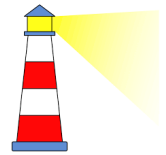


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# Bethel Beacon



*Loving Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship and Service*

## Session Highlights

\*All details have been over and Church Picnic is set for June 14<sup>th</sup> at Big Oak Pavilion.

\*There was a discussion about the church youth creating a new church directory.

\*Tom Caldwell presented an update on the installation of new fire alarms and the need to re-shingle the sanctuary roof.



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**Trustees** Mr. Mike Hall Sr. (2017)  
Mr. John Waldrop (2018)  
Mr. Allen Burress (2019)

**Treasurers** Mr. John Waldrop  
Mrs. Betty Ewing

### The Session

**Class of 2017** Mr. Tom Caldwell  
Mr. Paul Johnson  
Mrs. Bonnie Watkins

**Class of 2018** Dr. James E. Ewing  
Mr. Gary Levi

**Class of 2019** Mr. David Payne  
Mrs. Nancy Dix  
Mrs. Laura Farrar  
Mr. E.G. Brown

### The Staff

**Pastor** Rev. James C. Murphy  
**Organist** Mrs. Suellen Shaw  
**Pianist** Mrs. Ann DeSpain  
**Choir Director** Mr. Joe DeSpain  
**Church Secretary** Mrs. Julie Davis  
**Bookkeeper** Mrs. Karen Reynolds  
**Youth/Child Dir.** Mrs. Michelle Murphy  
**Church Custodian** Mr. Donnie Foley

## From the Pastor's Pen...

As our children continue to grow up I continue to be amazed by the speed at which the time is passing. It does not seem like that long ago that Michelle and I were wearing out our trusty copy of *What to Expect When You're Expecting*. That book certainly served as a useful guide for us. In fact, I have thought many times that it would be handy if we had the opportunity to pick up a copy of *What to Expect When \_\_\_\_\_* (fill in the blank with life event or situation) as we encounter life's many unknowns.

Today's rate of change in the world continues to bring new and unknown events, experiences, challenges and expectations into our lives. As this happens, it would be nice to have a manual or map to guide us in each of these endeavors. It would also be helpful to look upon these new

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opportunities with excitement instead of dread. But I think that, all too often, we find ourselves on the verge of the unknown feeling unprepared and “less than excited”.

It is in such times that I find it helpful to remember that we follow a God who is always doing a brand new thing. With Easter behind us, and Pentecost on the first Sunday of this month, I find it helpful to remember that God is ever before us in all things. This is indeed Good News!

In one of his sermons, Norman Vincent Peale describes the world-changing impact of Jesus' resurrection by alluding to a certain Spanish coin of the 15th century. It pictured the famed Pillars of Hercules -- the Rock of Gibraltar and its opposite number on the African side -- that guard the narrow strait between the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. Below the picture appeared the Latin phrase, "*ne plus ultra*," meaning "no more beyond."

Peale observes that, to Spanish mariners of that time, there truly was nothing beyond. To continue due west after passing through the Strait of Gibraltar was to risk a terrible fate.

Then, along came Columbus, whose discovery caused a slightly revised coin to be minted. The little word "*ne*" was

removed, so it read "*Plus Ultra*": more beyond.

Sometimes experience forces us to remake our maps. Sometimes we don't know what to expect, other than to expect that God has more in store for each of us. May we trust in God's guidance, by the Holy Spirit, as we discover the "*Plus Ultra*" areas of our lives.

God Bless,  
Jim

## Opportunity Circle

The Opportunity Circle completed the 2016-2017 Bible study book, *WHO IS JESUS?* finding it very effective and challenging. This circle will meet again in late August or early September for the new PW year.

## Circle #34

Circle #34 will not meet for the months of June, July or August. Meetings will resume in September.

## Men of the Church

Men of the Church will not meet for the months of June, July or August. Meetings will resume in September.



BFPC Church Picnic will be **Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.** at Big Oak Pavilion. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken tenders. Please bring a side dish or dessert and a 2 liter to share.

## **2017 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Schedule**

- February: Washcloths
- March: Pencils
- April: Spoons
- May: Crayons
- June: Scissors
- July: Brushes and/or combs
- August: Toothbrush and toothpaste
- September: Soap
- October: Coloring book
- November: \$5.00 for shipping and handling costs

## **Kingdom Kids And B.Y.G.**

Summer!!! I know you all are excited to be out of school. **We will meet to celebrate summer on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-7. We will meet somewhere outside of church. Be looking for more details soon.** Then, on June 14<sup>th</sup> is our annual church picnic. I hope to see you all there. There will be good food, fellowship, and games. Bring friends! We will also need to meet soon to talk about summer youth plans-be thinking.

I hope your school year ended well, and you have a great start to summer.

God Bless!

