sign the Fellowship Pad at the end of the pew. For your convenience, we have a warm and loving nursery adjacent to the sanctuary, complete with an available paging system. If you have any questions or need literature regarding the life of Bethany Presbyterian Church, please visit the Welcome Center, located next to the sanctuary.

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

THE PRELUDE *“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”* D.Wagner

Please take time during the Prelude to meditate & prepare for worship.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE HYMN NO. 569 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

WE GIVE TO GOD

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please sign the Fellowship Pad and return it to the center aisle.

THE OFFERTORY

8:15 “I Come with Joy” M. Corl
Based on Hymn No. 706

10:45 “I will Sing Praise” J. Martin

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER:

Please let us know if you are going into the hospital, having surgery or will be an outpatient. Also, let us know when you return home.

In the Hospital as of September 9:

Discharged

Janet Marlett
Rodenia Backmon

Remember in Prayer:

Zach Noel (Shirley Ellis' grandson)
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Eisenbeis (Jean Roemer's parents)

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Gail Allender who passed away on September 4, 2011.

The Blue Fellowship of Prayer Request Cards are for those having a prayer request, interested in being a part of this group, or wanting more information.

Respite Care: Did you know that your church family can cook a meal, shop, drive or just visit for a few hours to give your family or caregiver a break. We are not a permanent or long term solution but we can help. For information or to volunteer please call Margie Smith at 412-221-3730 or Beckie Price at 412-319-7913.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Baptism dates for 2011:

September 25 November 20

Communion dates for 2011:

September 11 October 2 (World Communion)
November 27 (1st Sunday of Advent)

Children wanting to receive Communion must first talk with the pastors. Call the pastor to make an appointment.

The next New Members Class will be held October 15. If you are interested in joining the Family of God here at Bethany please note this on the Fellowship Pad along with your name, address and phone number, fill in the red card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate or sign-up on line.

Monday Morning... Rev. John does a “Monday Morning” email message most weeks to the church. Please contact the church office if you would like to receive this often fun, and always inspirational email.

Parking for Sunday Services – it is requested that members not use the parking spaces nearest the church entrance. The Property Team would like to reserve the front row spaces for the elderly, for those with special needs and for visitors. Those who may have a greater need than others just might get discouraged from attending church because they have to walk so far.

Need Scrip? School Shopping? Stop at the Welcome Center after worship or at the office during the week and purchase a card(s) for Home Depot, KMart, Wal-Mart, Lowes, Target, and many more cards are available. How about going out to eat after a busy day – we have cards available for several restaurants. We even have cards for BP and Sunoco for vacation trips. You can also purchase Giant Eagle and Shop n Save cards. This is the easiest fundraiser you will ever participate in because it doesn't cost you anymore than you already spend. Thank you for supporting the mission work of the church through this program. **SuEllen Dillon will be at the SCRIP table after the 8:15 service.**



begins today Sunday, September 11th with worship at 8:15 and 10:45. Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Rally Day will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All children and adults welcome.

APNC Update: Greetings to Bethany from the APNC. We wanted to let you know where we are in our search process. We have selected a handful of qualified candidates for the first round of phone interviews. We will begin the phone interviews shortly. God has been stretching us as we continue to choose questions to ask candidates, as we review PIFs and as we discuss where God is calling Bethany. We have felt God's hand in a multitude of ways. Recently we've been meditating on the scripture found in Bethany's mission statement. We've been praying to find an Associate Pastor who will help Bethany live out this mission. We appreciate your prayers as we continue on this long but exciting journey.

Fellowship of Prayer Participants can pick-up their prayer list from Carolyn Garretson who will be in the Welcome Center.

College Scholarships available: Each year, the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program offers two scholarships to Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA for eligible high school seniors. The scholarships are worth \$17,500 per year for a 4 year total of \$70,000.00. Additional information, including eligibility requirements, can be found in the Welcome Center, or contact the Clerk of Session, Beckie Price, at rap284@comcast.net.

MOPS and MOMSnext – All moms are welcome to join us for the 2011-2012 year! This year's theme is MomSense: Bold * Loving * Sensible. Registration is currently being accepted for MOPS (for moms with infants through Kindergarten) and MOMSnext (for moms with children in Kindergarten through 12th grade).

