

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Minister of Visitation

In a recent newsletter from The Parish Paper, there was an article entitled, *Finding Significance as a Small Church* in which the editors state that it is important that small churches recognize and celebrate their strengths, avoid distractions, focus outward not inward and be creative about new ministry opportunities. With March and Holy week just ending, I think there are some things about our church that are worth mentioning. Numbers should not be unduly emphasized but we did have 18 people at the Maundy Thursday communion service, 54 for the Easter service and out at the farm there were 64 from different churches who gathered for the Sunrise service.

We were only able to have two of the *Soup and Study* Lenten lunches due to my hip operation and the weather but each of them involved 19 people. I think we will do another series in November. Topic to be determined later.

The adult Bible study on Sunday morning will continue studying the parables of Jesus through the end of May. Each session is a lesson by itself so people can join us for the study on any one day.

Jonathan Rush has done a fine job of putting together a Manual of Organization for the church. The Manual is a compilation of the various policies and practices of the church including our by-laws. A copy of the Manual will be kept in the church office on the shelf to the left as you enter the room.

Some other news from the session: We are acquiring some more chairs and two tables for the fellowship hall... The Fellowship hall floor will be waxed and carpet in the office area will be cleaned... **Saturday, April 21, from 9-12** is designated a **Spring Clean-up day** at the church. If you can spare some time, please come and help tidy up our grounds and building.

It will soon feel like spring!



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## **Worship Service:**

10:30 a.m.

Sept. 10, 2017 – June 10, 2018

9:30 a.m. June 17<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 2, 2018

## **Holy Communion:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

## **Sunday School:**

9:15 a.m. – September through May

## **Session Members:**

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

# Church DEACONS

April deacon of the month is  
Joan Correll



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 May 6th.

## 2018 MOUNT BETHEL BLOOD DRIVES

Please Save the Date!

Please schedule an appointment at these 2 blood drive locations:

Mount Bethel Fire Co.: 800-B-A-DONOR or [www.GIVEaPINT.org](http://www.GIVEaPINT.org) (Sponsor Code: 0373)

Community Presbyterian Church: (570) 897-6766 or 800-B-A-DONOR or [www.GIVEaPINT.org](http://www.GIVEaPINT.org) (Sponsor Code: 0144)

<p>Mount Bethel Volunteer Fire Co. 2341 N. Delaware Ave. Route 611 Mount Bethel, PA 18343</p>	<p>Community Presbyterian Church 1755 S. Delaware Drive Route 611 Mount Bethel, PA 18343</p>
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Tuesday – February 20 (Mount Bethel Fire Co.)  
2:30-7:00 pm

Friday – April 27 (Community Presbyterian)  
1:30-5:30pm

Tuesday – July 17 (Mount Bethel Fire Co.)  
2:30-7:00 pm

Friday - September 21 (Community Presbyterian)  
1:30-5:30pm



Every 2 seconds someone needs blood...Every pint saves up to 3 lives.  
Thank you for supporting your community hospitals!



April 5 – Pat Shoup

April 10 – Lillian Williams

Allen Llewellyn, Jr.

Olin Cramer

April 11 – Jonathan Rush

April 15 – Shirley Rush

~ **Anniversaries** ~

April 12<sup>th</sup> - Allen & Deb Llewellyn



Coffee hour will be held on April 29th immediately following worship. All are invited.



Outdoor church cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, 4/21, from 9am - noon. Pruning, trimming, weeding, fence mending, etc. All who are able are invited. Many hands make light work. Bring gloves, loppers, diggers, pruning shears, and energy.

# What's GOING ON?



In Your Easter Bonnet! Our ladies in fashionable head wear!

L-R Lillian Williams, Bonnie Pearce and Melanie Thiel

The festivities at our Sweet-heart luncheon.