Michelle Murphy

## *Thank You*

To Our Wonderful Church Family,

Thank you is not enough to express how much your love and support has meant to us in the loss of our son Daulton. From Rev. Murphy making Daulton's memorial even more special by speaking and the beautiful memory box with all of the thoughtful gifts. We just can't say enough how much we love our church. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Rodney, Lisa and Lance Turpin



#### **6/4—Cindy Corell—Haiti**

As a companionship facilitator for FONDAMS, the joining Hands program in Haiti, Cindy connects the realities of farmers facing hunger, seed alienation, and land grabbing with churches in the US so that together they can work on improving those policies that prevent farmers from doing what they do best—grow food to feed people. As the country continues to recover from the 2010 earthquake, Haitians are seeking to produce more food locally and rely less on imports. Cindy senses God’s call to empower the Haitian people, “Being a farmer’s daughter, I know the joy a farmer knows when his or her work results in foods to be enjoyed by many,” Cindy says.

#### **6/11—Amanda Craft and Omar Chan Giron—Guatemala/Mexico**

As regional liaison, Amanda builds bridges between Presbyterians in the US and partner churches and organizations in Guatemala and Mexico. She also supports the ministries of other mission co-workers serving in these countries. Omar is the facilitator of Presbyterian Border Region Outreach, which supports the ministries of the six sites along the border of Mexico and the US. “When we

have the opportunity to walk together in our spiritual lives, a richness is fostered and nurtured, deepening our understanding of how God manifests in different communities,” they write.

#### **6/18—Rev. Gordon and Dorothy Gartrell—Brazil**

Gordon and Dorothy work in partnership with the United Presbyterian Church of Brazil in ministries of church planting and leadership training in Pains, Brazil. They are helping a small church grow through a ministry of leadership development. Once that church is stronger, they will begin work in church planting. They realize this is a long process, but their patience is fueled by a strong love for the Brazilian people.

#### **6/25—Farris and Thelma Goodrum—Brazil**

Farris and Thelma serve at the Center of Theological Formation Richard Schull, a ministry of the United Presbyterian Church of Brazil. They teach Christian education, administration, evangelism, music, and pastoral ministry. The Goodrums say that God has used them in many ways and that they have been learners as well as teachers, a reflection of the true meaning of mission in partnership.



## **2017 Graduates**

### ***Middle School***

*Gabriella DeLaGarza, daughter of Charlie and Tonya DeLaGarza and granddaughter of John and Janice Grass and Carlos DeLaGarza and Estella Molina graduated from Taylor County Middle School. Gabriella will attend Taylor County High School in the fall.*

*Emily Watkins, daughter of Dr. James and Bonnie Watkins and granddaughter of Barlow and Ursula Brooks and Mary Watkins, graduated from Taylor County Middle School. Emily will attend Taylor County High School in the fall.*

### ***High School***

*Olivia Benz, daughter of Steve and Pam Benz and granddaughter of Mary Lynn Benz, graduated from Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, IN. Olivia will attend the University of Virginia in the fall.*

*Emily Hope Caldwell, Daughter of Todd and Cami Caldwell and granddaughter of Tom and Julie Caldwell and Betty Raye Moss and the late High Moss, graduated from Mountain Vista High School in Highlands Ranch, CO. Emily will attend Colorado State University in the fall.*

*Kristen DeLaGarza, daughter of Charlie and Tonya DeLaGarza and granddaughter of John and Janice Grass and Carlos DeLaGarza and Estella Molina graduated from Taylor County High School. Kristen will attend the University of Kentucky in the fall.*

*Frank D. Metzmeier, son of Mary Metzmeier and grandson of Frank and Clara Metzmeier, will graduate from Clark High School in Cincinnati, OH. on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Frank, will attend Wittenberg University in the fall.*

*Caroline Murphy, daughter of Rev. James and Michelle Murphy and granddaughter of Richard Newcomer and the late Ann Newcomer and James and Gwenn Murphy, graduated from Taylor County High School. Caroline will attend Lindsey Wilson College in the fall. She will major in education with a minor in political science.*



# 2017

## June Birthdays

- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Joey Harris
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Ethan Morgan Watkins
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Torie Shively Graham
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Frances Feather Wilson  
Carole Whitley
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Raymonda Cunningham  
George Dearen
- 10<sup>th</sup>: Susan Mitchell DeSpain
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Eugene Shively
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Jenny Feather
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Jason Sanders
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Ray Cunningham
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Logan Dial
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Baxter Waldrop  
John Powell
- 24<sup>th</sup>: Jack Hughes  
Suellen Shaw
- 25<sup>th</sup>: Dr. John Burress  
Jennifer Grammer
- 26<sup>th</sup>: Jan Grant

### Budget Information

Average Weekly Giving  
\$3,172.62  
(As of 5/27/2017)  
Average Weekly Needs  
\$3,478.37

### **REMINDER:**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	5 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	6	7 5:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids and B.Y.G. 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	8	9	10
11 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	12 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	13	14 6:00 p.m. Church Picnic @ Big Oak Pavilion	15	16	17
18 10:00 a.m. Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  Happy Father's Day	19 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	20	21 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Session	22	23	24
25 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	26 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	27	28 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	29	30	