MOPS began meeting September 8th and continues the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. .

MOMSnext meets the first and third Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Cost for either group is \$30 per semester (cost covers MOPS International membership, books and materials provided by MOPS). Registration forms and calendars are in the Welcome Center. You can mail your registration directly to the church (please mark MOPS or MOMSnext on envelope) or drop it in the offering plate. Please contact Jennifer Wallis (MOPS) at [412-257-2263](tel:412-257-2263) or Mandy Evans (MOMSnext) at [724-926-4049](tel:724-926-4049) with any questions. We are always on the look-out for individuals to care for the children during both meeting times. If you are interested, and you have time to spare and a heart to share, please contact Jennifer or Mandy. Check out www.mops.org for more MOPS and MOMSnext info!

Presbyterian Women – Why not plan to join several of us and attend the Fall Gathering of Pittsburgh Presbyterian Women on Saturday, September 17th for a morning of fellowship, worship and study? This is a great opportunity to see the Pittsburgh Presbytery Center. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration and a light continental breakfast. We will meet Rev. Sheldon Sorge, Pastor to the Presbytery followed by the program. We will end the morning with lunch catered by the Northside's popular Bistro to Go. The cost for the whole event is \$9 and the deadline is September 10th. Contact Barb Crawford at 412-221-5132 or email her at crawford@bethanypresby.org.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS: Rev. Bill Roemer's Bible Study class meet on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in room 224. They will be studying the book of Genesis. As a note, there will not be class on Thursday, 9/29.

Commissioners needed for upcoming Presbytery meetings:

Any ordained Elder, even if not currently serving on Session, is eligible to be a Commissioner Representative for Bethany at Presbytery Meetings. There are three remaining Presbytery meetings scheduled for 2011:

September 15 Crestfield Camp and Conference Center

October 20 Lebanon Presbyterian Church

December 10 First Presbyterian, Pittsburgh (*Saturday*)

If you are interested in being a Commissioner at one of these upcoming Presbytery meetings, please contact the Clerk of Session, Beckie Price, or the church office.

Women's Bible Study - We are offering an in-depth Bible study for women in the evening as well as a morning class.

We are using Breaking Free—Updated Version, a series of video lessons, homework, and small group discussion. Through the book of Isaiah (as well as MANY other parts of the Bible!) we will discover the transforming power of Christian freedom.

The Friday morning class started September 2, at 9:30 a.m. Childcare will be provided for this class.

The Thursday evening class will start September 8, at 7:00 p.m. meeting every other week, alternating evenings with MOMSnext.

Whether you join the morning or the evening class, expect to spend about 2 hours together. Participants in these classes will need to purchase a student workbook. If you have any questions, please speak with Melany Hamilton who will be leading the classes.

Lay Readers: The Worship Team is looking for men & women who would be willing to read scripture during the morning service. We especially need readers at the 8:15 a.m. service. Contact SuEllen Dillon at 412-257-3488 if you can help at either the 8:15 or 10:45 service.

Youth Ringers will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 pm in the choir room. If you are in grade 5 or older and want to serve God through a ministry of music, this is for you! New ringers are always welcome and needed. If you have any questions, speak with John Henninger.

Golden Oldies: On Thursday, September 15, 2011, Lisa Jo Colwell has been asked to share some stories from her mission trip to Malawi, Africa with the Golden Oldies. Social time begins at 10:30, lunch begins at 12 noon. Lunch fare this week is lasagna. Come and bring a friend and canned goods for the Food Bank.

Annual Chili Cook-Off -- The Rotary Club will be holding its 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser on Sunday, September 25th and The Men's Ministry Team will be sponsoring Bethany's entry into this "hot" community event. Participation is open to all, not just the Men's Ministry Team. The Men's Ministry Team will provide free event tickets to all volunteers and cooks.

Cooks Wanted - Do you have that "1st place" chili recipe? Well, put *our* money where your mouth is! You make the chili and we'll cover the costs. First two volunteers to contact us will be chosen.

Volunteers Needed - We are also looking for volunteers to help with set-up, manning our booth and clean-up afterwards.

This is a great way to show our community how Bethany is "loving with the heart of Jesus".

If you want to help us to "burn" the competition, please contact either Paul Bonosky (pbonosky@yahoo.com) or Dennis Bearman (dbearman@yahoo.com).

