Bethany

loving with the heart of Jesus

October 9, 2011

8:15 & 10:45 o'clock

Sermon:
"The Danger of a Divided Heart"

> "Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name."
> Psalm 86:11

Our Mission

To trust in Jesus…
love like Jesus…
grow in Jesus…
bring others to Jesus.

WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"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 that you 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 "Love God With All Your Heart" J. Walther

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

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

L: Hear, O people of God, for God calls to you this day.
C: We will love the Lord our God with all our heart.
L: Hear, O people of God, for God invites your presence in worship.
C: We will honor the Lord our God with all our souls.
L: Hear, O people of God, for God has wisdom for you this day.
C: We will worship the Lord our God with all our minds.
L: Hear, O people of God, for God has work for you to do this day.
C: We will serve the Lord our God with all our strength.

*THE HYMN No. 113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER:

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

In the Hospital as of October 7:

Discharged:

Charles Wolstoncroft

Remember in Prayer:

Tom Woodward (Betty's son)
Tim Anderson
Zach Noel (Shirley Ellis' grandson)
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Eisenbeis (Jean Roemer's parents)

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.

Sympathy is extended to Ralph, Ellen, Tom, Clare & Caroline Arison on the death of Ellen's sister-in-law, Erma Jean Wallace.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Today is Thank Offering Sunday when the women of the church lead the service. The Rev. Melany Hamilton is bringing the morning message. A special envelope is in the pews and included in your November offering envelope packet. See pages 9 and 10 for a list of participants. See page 8 for information regarding Thank Offering.

Baptism: November 20

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.

Fellowship of Prayer participants can pick-up their updated prayer list from Diane Cook (8:15) & Kitty Rackley (10:45) who will be in the Welcome Center.

Weekly Message… Rev. John does a "Monday Morning" email message most weeks to the church. Please contact the church office by calling 412-221-5132 or emailing marlett@bethanypresby.org if you would like to receive this often fun, and always inspirational email.

The next New Members Class will be held October 22. 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.

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.

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:

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.

Youth Ringers rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. 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 – reminder of the date change. The Golden Oldies will gather at noon on Thursday, October 27th. Coffee will be ready at 10:30. Wear a hat and bring a can of food for the Food Bank.

Need Scrip? What is Scrip?

Scrip is gift cards that are sold after worship in the Welcome Center or at the office during the week to raise money for our mission trips. This is the easiest fundraiser you will ever participate in because it doesn't cost you anymore than you already spend.

We have cards for Shop n Save, Giant Eagle, Walmart, Kmart, Target, Home Depot, Lowes, There are cards for Starbucks, Wendy's, Kings, Bob Evans, Eat & Park, Subway, Red Lobster and many more restaurants.

We even have cards for BP and Sunoco.

Giant Eagle cards can be used to purchase other cards at the store.

Thank you for supporting the mission work of the church through this program.

Nikki O'Brien will be at the SCRIP table after the 8:15 service

Calling all men! We are in the process of scheduling a few Sundays when a small ensemble of men will sing for Worship at both 8:15 and 10:45 services. If you would like to participate **there will be a brief practice today, Sunday, October 9 after the 10:45 service**. The first date to sing will be October 23. You do not need to be a regular member of the choir to add your voice!

A meeting of the General Assembly of the PCUSA will be held in Pittsburgh in July of 2012. Presbytery is seeking assistance over the next several months and has asked that each church designate a Local Congregational Contact to be the Pittsburgh Presbytery's primary conduit to the members of our congregation for communications. The requirements/duties for this position are posted on the website www.cola2012.org. Please contact Beckie Price if you are interested in serving Bethany as this contact person.

Come share the excitement and fellowship of LOGOS.

It's not too late! If you're between the age of 4 and 5th grade, like to learn about the Lord, play crazy games and have fun with your friends at Bethany, you'll love LOGOS! If you're older than 5th grade and like to learn about the Lord, play crazy games and have fun with your friends at Bethany, you'll love helping at LOGOS! We hope you'll join us this Tuesday from 5-7pm. For more information, contact Karen Verduci at 412-221-3209.

