# Bethany

loving with the heart of Jesus

*March 11, 2012*
*8:15 & 10:45 o'clock*

*Sermon:*
*"Spiritual Leadership in Challenging Times"*

Third
SUNDAY IN
LENT

## *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. 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

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| THE PRELUDE | **8:15** | Prayer | R. Powell |
| | **10:45** | "Fill My Cup" | R. Blanchard |
| | | Ruth Doyle, Soprano | |

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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

**L:** **Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary and in the heavens.**

P: Praise God for acts of power; Give praise for his surpassing greatness.

**L:** **Praise God with the sound of the trumpet; praise God with the harp and lyre.**

P: Praise God with dancing; praise him with strings and flute.

**L:** **Praise him with shouts of joy!**

P: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

**ALL:** **Praise the Lord.**

*THE HYMN No. 255 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

## 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 March 9:

Ronald Bolam – Allegheny General

### Discharged:

Sean Parker Doty – age 8
Ken Kundra - (Ken Kundra's father)
Charlotte Guisewite – Florida
(Marlene Haley, Maxine Berton & Joy Heaps' mother)
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
Tom Clarke

**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.

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to The John Talerico Family on the recent death of Karen's father.

**The flowers** are given as follows:

One vase is in memory of my mother, Jean Thomas, on her birthday, from Eda Woodward.

One vase is in memory of our parents from Fred & Roberta Gerstacker.

## 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:**

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| 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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| 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.

**Welcome:** Speaking today is the Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz. He is the Associate Pastor to Pittsburgh Presbytery. Doug has been an ordained minister for 28 years, and has served as the Senior pastor at Hampton Presbyterian Church, Gibsonia, Deerhurst Presbyterian Church, Buffalo NY., and Third Presbyterian Church, Troy NY. His wife, Lynn, is the Associate Pastor for Parish Life at Shadyside Presbyterian Church. He has two children, Bethany, who graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary last May and who now works at Elfinwild PC, and Benjamin, a recent graduate of Westminster College, New Wilmington.

**All Church Retreat:** Rev. John and Rev. Melany Hamilton, and members of Bethany are worshipping this morning at the conclusion of the All Church Retreat in Laurelville.

**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. **Andrea Prohaska will be in the Welcome Center after the 8:15 service and Cathy Schulz after the 10:45 service.**

**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.

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

***Sunday School, Retreat Weekend, March 11, 2012***, I was truly wishing each and every one of you would be at the All Church Retreat however, I realize that for some of you that was not possible. Therefore, most of our Sunday School classes will be held here at Bethany. Classes for the 2 & 3 year olds through 8th grade boys and girls ***will be held.*** There is ***NO*** Sunday school class for the 9th grade confirmation class. However, Sunday school ***will be*** held for the Senior High youth (10th thru 12th grade). If you are a 9th grader and will not be at the retreat, please attend the senior high class downstairs in the youth lounge. Fred Gossic (Room 224) ***will not*** be having his Adult Sunday School class today, but please visit Tom Clarke's class upstairs in the Bride's Room or Mark & Kitty Rackley's video class downstairs in the Fellowship Hall or the "Wired Word" class with Dan Wolfe & Karen Talerico in the Bethany Room. Those 3 adult Sunday School classes ***will be*** in session. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call (Barb) @ 412.221.5132 or you can email the Discipleship Team at discipleship@bethanypresby.org

**The Video College of Biblical Knowledge** during Lent is now doing, *Surprised by Hope*, by Rev. R. T. "Tom" Wright. This class meets in Fellowship Hall under the leadership of Mark & Kitty Rackley. Why not join us?

**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.

# FROM THE BETHANY CHURCH OFFICE

Sunday, March 4

**Attendance**

**8:15 –** 135 **10:45 –** 276

**Finance Report**

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| 2012 Budget | 776,373 | 2011 Budget | 733,124 |
| Year to Date Budget | 161,852 | Year to Date Budget | 120,915 |
| Year to Date Income | 162,254 | Year to Date Income | 161,680 |

**BETHANY RED HAT BELIEVERS –** It's time to think "GREEN " again ladies. We will meet at Tambellini's Restaurant in Bridgeville at 12:00 noon on Saturday, March 17th, which is really St. Patrick's Day, for an afternoon of fun and socializing. Forget the Red Hats and Purple Outfits once again and wear all the "GREEN" you can. This will be the 4th year we have done this. It's a change from Red and Purple and we always have a good time to see how much "GREEN" ( and what things ) everyone will wear..