Come and hear more about Tapestries of Life Ministries, a mission you help support through Bethany Church. Pastor Steven Brewer will be speaking on Saturday, October 1, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary followed by a reception. Pastor Brewer will be sharing about the progress of the building and how he is listening to God's calling of building this orphanage in the middle of the desert. Please invite a friend! Come and be inspired!

LOGOS --- Come share the excitement and fellowship of LOGOS at Bethany Presbyterian Church! LOGOS is a long running program for kids from 4 years old through 5th Grade that is aimed at helping children discover their faith in Jesus Christ and fellowship with other children and volunteers in a fun, friendly environment. We meet from mid-September through March on Tuesdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The program each week consists of Bible lessons, music, crafts and recreation followed by a dinner hour of eating and games around the tables. This year our first night is Tuesday, September 20th. We hope to see you there! Please register online at www.bethanypresby.org, or register in person on Tuesday, September 20th from 4:30 5:00 p.m. at the Church. There is a small enrollment fee of \$10 per child, or \$15 per family.

We would also love to have more adult and teen volunteers! Would you like to help out in a classroom or the kitchen, with crafts or table games, or are you able to come fellowship with the LOGOS youth during the dinner hour? If you are interested in finding out more about helping with LOGOS, please contact Karen Verduci at 412-221-3209 or jkverduci@juno.com.

Bring your old documents and/or paper to the church from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 24. Business Records Management will destroy personal or sensitive documents safely and securely for free. Bring bank statements, cancelled checks, tax returns, insurance records, credit card records, magazines and even junk mail. Participants are asked to make a monetary donation to benefit the building of the Tapestries of Life Orphanage in Guadalupe, Mexico, and/or a non-perishable food donation to benefit the Bridgeville Food Bank. Any questions, please contact Cathy Schulz at 412-915-8154.

FROM THE BETHANY CHURCH OFFICE

Finance Report as of September 4, 2011

2011 Budget \$733,124

Year to date Budget \$473,232

Year to date Income \$495,514

Attendance for Sunday, September 4: 8:15 - 97 10:00 - 170

Per Capita for 2011 is \$23.60 per member. This responsibility covers \$14.90 for Pittsburgh Presbytery, \$2.20 for Synod of the Trinity and \$6.50 for the General Assembly for each member of the church.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Volunteers needed: Are you looking for an opportunity to enrich your life and help someone else in the process? If so, Bridgeville Meals On Wheels is looking for a few good men and women to deliver meals and work in the kitchen. Volunteers are in the kitchen from 8:00 a.m. until about 11:00 a.m. and deliverer/drivers are volunteering from 10:15 a.m. until around 11:30 a.m. Various days of the week are needed. If you are a stay-at-home Mom, bring your children. The consumers love to see young children. Come and join a wonderful group of volunteers as they assist the elderly and homebound and find how rewarding volunteering can be. Please call 412-221-1011 to sign up.

Craft & Vendor Show at Holy Child School, Saturday, September 24th from 10:00 to 3:00. Chinese Auction, Food and Crafts to benefit the Holy Child School "Angel Fund". Contact Alma at 412-221-6413 or email her at Cooknbaker@gmail.com

A SPAGHETTI DINNER will be held on Sun., 9/18 at Piccolina's in Pine Bridge Mall, McLaughlin Run Rd from 12:30pm - 4:30pm. Adults \$10 -children 10 & under \$6. Eat in or take out (412-257-1880). All proceeds will benefit the families of Patterson Avenue that lost their homes to fire. The Steelers Game will be broadcast.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, September 11 (II Samuel 3:1-39)

Communion / Name Tag Sunday / Family Promise Families

Pray for Todd, Jessica, Rylie & Landon Mendenhall

8:15 A.M. - Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 A.M. - Sunday School Rally - Sanctuary

10:45 A.M. - Worship - Sanctuary

12:00 P.M. - Rev. Mike & Rachel Beckstrom Farewell - Great Room

7:00 P.M. - Youth Rally Day at Chartiers Park

Monday, September 12 (II Samuel 4:1-12) *Family Promise Families*

Pray for Helen Mercer

7:00 P.M. - Dartball Captain's Meeting - Room 162

7:00 P.M. - Session Teams - Welcome Center

Tuesday, September 13 (II Samuel 5:1-25)