Adult Classes…Why not give one of them a try. If you find the one you chose isn't really what you were looking for – try another one. Just give us a try. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and there are classes for children ages 2 and up along with a nursery for those under 2. Bring your coffee and come.

Fred Gossic leads a class on the "Bible Book of Acts" by John MacArthur, upstairs in Room 224.

Mark & Kitty Rackley have a Video and Discussion Class downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

Tom Clarke will begin his class on one of the books of the Bible October 16th upstairs in the Bride's Room.

Dan Wolfe & Karen Talerico team teach the "Wired Word" class. This is a weekly discussion on a topic in the news that particular week with biblical commentary. This class meets downstairs in the Bethany Room.

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 meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

MOMSnext meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

See information in the Welcome Center or contact Jennifer Wallis (MOPS) at 412-257-2263 or Mandy Evans (MOMSnext) at 724-926-4049 with any questions.

This is just a short note of thanks and praise to all who helped out for this year's PW "Fall Gathering", it was truly a success. Thanks to all who helped me coordinate, who baked, who helped clean up and all who supported our efforts. We had a great time, thanks also goes out to Rich Kovach and the SNPJ Button-Box Club for entertaining us for a "joyful celebration of music", all for God's glory. God bless each and every one of you and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Caroline Poiche

Sunday, October 16th will be a great day for celebrating. We will celebrate the Recognition of our church's heritage, our members who are 80 and over and those who have been a member of Bethany for 50+ years. Please make every effort to join us. The Historical Room will be open following the worship services.

Taken from the Session Minutes of 1831:

March 17, 1831. Session met according to appointment constituted with prayer. Present, Thomas Alexander, Moses Middleswarth, John Herriott, Samuel Brice, Samuel Collins and William Jeffery, Moderator.
The Session having had several interviews with Levi Gregg, in reference to a promiscuous dance, which he had permitted to be held in his house – and having failed in their efforts to bring him to suitable acknowledgements for the same, adopted the following resolution in his case:

Whereas Mr. Levi Gregg, according to his own acknowledgement, did, on the night immediately preceding the day appointed, by the last General Assembly to be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, permit a promiscuous dance, to be held in his house, to which he had previously given his consent – since whereas he, after frequent interviews had with him by the Session, in reference to the above case, still refuses to make such acknowledgements of sorrow for his conduct as the Session believes, the case requires, therefore, resolved, unanimously, that Mr. Gregg be and he hereby is suspended from the Sacraments of the church until he shall have given satisfactory evidence of sorrows for his offence. Adjourned and concluded with prayer.

How times have changed! On Tuesday evening, October 4, 2011 the Presbyterian Women were given the privilege of hearing the Western PA Button Box for an evening of "Joyful Music" in the Welcome Center. It was a lovely evening with approximately 60 people in attendance. The music was so lively that several got up and danced along with the music. The one difference from the 1831 event was that this was not a promiscuous dance.

Blood Drive – The Deacons will be sponsoring a blood drive, in cooperation with the Central Blood Bank of Pittsburgh, on Sunday, October 30th from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. here at the church. They are looking for all types of blood. To schedule your life saving appointment, please contact Connie Segeleon at ConnieS_0904@verizon.net or you can sign-up beginning Sunday, October 16th.

Adult Basketball is back! Looking for an excuse to dust off the old Air Jordans and rain threes? Then come on down to Bethany Thursday nights at 8:00 for basketball. We usually play 3 to 4 pick-up games with a short devotion in between. Any questions contact Mike Barish at mjbar76@verizon.net.

Thank Offering at Bethany!

History of the Thank Offering

The PW Thank Offering originated in the late 1800s with Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio. Her plan was to ask each woman to give a gift in addition to her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to our Lord." In 1888, the women designated a day for prayer and thanksgiving when this special offering should be received. These sacrificial gifts, it is said, saved the worldwide missionary movement of their denomination. Though the thrust of how and where the money was used changed over the years, the "thank offering to her Lord" continued to be an important part of United Presbyterian Women's giving.