Please R.S.V.P. Marlene at comet246@peoplepc.com or call me at 412-592-9100 if you can or can't make it by March 15th. Hope to see you all there.

**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."

**Annual Lenten Brunch – April 1, 2012 (Palm Sunday)**

*If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.* – 1 Peter 4:11 (NIV)

The Men's Ministry Team will be serving the Annual Lenten Brunch after both services on Sunday, April 1, 2012 in the Great Room. You won't want to miss this event, which gets better each year (and that's no April Fool's joke!). All are invited. No tickets required – a "free will" offering will be accepted. All proceeds will go to the continued development of a men's ministry at Bethany Church. Also, the Team is looking for men to help in the set-up, preparing, serving and clean-up for the Brunch. What better way to bring praise to God than serving others in His name. If you can help, please contact Dennis Biearman (dbiearman@yahoo.com) or Paul Bonosky (pbonosky@yahoo.com).

**Fellowship of Prayer** participants are asked to pick-up their updated prayer list from Carolyn Garretson this morning in the Welcome Center.

**A Welcome Reception** will be held Sunday, March 25th after each service for Robbie Ytterberg and family. Plan to join us. A formal welcome will be held when he is ordained and installed.

**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

✞ Many of you are aware that Jean Roemer's 7 year old grandson, James, has been critically ill over the past 2 weeks, diagnosed with "HLH," a rare, genetic, immune disease. He is headed for a bone marrow transplant. We are calling for volunteers to register. You must be healthy and between 18-44. Registration is easy – sign up, be mailed a kit, swab your cheek and send it back. See guidelines on the national bone marrow transplant website: http://marrow.org/Join/Join_the_Registry.aspx Please do not hesitate to forward this on to anyone who might be interested. Blessings.

**The time has finally arrived for us to do a new pictorial directory!** Picture sessions will be on April 10,11,12,13,14,17 and 18, and May 17, 18, 19. You can sign up on line to reserve your preferred appointment time through a link on our website. Sign-ups will begin next Sunday, March 18th, for those who don't want to sign-up on line. Additional information can be found in the Welcome Center.

**Calling all men!** We will once again gather singing men to share in worship on Sunday, March 18 at both services. If you are interested in joining with us, see John Henninger who can provide a copy of the music. We welcome all men interested in offering a gift of music to the Lord.

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday March 11 (Psalm 109:1-31) *3rd Sunday in Lent / All Church Retreat*
*Pray for Ruth Wright*
8:15 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:45 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary
– **NO** Junior High Youth – Youth Room
– **NO** Senior High Youth – Youth Room

Monday, March 12 (Psalm 110:1-7)
*Pray for John, Becky & Scott Yanak*
6:00 P.M. – Upward Practice – Great Room
7:00 P.M. – Session Teams – Welcome Center

Tuesday, March 13 (Psalm 111:1-10)
*Pray for Betty Yenchik*
9:15 A.M. – Staff Calendar Planning Meeting – Welcome Center
9:30 A.M. – Women's Day Out – Fellowship Hall
5:00 P.M. – LOGOS – Various Rooms
6:00 P.M. – Upward Practice – Great Room
6:00 P.M. – Upward Cheerleading Practice - Chapel
7:00 P.M. – Youth Bell Ringers – Choir Room
7:30 P.M. – Senior High Bible Study – Youth Room

Wednesday, March 14 (Psalm 112:1-10)
*Pray for Duane & Kevin Yenchik*
6:00 P.M. – Upward Practice – Great Room
6:00 P.M. – Upward Cheerleading Practice - Chapel
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 15 (Psalm 113:1-9)
*Pray for Nancy Yenchik*
9:15 A.M. – Quilting – Room 144
9:30 A.M. – Family Promise Staff – Room 245
10:30 A.M. – Golden Oldies Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
12:00 P.M. – Golden Oldies Luncheon/Program – Fellowship Hall
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 – Bethany Room
8:00 P.M. – Adult Basketball – Great Room

