

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Minister of Visitation

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On December 13<sup>th</sup>, George Shultz, former Secretary of State under Presidents Nixon and Reagan, turned 100 years old. He wrote an article which appeared in the 12/20/20 Express Times entitled, *Lessons I've Learned in My 100 Years*. What follows are some of the lessons he shared in the article.

*"I'm struck that there is one lesson I learned early and then re-learned over and over: Trust is the coin of the realm. When trust was in the room, whatever room it was—the family room, the school room, the locker room, the office room, the government room, or the military room—good things happened. When trust was not in the room, good things did not happen. Everything else is details."*

Shultz goes on to describe nine examples of how the presence of trust made a difference in his experience and then concluded with this last one:

**Trusting One Another.** *"In God We Trust."* *"Yes and when we are at our best, we also trust in each other. Trust is fundamental. Reciprocal and ideally, pervasive. If it is present, anything is possible. If it is absent, nothing is possible. The best leaders trust their followers with the truth, and you know what happens as a result? Their followers trust them back. With that bond, they can do big hard things together, changing the world for the better."*

Good insights from a great leader of the past!

Of course not everyone is worthy of such trust. But as much as it depends on each of us, we can determine to be trustworthy. That would be a most helpful New Year's resolution in these times when conspiracy theories abound giving rise to a lack of trust in the very institutions that our democracy is built upon.

On a different note; starting in January, our Sunday morning Bible Study will begin studying the book of Hebrews. Newcomers are most welcome, either in person or on Zoom. Class starts at 9:15 and run till 10:00 am.



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### Worship Service:

10:30 a.m.

Sept. 13, 2020– June 6, 2021

9:30 a.m. June 13<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 12, 2021

**Bible Study:** 9:15 am

### Holy Communion:

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

### Session Members:

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

A purple rectangular graphic with a white border. Inside, the words "REMOTE" and "WORSHIP" are written in a white, serif, all-caps font, stacked vertically. The background of the graphic shows a blurred image of a church interior with people.

## REMOTE WORSHIP

Below is the link for Rev. John's account for Zoom Worship on January 3 and 17.

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>

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

Via Phone: 19292056099,,,81916811413#...743486

Meeting ID: is 819 1681 1413

Password: 743486

Rev. Jenny will be using her account for Zoom on January 10, 23, 30

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=NXVwajdXcXAzMjV0cFBsdC8ydjBzdz09>

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

Sunday morning Bible study will continue on Sunday, at 9:15 am. 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.



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, May Nodzak, Olin Cramer, Paul and Gloria Raesly, Ginny Brockelman, Tim & Mel Thiel, Marcia Pensack, Nancy Seas.

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.



Emergency Contact Information - For pastoral or emergencies please contact the Rev. John Heinsohn at (610) 365-2092 (h), (609) 462-1639 (c)

Altar flowers - If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Debbie Llewellyn. Cost is \$30 per pair.



**DEACONS**

*Following to lead | Leading to Serve*

Deacon of the month is Jean Feeney

# Upcoming Events:



January 21 – Jenifer Nichols



Session will meet on Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Will not meet again until April 6, 2021.



January's Blanket Sunday will be reschedule until sometime in the spring.



Shirley Sharpe

7/6/29—12/30/20

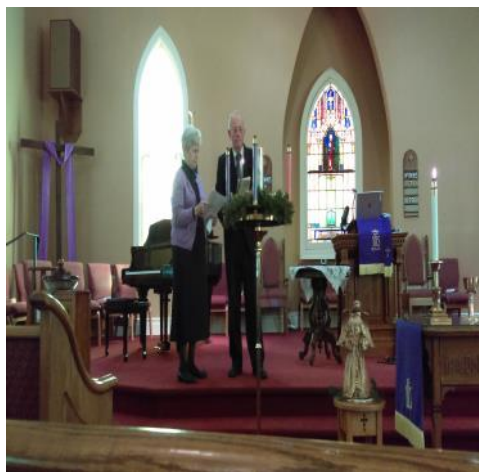
Burial will be private, with a memorial service in the spring.