Twenty-six projects received grants from the 2010 Thank Offering. From nearly 68 requests, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee selected 14 projects in the United States and 12 projects in other parts of the world to receive a total of $724,780. At least 40 percent of the offering is designated for health ministries. The committee selects programs based on merit, regardless of geographic location, that meet the following criteria: consistency with the mission concerns and policies of the PC(USA); a purpose that meets basic human needs; providing a form of aid that relates directly to the people being served; and being a creative project less than three years old or a new direction for an existing program.

One of the projects chosen was from the Synod of the Trinity - ***Open Hand Ministries, Inc.***, Affordable Homeownership Rehabilitation, Pittsburgh, PA $20,000. This program provides material and labor to rehabilitate abandoned houses into energy-efficient homes to be purchased by disadvantaged families who have received financial management training. A listing of all grants is available on the bulletin board outside of the nursery.

An offering envelope is in the pew for your use. Please give generously. Checks are to be made out to Bethany Presbyterian Church with Thank Offering written on the memo line. Thank You.

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Registration will be open starting Monday, October 10. Register online at www.bethanypresby.org or pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center. Cost is $60 per child if registered before Thanksgiving. Volunteer information will also be posted online or you may email upward@bethanypresby.org for more information.

FROM THE BETHANY CHURCH OFFICE

Finance Report as of October 2, 2011

2011 Budget	$733,124
Year to date Budget	$520,782
Year to date Income	$544,051

Attendance for Sunday, October 2: 8:15 – 112 10:45 – 238

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

The Pumpkin Patch is coming to the Bridgeville Methodist Church, Station Street, from October 15th thru the 31st. Pumpkins can be purchased Monday thru Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit flood victims.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING THE LORD…

Welcome: 8:15 – Carrie Emerson **10:45 –** Joy Heaps

News of the church: 8:15 & 10:45 – Rev. Melany Hamilton

Call to Worship: 8:15 – Patty Black **10:45 –** Carla Suskowski

Prayer of Confession: 8:15 – Dianne Fiorentini
10:45 – Karen Harkins

Children's Message: 8:15 & 10:45 – Brittany Lytle, Amanda Schulz

Assurance of Pardon: 8:15 – Pam Lawlor
10:45 – Jaymi Emanuelson

Prayer of Dedication: 8:15 – Nikki O'Brien **10:45 –** Allison Benini

Lay Readers: 8:15 – Karen Talerico **10:45** – Lisa Jo Colwell

Affirmation of Faith: 8:15 – Amy Ramage
10:45 – Laurie Steedle-Sysak

Ushers: 8:15 – Jackie Farrer, Caroline Poiche, Dawn Lane, Beckie Price
10:45 – Patty Bovard, Dolly McCrea, Jennifer Hebbert, Jackie Patterson, Sue & Katie Nagy, Karen & Sarah Verduci

Fellowship Greeters at 10:45 are Jim & Julie Pitts

Good News Greeters at 10:45 are John & Becky Yanak, Don & Deb Kaminski

In the Nursery: 8:15 Service – Jason & Richelle Sommerfield
10:45 Service – Jenny Smith, Jim & Heather Fries
2, 3 and 4 year olds (room 149) – Haley Ralston, Katie Boehmer
Children's Worship & Wonder for 4 and 5 years old thru 2nd grade (room 144) – Debby Hayes, Sara Sunderlin, Jordan Krieger, Halie Ralston

Welcome Center: 8:15 – John Brown **10:45** –

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*THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you taught us to love you with all our heart, but we love our friends and our comforts more. You taught us to love you with all our soul, but we devote our souls to other things we enjoy. Lord Jesus, you taught us to love you with all our mind, but we study our computer programs and best-sellers more than we study the Scriptures. Jesus, you taught us to love you with all our strength, but we use our strength to compete with others. And Jesus, you taught us to love our neighbor as our self, but we choose to either compare ourselves with our neighbors or neglect their needs. Forgive us, Risen Christ. Help us to return to you with our whole hearts.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE No. 734 "Gloria Patri"

WE GIVE TO GOD

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please sign the Fellowship Pad. Pass it back to the center aisle to be picked up.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

8:15	"Lord, All My Heart is Set on Thee"	J. Alberti
10:45	"Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"	J. Althouse

*RESPONSE No. 34 "Doxology"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN No. 345 " Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS : Lay Reader