Friday, March 16 (Psalm 114:1-8)
*Pray for Kerie & Megan Zadrozny*
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 17 (Psalm 115:1-18)
*Pray for Ronald Zadrozny*
7:30 – 12:00 – Food Bank – Room 159
9:00 A.M. _ PW Bible Study – Room 224
9:00 A.M. – Upward Game Day – Great Room / Kitchen
12:00 P.M. – Red Hats – Tambellini's
6:00-10:00 P.M. – Babysitting

Sunday March 18 (Psalm 116:1-19) *4th Sunday in Lent*
*Pray for Frances Zaloznik*
8:15 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:45 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary
12:00 P.M. – Communications, Parents & Mentors Luncheon – Fellowship Hall
12:30 P.M. – New Members Class – meet in the Welcome Center
TBA – Junior High Youth Service Project
7:15 P.M. – Senior High Youth – Youth Room

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**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.

**Easter Basket Family Bingo:** Sponsored by Holy Child Catholic PTG on Sunday, March 25th, 2012, at Holy Child School Gym. Doors open at 12:30 PM, early bird games at 1:30 PM, and regular games at 1:45 PM. Admission is $8.00 and includes all 14 games and one Chinese auction ticket. All children must be accompanied by an adult and there is no smoking allowed. Seating is first come first serve. Ticket quantities are limited so BUY EARLY. For ticket information call Sister Barbara Anne at @ 412-221-4720.

**Picture yourself in the 1980's**...Did you have big hair and know how to use it as you wore a banana clip, pegged your jeans, rocked a neon sweater dress and leg warmers over your converse high-tops? Then come re-live the fun at the "I LOVE the 80's Dance" at Club Cefalo's in Carnegie, Friday April 13th, 7-11pm! $10 Pre-Sale tickets. Proceeds benefit Holy Child Catholic School. Call Andrea (412) 977-0553 for tickets/info.

**The Vineyard Christian Fellowship**, Liberty Street, Bridgeville, will have the pleasure of having a free concert on March 29th by Mitch McVicker (formerly of Rich Mullins Ragamuffin Band). Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and Mitch starts at about 8:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in coming to see this concert they really need to be there by 7ish as we can hold only about 110 - 120 in our sanctuary. We will be taking a love offering for Mitch, and he will be selling his CDs. Thank you for your time. See the poster in the Welcome Center or call (412)969-1295 for additional information.

## CHURCH STAFF

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## THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE SERVING THE LORD

**Lay Readers: 8:15** – Ed VanEman
**10:45** – SuEllen Dillon

**Ushers: 8:15** – Judy Gardner, Judy Vietmeier, John & Kathy Brown
**10:45** – Randy & Danielle Druchniak, Bill Paviol, Terry Kohlmyer

**Fellowship Greeters: 8:15** – The Ushers
**10:45 –** Debbie Gossic

**Good News Greeters: 8:15** – Thomas Willhite
**10:45** –

**Nursery: 8:15** – Jason & Richelle Sommerfield
**10:45** – Tara Krieger

**Two, Three & Four Year Olds** – Room 149
**10:45** – Scott & Jennifer Wallace

**Four & Five Year Olds – Children's Worship & Wonder** – Room 144
**10:45** – Dee Wolfe, Annie Doty, Brooke Ley, Lindsey Myers

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

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE No.382 All Sing Together verse 1

Forgive our sins as we forgive you,
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us,
Grace to live the words we say.

## WE GIVE TO GOD

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

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| 8:15 | "Fill My Cup, Lord"<br>Ruth Doyle, Soprano | R. Blanchard |
| 10:45 | "I Need Thee Every Hour"<br>David Oliver, Baritone | arr. J. N. Beck |

*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

*THE HYMN No. 589 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS: Lay Reader

Old Testament: Psalm 1 See page 843 in pew Bible

New Testament: Acts 1:15-26 See page 1691 in pew Bible

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

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz

"Spiritual Leadership in Challenging Times"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*THE HYMN No. 405 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE "Christ, the Lamb of God" arr. Behnke

*All who are able and willing, please stand