# Bethany

loving with the heart of Jesus

*February 26, 2012*

*8:15 & 10:45 o'clock*

*Sermon:*
*"Forgiveness in the House of Prayer"*

First
SUNDAY IN
LENT

"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Matthew 6:12

## *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. We also have a Cry Room at the back of the Sanctuary (near the usher's table) on the pulpit side with a speaker so that you can see and hear the service. 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

8:15 *"Our Father Who Art in Heaven"* J. Krieger

10:45 *"Lead Me to the Cross"*
Jeff Nowak and John Hamilton

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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

## 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.

## 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 February 24:

Charlotte Guisewite – Florida
(Marlene Haley, Maxine Berton & Joy Heaps' mother)

### Discharged:

Joyce Biearman
Barb Boehmer
George Whoolery – (Mike Whoolery's father)
Tom Woodward – Lifecare Hospital Care of Pittsburgh

### Remember in Prayer:

Zach Noel (Shirley Ellis' grandson)
Albert Eisenbeis – (Jean Roemer's father)
Clifford & Lambert Families
Cliff & Betty Durocher
Nancy Sherman (Alice Sherwin's sister)
Jack Crawford
James Vokun (age 7) Jean Roemer's grandson
Brandy Stevens
Linda Karns
Bob Pulice
Mary Schneider
Robbie Ytterberg & Family
Eileen Douglas

**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.

**The flowers** are given as follows:

One vase is in memory of Gram, Mary DiMarco from the Poiche's.

One vase is in memory of my father, William Gearhart, from SuEllen Dillon.

## NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

**Hearing Devices:** There are personal hearing amplification devices that are available to use anywhere in the sanctuary. They are a small unit, similar in size to a smart phone. If you are interested in using one, please see one of the ushers.

**Baptism dates for 2012:**

March 25 May 27
July 29 September 30 November 25

Call the Church Office to request a date for Baptism.

**Communion dates for 2012:**

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| February 26 | April 5 | May 6 |
| June 24 | August 5 | September 9 |
| October 7 | December 2 | |

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 Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. at the church. We will provide lunch and the class will run between 3 and 4 hours. We look forward to personally meeting you at that time. 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 or fill in the red card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate. Upcoming classes are scheduled for June 3rd and November 4th.

**Need Scrip?** 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. Need a new Easter outfit? 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 in the Welcome Center after the 8:15 service and Earl & Pat Swanson after the 10:45 service.**

**February is the month to provide desserts for Meals on Wheels**. Ruth Doyle, Site Manager, would appreciate cupcakes, brownies, sweet breads or cake instead of cookies. Cookies are good, and we won't turn them down, but South Fayette PTA has donated a lot of cookies. A calendar is in the Welcome Center. Please sign-up. Fresh fruit, on certain days, as noted on the calendar is needed. The amount of fresh fruit is 60 pieces. Coordinate a day with a friend if you can't do it all yourself. Please help.

**Parking for Sunday Services** The Property Team would like to reserve the front row spaces near the entrance 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.

**Kids say the darndest things about the Bible**

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.

**Want to Get Away???** – Bethany Presbyterian Church announces the return of the All Church Retreat – March 9th through March 11th at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. This year's theme is "The Good News…Putting Yourself in the Picture". Register now for this exciting weekend of fellowship, study, prayer, laughter and relaxation. Time is running out…DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 1st. Come out to Laurelville…and hear the Good News!!!

**The Rummage Sale** will be held May 5th and now is the time to start cleaning out and saving for the rummage sale.

**Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women**
Presbyterian women from around the globe will gather in Orlando, Florida, July 18–22, 2012, to celebrate through the theme "River of Hope." Inspiring worship, Bible study, thought-provoking speakers and workshops on mission, leadership and spiritual growth will provide nurture and challenge for all who attend. This also will be a time for fun and renewal in The Sunshine State! For more information, please visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

Bonnie, Barb, Lynne, Rhonda, Carolyn & Becky are going. Are you? Join us and get your T-shirt. Call Barb at 412-221-5132 if you plan to go.

**Last Call for all women** - The 2012 Secret Sister Program is about to begin and we would love to have you join us. Please consider being a part of this wonderful program that is not only supporting our own Bethany women, but supporting such wonderful community needs as well. Forms can be found at the Welcome Center, or contact Beckie Price at 412-319-7913.

**Calling all men** - The 2012 Men's Secret Society Program is about to begin and we already have a name – 'Brotherhood of Bethany' – B.O.B. for short. We would love to have you join us. Won't you consider being a part of this grace-filled group of men in our church who will be praying and supporting each other? Information forms are in the Welcome Center. Contact Bill Paviol at paviol@yahoo.com or call him at 412-722-3102 to learn more about this ministry.

**The Video College of Biblical Knowledge** will complete the "Story of Jesus" (a look at Jesus through the eyes of the first century witnesses). Ben Witherington III, Helen Bond, Andrew Skinner, Bishop N.T. Wright, and His Beatitude Archbishop Theophilis will give their thoughts about Jesus' last supper, trial, death, and resurrection. During Lent, the class will study "Surprised by Hope" by N. T. Wright.