## *2020 Christmas Photo Album*



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Advent 1— Rev. John and Mrs.  
Shirley Heinsohn



Advent 2—Rev. Jennifer Nichols,  
Mandela and Isaac Nichols



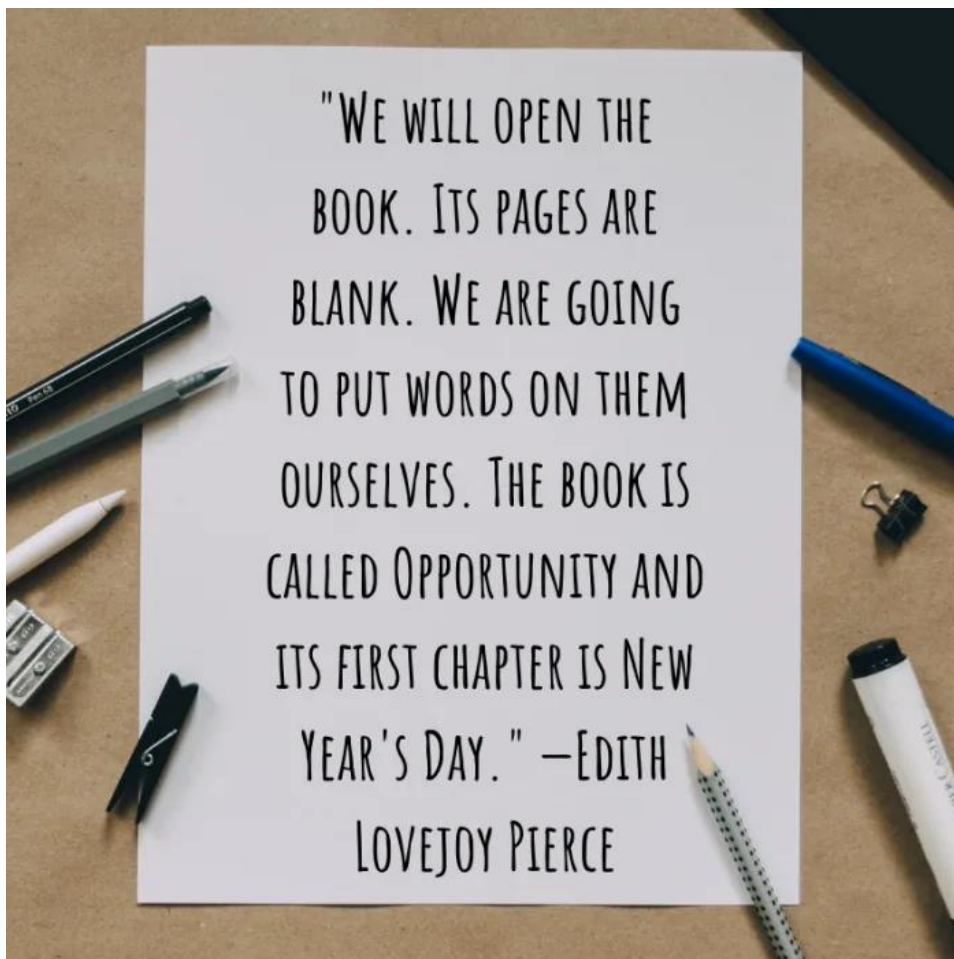
Advent 3— Joshua and Isaac Seas

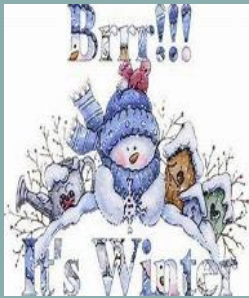


Advent 4—Suzy Armstrong and  
Sharon Potter

## WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT JANUARY?

Some individuals love January because they welcome the lull that follows the hectic holiday season. Others dislike the effort it takes to begin again, whether that means going back to work, going back to school, or simply starting a new calendar year. January comes around every year like a train on schedule—whether it makes us want to sigh with relief or get revved up for a fresh start, we'd better get on board before it leaves the station.





# Community Presbyterian

## January 2021



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