Pray for Mary Meta

9:15 A.M. - Staff Meeting - Rev. John's Office

6:30 P.M. - PW Event Planning Team - Room 224

7:00 P.M. - PW Coordinating Team - Room 224

7:00 P.M. - Senior High Bible Study - Youth Room

Wednesday, September 14 (II Samuel 6:1-23)

Pray for Robert, Marilee, Brandon, Brittany & Brenna Meyer

11:00 A.M. - Bean Sprouts - Nursery

7:00 P.M. - Adult Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

7:00 P.M. - Young Adult Bible Study - Youth Room

8:30 P.M. - Bethany Ringers - Choir Room

Thursday, September 15 (II Samuel 7:1-29)

Pray for Jeffrey, Amy & Jonathan Miklavic

9:00 A.M. - Quilting - Room 149

10:00 A.M. - Pittsburgh Presbytery Meeting - Camp Crestfield

10:30 A.M. - Golden Oldies Social Time - Fellowship Hall

12:00 P.M. - Golden Oldies Lunch - Fellowship Hall

12:00 P.M. - Knitting Camp - Room 240

6:30 P.M. - Rev. Bill Roemer's Bible Study - Room 224

7:00 P.M. - Associate Pastor Nominating Committee - Room 240

7:00 P.M. - Dartball - Fellowship Hall

(Marlins @ Giants / Tigers @ Indians)

7:00 P.M. - MOMSnext - Bethany Room

7:30 P.M. - Quartet Rehearsal - Chapel

Friday, September 16 (II Samuel 8:1-18) *Family Promise Families*
Pray for William & Sandra Miklavic
9:00 A.M. - Women's Bible Study - Room 245
1:00 P.M. - Friendship Bible Study - Room 240

Saturday, September 17 (II Samuel 9:1-13) *Family Promise Families*
Pray for Nicholas Miller
7:30 A.M. - Food Bank - Room 159
10:00 A.M. - Saturday Knitters - Room 240

Sunday, September 18 (II Samuel 10:1-19)
Pray for Olga Miller
8:15 A.M. - Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 A.M. - Sunday School
10:45 A.M. - Worship - Sanctuary
6:00 P.M. - Junior High Youth - Youth Room
7:15 P.M. - Senior High Youth - Youth Room

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE SERVING THE LORD...

Lay Readers: 8:15 - Alice Sherwin 10:45 - Dave Oliver

Ushers: 8:15 - Beckie, Catherine, Gregory & Matthew Price.
10:45 - Judy Gardner, Rich Ralston

Fellowship Greeter at 10:45 are Mike & Lynne Suchoza and
LuAnne Pattison.

Good News Greeters at 10:45 is Judy Gardner.

In the Nursery

8:15 Service - Jason & Richelle Sommerfield.
10:45 Service - Jenny Smith, Lynne Suchoza, Tara Krieger.
2, 3 and 4 year olds (room 149) - Jane & Michael Vennum.
Children's Worship & Wonder for 4 and 5 years old thru 2nd grade (room 144) - Jack & Nikki O'Brien, Paula Naples, Megan Schildt, Sarah Paviol.

Welcome Center: 8:15 - John Brown. 10:45 - Mike Suchoza

Assisting with Name Tags - Edna Dressing

The Flowers are given in memory of my father, Ed Thomas, on his birthday from Eda Woodward.

*THE RESPONSE NO. 34

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Lay Reader

Old Testament – Exodus 12:31-32; 40-42

See page 105 in pew Bible

New Testament – John 8:31-34

See page 1663 in pew Bible

L: *“The word of the Lord”*

P: *“Thanks be to God”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“Open my Eyes that I May See”

Hymn 480

All sing verse 1 in unison

THE SERMON

Rev. Melany Hamilton

“Freed From...Freed For”

*THE HYMN NO. 695 “As We Gather at Your Table”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION, INTERCESSION AND
CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Each person is asked **to hold the bread** until all have received it. We will then partake of it together, signifying our unity as the Body of Christ. Each person is asked **to drink the juice** as soon as he or she receives it, signifying the personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Meditate on our Lord and His sacrifice as soon as the elements are received.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

