

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Rev. John H. Heinsohn
Minister of Visitation

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Our fall schedule begins on Sunday, September 13 with Bible Study at 9:15 and worship at 10:30. I will use my zoom account to start the Bible Study and will continue using it as long as it seems necessary. When I am preaching at the worship service, I will be doing the Bible Study at the church using the fellowship hall so people are welcome to join in person. Others may wish to follow on Zoom. We will continue in Matthew's gospel and anyone can join us. We have not met since early March so a good bit of review will be in order. Our next book to study will probably be Hebrews.

Regarding the worship services, Rev. Jenny and I will continue to use our zoom accounts for when we are preaching. Just make sure you use the right I D and passwords for each Sunday. For September, Jenny is preaching on 9/6 and 9/27 and I am preaching on 9/13 and 9/20. Communion will be celebrated on 9/6. Bring your own elements for the service or you can use the prepackaged elements we will have for any who may need them.

There is a good bit of uncertainty about many things as we face the fall. All schools are dealing with great challenges to have classes with safety for all. The November election drama has already started. A number of people are very anxious about all sorts of things.

Those who are very keen on discerning the times for the second coming of Christ, see the world-wide pandemic with all its confusion as a sign that the Return is near. Some have claimed to have dreams that foretell a time of great conflict and unrest in the months ahead. People are being told to load up on supplies, guns and ammo. Fear and anxiety can cause people to do strange things!

The time that Jesus lived was a time of great unrest in Palestine with the Roman occupation. Some Jews were revolutionaries (Zealots). Others, like the Sadducees and tax collectors, cooperated with the Romans. Pharisees tried to separate themselves from it all by trying to be super religious. The conflict came to a head with the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple a few years after the death of Jesus.

Jesus, anticipating the challenges his followers would have to face, gave them these words on his last night with them:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid. ..I will go away and I will come to you." (John 14: 27-28)

This has been a very real promise to all believers down through the ages, especially during times of uncertainty!

May God's peace be with us all.



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Worship Service:

10:30 a.m.

Sept. 13, 2020– June 6, 2021

9:30 a.m. June 13th – Sept. 12, 2021

Bible Study: 9:15 am

Holy Communion:

1st Sunday of the Month

Session Members:

Jonathan Rush – Clerk

Bonnie Pearce

Lillian Williams

Laura Bocko

Suzy Armstrong

Mike Feeney



Below is the link for Rev. John's account for Zoom Worship on September 13th and the 20th. The access code will be the same as it has been for each of the past few months. Here are the links:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81916811413?pwd=bEgyMjRjdVJLV2lzTGVGekJLQmhVUT09>

Meeting ID: is 819 1681 1413

Password: 743486

Rev. Jenny will be using her account for Zoom on September 6, 13, 27.

The access code will be the same as it has been for each of the past few months. Here are the links:

<https://zoom.us/j/216305804?pwd=NXVwajdXcXAzMXV0cFBsdC8ydjBzdz09>

Meeting ID: 216 305 804

Password: 998322

You can also download the Zoom app for your Smartphone or tablet and use that same Meeting ID and Password to join.

If you would like to join via the phone, you can call 646-558-8656

When it asks for a meeting ID enter 216 305 804#

When it asks for a participant ID just enter #

When it asks for a password, enter 998322



We return to regular worship (10:30)

on Sunday, September 13th



September 1 – Mike Feeney
September 9 – Jim DeMartino
September 10 – Jean Feeney
September 18– Mandela Nichols
Isaiah Nichols



The Women of Community Presbyterian Church will meet on Tuesday, September 1st at 10 am for a Bible study on Psalm 23, 11 am for a business meeting, and at 12 noon for lunch at a local eatery. All are welcome.

Prayer requests are to be made to
Heather Delp, Prayer Chain leader.

Heather's contact info is:
(610) 984-7360 (c)
(610) 588-6909 (h)
heather.delp@gmail.com



Prayerfully—Carole Deibel, Jim and Cathy DeMartino, Betty Meixsell, David Shoup, Esther Nichols, Shirley Sharpe; Mae Nodzak, Lisa Sandt, Paul Raesly, Olin Cramer.

The pandemic caregivers—nurses, doctors, janitors, EMT's, our students and teachers, those who are helping feed the needy, those who have lost loved ones and incomes, our government leaders that they may prayerfully lead our country back to normalcy and our ministers.

UPCOMING Events



Sunday morning Bible study will resume on Sunday, September 13th at the church. The zoom account will also be used so that others who are unable to come to Mt Bethel can join in. The study will be zoomed each week by Rev. John.

Will meet on Sunday, September 13th following worship.



Session will meet on Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m.

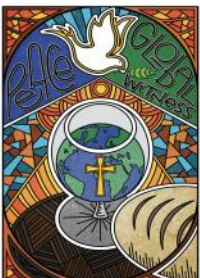


September 6— Rev. Jennifer Nichols
(with Communion)

September 13— Rev. John Heinsohn

September 20— Rev. John Heinsohn

September 27— Rev. Jennifer Nichols



Presbyterian Women will collect a Peace offering on Sunday, October 4th. Informational inserts will be placed in the bulletins on Sunday, September 20th and 27th. Collection envelopes will be placed in the pews on October 4th for your offering, or if you prefer you can use a plain envelop marked "Peace Offering." For more information on the Peace Offering please log onto: www.specialofferings.pcusa.org/



LATEST NEWS

From Session. . .

At its last meeting, Session adapted procedure for cleaning and sanitizing the building in the months ahead. Also we heard from AA, that they will continue meeting outside as long as the weather is good. When they need to return to the Fellowship Hall they will clean whatever furniture they use and will take their trash with them.

Financial giving has been close to normal, for which we thank the members of the congregation.

REFLECTIONS

. . .and how does a man benefit if he gains the whole world and loses his soul in the process? For is anything worth more than his soul? —Mark 8:36,37 (TLB)

In the world in which we live, we give most attention to satisfying the appetites of the body and practically none to the soul. Consequently, we are one-sided. We become fat physically and materially, while spiritually we are lean, weak and anemic. The soul actually demands as much attention as the body. It demands fellowship and communion with God. It demands worship, quietness, and meditation. Unless the soul is fed and exercised daily, it becomes weak and shriveled. It remains discontented, confused, restless. Many people turn to alcohol to try to drown the crying's and longings of the soul. Some turn to a new sex experience. Others attempt to quiet the longings of their souls in other ways, and nothing but God ever completely satisfies, because the soul was made for God, and without God it is restless and in secret torment.



Dear Lord, I thank You that when my soul cried out for forgiveness and love, You were there. Today help me to live as Your child should.

Our Mission Statement

*The mission of the Community Presbyterian Church
is to trust, obey and spread the word of Jesus Christ
throughout our community
and
the world by welcoming all
and
respecting our individual differences.*

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