New Testament: Matthew 7:13-14 See page 1506 in pew Bible

New Testament: Mark 12 :28-31 See page 1575 in pew Bible

L: *"The word of the Lord"* **P: *"Thanks be to God"***

*THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Hymn 461

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what-e'er you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

THE SERMON Rev. Melany Hamilton

"The Danger of a Divided Heart"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE HYMN No. 457 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*THE BENEDICTION

Response **10:45**

"May the Road Rise to Meet You" L. Turner

*THE POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" G. Kaufman

*All who are able and willing, please stand

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, October 9 (I Kings 7:1-51) *Thank Offering*
Pray for Jacquelyn Nixon
8:15 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:45 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary
11:45 A.M. – Men's Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Room
6:00 P.M. – Junior High Youth – Youth Room
7:15 P.M. – Senior High Youth – Youth Room

Monday, October 10 (I Kings 8:1-21)
Pray for Dean, Dylan & Devin Nock
7:00 P.M. – Session Teams – Welcome Center

Tuesday, October 11 (I Kings 8:22-51)
Pray for Rusty, Sandra, Zachary & Logan North
9:15 A.M. –Staff Meeting – Rev. John's office
9:30 A.M. – Women's Day Out – Fellowship Hall
5:00 P.M. – LOGOS – Country Western
7:00 P.M. – Youth Bell Ringers – Choir Room
7:30 P.M. – Senior High Bible Study – Youth Room

Wednesday, October 12 (I Kings 8:52-66)
Pray for Karen & Louis Nowasielski
7:00 P.M. – Young Adult Bible Study – Youth Room
7:00 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
8:30 P.M. – Bethany Ringers – Choir Room

Wednesday, October 13 (9:1-28)
Pray for Jack & Nikki O'Brien, Ella O'Hara
9:00 A.M. – Quilting – Room 149
9:00 A.M. – MOPS – 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. – Women's Bible Study – Room 245
7:00 P.M. – Assoc. Pastor Nominating Committee – Bethany Room
7:00 P.M. – Dartball – Fellowship Hall
(Indians @ Marlins)
8:00 P.M. – Adult Basketball – Great Room

Friday, October 14 (I Kings 10:1-29)
Pray for Cindy O'Korn
9:30 A.M. – Women's Bible Study – Room 245
12:00 P.M. – Men's Luncheon – Kings Restaurant
1:00 P.M. – Friendship Bible Study – Room 240

6:00 P.M. – Bryan Crabb & Brittani Phillips Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 P.M. – Friday Night Group – Welcome Center

Saturday, October 15 (I Kings 11:1-43)
Pray for Dave & Carol Oliver, Amy Wolenski
7:30 A.M. – Food Bank Packing – Room 159
3:00 P.M. – Bryan Crabb & Brittani Phillips Wedding – Sanctuary

Sunday, October 16 (I Kings 12:1-33)
Heritage Sunday / Octogenarian Sunday / 50+ Year Members Sunday
Pray for Darren Ordean
8:15 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:45 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary
11:45 A.M. – Men's Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Room
6:00 P.M. – Junior High Youth Mission Project – Youth Room
7:15 P.M. – Senior High Youth – Youth Room

Heritage Sunday – October 16

We will celebrate the anniversary of the founding of Bethany Presbyterian Church – October 18, 1814.

We will also honor those members who are 80 years old or older and those who have been members for 50 years or more.

What can you do?

- ✓ Pass the word, especially to those older and longtime members.
- ✓ Visit the Historical Room at Bethany, located inside the Library. It will be open with hosts Emily Brady following the 8:15 service and Joe Oyler following the 10:45 service to welcome you.
- ✓ Attend the reception in the Welcome Center after each service. Cake and refreshments will be served.
- ✓ Join the congregation for worship as we pray and honor the older and longtime members.
- ✓ Pastor John Hamilton will preach on the theme, "So…What's in Your Square?"
- ✓ The theme will be drawn from Chapters 11 and 14 from the book, "It All Goes Back in the Box" by John Ortberg.

- ✓ Books are on the table in the Welcome Center. The cost is $10. If writing a check please make it payable to Bethany Presbyterian Church and write ‘Ortberg book’ on the memo line.

See you next Sunday!