**Annual Report books** are in the Welcome Center. Help yourself to one.

**Associate Pastor:** Robbie Ytterberg and his family and the moving vans will be arriving in the Pittsburgh area on the weekend of March 8,9,10. The next week will be dedicated to moving in and beginning to get settled. Robbie will be helping in worship on the 18th and in the office (moving in) on the 19th of March. That is a little later than the March 1st goal, but good things take time...and this is a very good thing! They are not only moving but saying goodbye's to family in Washington State and Colorado and elsewhere. Do continue to keep them in prayer. We will do our best to let you know how you – we – can be helpful in the transition.

**The Golden Oldies** - A limited number of tickets have been ordered for our day trip to see ***"Ruthless"*** on Thursday, **April 5th.** The tickets are $50 each which includes the bus and lunch. We will leave from the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. To reserve a ticket we are asking for a minimum deposit of $25 per ticket with the entire balance due on or before the March 15th "*You Gotta Wear Green*" meeting.

**Calling all men!** We will once again gather singing men to share in worship on Sunday, March 18 at both services. We will have 2 brief rehearsals on February 26 (today!) and on March 4 to go through the song we will offer. We welcome all men interested in offering a gift of music to the Lord.

## FROM THE BETHANY CHURCH OFFICE

**Attendance for Sunday, February 19** **8:15 –** 118 **10:45 –** 248

**Finance Reports as of February 19, 2012**

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| 2012 Budget | 776,373 | 2011 Budget | 733,124 |
| Year to Date Budget | 134,113 | Year to Date Budget | 107,318 |
| Year to Date Income | 132,546 | Year to Date Income | 133,094 |

**Attention All Bethany Hackers:**

The date for the Annual Bethany Golf Outing is Saturday, June 23rd at Fort Cherry Golf Club. Contact Ron Gastgeb (412-833-5191) for cost and to reserve your spot. A sit down dinner with prizes will follow the golfing.

The golfer's hymn is "There's a Green Hill Far Away."

**Ways to Serve:** 2012 Mission Opportunities!
For more information, see the Mission team in the Welcome Center:

Rebuilding Pittsburgh - Saturday, April 28
Tapestries of Life (Family Trip) - June 9 -16
West Virginia Trip - August 5 -11
Tapestries of Life (Adult) - November 10-17

**Attention all moms!** Need a night out? Want some kid-free grown-up time? Want to connect with other moms in our church?
If you answered yes, please join the moms of MOMSnext on a Mom's Night Out! We will be heading to Panera Bread in the Galleria on Thursday, March 1st at 7pm. Come and join us for dinner, a cup of coffee or dessert, you choose! Please contact Mandy Evans at 724-926-4049 or mandy.jr@verizon.net to let us know you will be coming. The more the merrier, invite a friend and get ready to enjoy some fellowship!

**Thanks.** On behalf of myself, Dennis and our daughters Kathryn & Christine, thank you so much for the kind wishes and support during my near-transplant adventure last week. The love and support of our church family helped us through a very difficult time. Special love and thanks to Rev .John and Rev. Melany for their on-site caring and support. To quote Clarie from Steel Magnolias "That which does not kill us makes us strong". However, the love of God and good friends sustains us through it all. Joyce Biearman

**Thank You:** We would like to thank our church family for all the prayers and thoughtfulness for Darryl Sr. and his recent unexpected surgery. He is doing well and on his way to recovery. Again, thank you for all of the prayers. The Schulz Family

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday February 26 (Psalm 94:1-23) *1st Sunday in Lent / Communion*
*Pray for Sylvia Williard*
8:15 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:45 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary
6:00 P.M. – **NO** Junior High Youth – Youth Room
7:15 P.M. – Senior High Youth – Youth Room

Monday, February 27 (Psalm 95:1-11)
*Pray for Ken, Doug & Kylie Wilson*
6:00 P.M. – Upward Practice – Great Room
7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting – Room 245

Tuesday, February 28 (Psalm 96:1-13)
*Pray for Frank, Lora & Madilyn Wilson*
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 – Various Rooms
7:00 P.M. – Upward Practice – Great Room
7:00 P.M. – Youth Bell Ringers – Choir Room
7:30 P.M. – Senior High Bible Study – Youth Room

Wednesday, February 29 (Psalm 97:1-12)
*Pray for Alan, Susan, Jacqueline & Jerod Witwicki*
6:00 P.M. – Upward Practice – Great Room
7:00 P.M. – Young Adults Bible Study – Youth Room
7:00 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
8:30 P.M. – Bethany Ringers – Choir Room

Thursday, March 1 (Psalm 98:1-9)
*Pray for Charles & Brenda Woleslagle*
9:15 A.M. – Quilting – Room 144
12:00 P.M. – Thursday Knitters – Room 224
6:00 P.M. – Upward Practice – Great Room
6:00 P.M. – Upward Cheerleading Practice – Chapel
6:30 P.M. – Adult Bible Study – Room 224
7:00 P.M. – MOMSnext – Panera Bread in the Galleria
7:00 P.M. – Dartball – Fellowship Hall
(Braves @ Indians Marlins @ Dodgers)
8:00 P.M. – Adult Basketball – Great Room

