

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Rev. John H. Heinsohn
Minister of Visitation

At our December session meeting, we discussed security issues for Sunday morning during worship. This is very much on church people's minds after the terrible shooting in Texas last month. Church groups in conjunction with insurance companies are offering seminars on Church security. I attended such a gathering in December in Allentown sponsored by the Lehigh Conference of Churches.

There are some common sense steps that every church can take and in fact, the session has agreed that these should be done.

These are:

1. Have three ushers at each service, two at the main entrance and one in the rear entrance.
2. All unfamiliar persons should be asked to sign the guest book.
3. As the worship hour approaches, the rear entrance will be locked and a sign posted which instructs people to come to the front entrance.
4. A security team has been formed to be on the alert for any suspicious person entering the sanctuary.
5. If there is sufficient concern, the security team will call the police or make a 911 call.

As you might be aware there is great disagreement about hiring a security person for the worship service and also about having persons carrying concealed weapons in the service. Some of the larger churches do have hired security persons but not all of them. Some people are uncomfortable with guards in worship. People carrying concealed weapons in church makes many of us nervous.

The steps the session has taken seem reasonable and adequate for now but we are open to ideas about how to provide the safest worship space in our church building at all times. Your thoughts and suggestions are most welcome.

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Worship Service:

10:30 a.m.

Sept. 10, 2017– June 10, 2018

9:30 a.m. June 17th – Sept. 2, 2018

Holy Communion:

1st Sunday of the Month

Sunday School:

9:15 a.m.—September through May

Session Members:

Jonathan Rush – Clerk
Bonnie Pearce, Lillian Williams,
Laura Bocko, Kevin Correll,
Suzy Armstrong, Mike Feeney

Church DEACONS

January's deacon of the month is Debbie Llewellyn



- January 5 – Louise Bach
- January 12 – Jayden Getz
- January 19 – Corbin Kochler
- January 21 – Jenifer Nichols
- January 25 – Nicholas Brown



Please remember to bring your donation of a non-perishable food item for **PUMP** the first Sunday of each month. The next collection date is January 7th.



The Women of Community Presbyterian Church will meet on Tuesday, January 9th, this month, not January 2nd. We will meet in the choir room at 10am for our Bible study, 11am for our business meeting and go to a local eatery for lunch at noon. All women are invited.



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th immediately following worship.



All committee and financial reports for 2017 must be into the office no later than January 15th to be included in the Annual Report.

BOUNDARY

Boundary Workshop led by John Heinsohn will be held on Saturday morning February 3rd, 2018. *Boundaries* material will be presented from the gathering he attended in October. Coffee will be available at 9:00 and class will start at 9:30.

These will also fulfill the every-four-year requirement for Lehigh Presbytery Teaching Elders, and be good education for others in your congregation.



Rev. Jenny's Sunday morning sermon was a FlashMob Christmas pageant. Anyone could participate. It was lots of fun and the congregation in the pews really enjoyed it as well.

A YEAR IN RETROSPECT

- ✓ PUMP Food Collections/Christmas Gifts
 - ✓ Soup and Study
 - ✓ Sweetheart Luncheon
- ✓ Miller-Keystone Blood Drives
 - ✓ Doggie Roast
 - ✓ Graduates Honorarium
 - ✓ Bake Sales
- ✓ Recognition Sunday/Special Events
 - ✓ Special Presentations
 - ✓ Advent Luncheon
- ✓ Sunday and Special Worship Services



Lastly, thanks to our Deacons, our Choir, our Lawn Mowing and Grounds Team, Session, The Women of CPC, the Sunday School teachers and volunteers, Our Committees (Finance, Building, Nominating, Worship, Christian Education) and our congregants.

Without you our in-reach and out-reach programs would not be possible!



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MONTH of January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Rev. Nichols Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 am PUMP Food Collection	8 AA 8:00 p.m.	9 Women of CPCMBP – 10:00 a.m. AA 8:00 p.m.	10 7:00 Session	11	12	13
14 Rev. Nichols Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 am	15 AA 8:00 p.m.	16 AA 8:00 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21 Rev. Heinsohn Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 am	22 AA 8:00 p.m.	23 AA 8:00 p.m.	24	25	26	27
28 Rev. Nichols Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 am Annual Meeting	29 AA 8:00 p.m.	30 AA 8:00 p.m.	31			



If worship is to be canceled due to inclement weather, please tune to WFMZ (Chanel 69) Storm Center that can be accessed on line. You may also sign up for text alerts to your cell phone. If unsure, please call Jonathan Rush, Mike Feeney or Heather Delp.