Friday, March 2 (Psalm 100:1-5)
*Pray for Dan, Dee, Makenzie & Cody Wolfe*
9:30 A.M. – Women's Bible Study on James – Room 244
6:00 P.M. – Upward Practice – Great Room
7:30 P.M. – Friday Night Group – Bride's Room

Saturday, March 3 (Psalm 101:1-8)
*Pray for Charles Wolstoncroft*
9:00 A.M. – Upward Game Day – Great Room / Kitchen
9:00 A.M. – PW Bible Study – Room 224
10:00 A.M. – Saturday Knitters – Bride's Room

Sunday March 4 (Psalm 102:1-28) *2nd Sunday in Lent / Name Tags*
*Pray for Jeff Wolstoncroft*
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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Baby bottles** are on the table in the Welcome Center for you to take home and put your loose change in (paper money & checks also accepted) for use at the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills. See insert.

**Free Income Tax Assistance** is available at The Bible Chapel, 300 Gallery Drive, McMurray, through April 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There are no appointments, only walk-ins. Closed Good Friday.

**Parents, do you feel like you spend more time talking to the wall than your middle schooler?** South Fayette Campus Life is sponsoring a Panel Discussion on Monday night, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. at South Fayette Middle School. The discussion will be led by professionals from the Pittsburgh Area who work with teens on a regular basis. All parents are invited to hear and respond to facts showing that there are other prevalent influences in your children's lives besides yourself. For instance, recent research indicates the average 8 to 18-year-old in America is engaging with media for 7 hours and 38 minutes a day. We hope that you can join us. Please contact Judi Wolstoncroft at 412-527-8210 or jwolstoncroft@yfcmp.org for more information.

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## THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE SERVING THE LORD

**Lay Readers: 8:15** – Karen Talerico
**10:45** – Joan Kundra

**Ushers: 8:15** – Andrea Prohaska, Jack & Nikki O'Brien, Lee Restich
**10:45** – Tom & Carole Aspinall, Stephen & Evan Zombeck

**Fellowship Greeters: 8:15** – The Ushers
**10:45** – Paul, Kathleen & Mark Bonosky

**Good News Greeters: 8:15** – Caroline Poiche
**10:45** – Jim & Julie Pitts

**Nursery: 8:15** – Jackie Farrer, Nicole Loebig
**10:45** – Jenny Smith, Annie Doty, Jordan Krieger

**Two, Three & Four Year Olds** – Room 149
**10:45** – Heather and Larry Scrima

**Four & Five Year Olds – Children's Worship & Wonder** – Room 144
**10:45** – Debby Hayes, Sara Sunderlin, Jordan Krieger & Halie Ralston

**At the Welcome Center**: **8:15** – Ed VanEman
**10:45** – Mike Suchoza

## A Prayer to Lead Us to Unceasing Prayer

Lord, Jesus, on this day I pray to
see with your eyes,
to hear with your ears,
to think with your thoughts,
to speak with your words,
to bless with your hands
and above all,
to love with your heart.
Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

8:15 *"Lead Me to the Cross"* J. Pachelbel
Jeff Nowak and John Hamilton

10:45 *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* C. Courtney

*THE RESPONSE - HYMN NO. 572 vs 1

God whose giving knows no ending from your rich and endless store; nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS: Lay Reader

Old Testament – Isaiah 56:6-7 Page 1150 in pew Bible

New Testament – Matthew 6:9-15 Page 1504 in pew Bible

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

THE SERMON Rev. Melany Hamilton

*"Forgiveness in the House of Prayer"*

THE PRAYER OF RESPONSE

*"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors"…*
*Lord, we say those words so quickly and easily,*
*without much thought.*
*Yet, from our own deep pain we know how hard it is*
*to forgive those who have hurt us.*
*The words are easy to pray,*
*hard to do.*
*Forgive us, Lord, for refusing to forgive…*
*for nursing our anger…*
*for speaking ill of another and thinking worse…*
*for declaring war on another and demanding victory.*
*Help us to take our smoldering embers of anger*
*and lay them at Your altar.*
*Begin within us that wonderful, renewing cycle*
*of giving and receiving your mercy.*

*In other words,*
*"forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."*
*Amen.*

*THE HYMN NO. 382 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION
THE BREAD, THE CUP
DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Please **hold the bread** until all have received it, signifying our unity as the Body of Christ as we take it together.
Please **drink the juice** as soon as you receive it, signifying our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
Pray and reflect on Christ and his sacrifice as the elements are shared.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*THE HYMN NO. 385 "Search Me, O God"

*THE BENEDICTION
*THE RESPONSE 10:45
*"Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace"* G. Whelpton

*THE POSTLUDE
*"Our Father, Who art in Heaven"* F. Zachau
*All who are able and wish to do so, please stand.