

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Rev. John H. Heinsohn
Minister of Visitation

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This past Saturday, Shirley and I received our first COVID-19 vaccine at the St Luke's Anderson campus. There was no line, no wait and no reaction and the whole procedure was done in a most efficient manner. Our second shot is scheduled for mid- February.

I understand that Pastor Jenny has also received her first shot at the same facility with similar experience.

This is incredibly good news! It means that the end of this pandemic is within sight. I believe that if all our members over 65 years old would call and make an appointment for the vaccine, our congregation could be close to herd immunity by Easter or certainly by the beginning of the summer. Wouldn't it be great if we could celebrate with a wonderful picnic in June or earlier!

Soon this long ordeal will end and our worship and community activities will be returning to normal.

Perhaps we will never return to the exact normal we were experiencing last February. For one thing, we have discovered the potential advantages of zooming meetings and the worship service. We have had our January session meeting without having to leave our homes. It felt great especially since that night we were expecting some adverse weather. I have been using zoom as well as in-person for the Sunday morning Bible Study in the book of Hebrews. We are able to have four people attending in person in the fellowship hall and four people on zoom with their videos projected upon the screen. Those four on zoom are members of other churches.

Let us count our blessings and thank the Lord for the very good fortune that has come our way even when we do not deserve it.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 2/17. It would be a great day to come to the sanctuary to spend some time in meditation, being 'still before the Lord'. We are blessed to have a wonderful worshipping space conducive to meditation and prayer. I will have the church open with some candle light and heated from 5-8 PM. If you are interested in some simple meditation exercises, or personal prayer look me up in the office. Or just stop by to chat.

May God continue to bless 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



*R E M O T E
W O R S H I P*

Below is the link for Rev. John's account for Zoom Worship on February 14th.

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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81916811413?pwd=bEgyMjRjdVJLV2lzTGVGekJLQmhVUT09)

Meeting ID: 819 1681 1413

Passcode: 743486

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcincTFM0>

Rev. Jenny will be using her account for Zoom on February 7, 21, 28

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=NXVwajdXcXAzMjV0cFBsdC8ydjBzd09>

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

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, Esther Nichols, May Nodzak, Olin Cramer, Paul and Gloria Raesly, Ginny Brockleman, Marcia Pensack, Nancy Seas, Kevin Correll.

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.



Deacon of the month is



Session will meet on Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m.

February 17th -

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



Will not meet again until April 6, 2021.



The Lehigh Presbytery has assessed us **\$2,073.89** for 2021 or **\$39.13** per member. If you are able, please submit a check in that amount as soon as possible by mail or plate.

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.



Our Church Family

Congratulations to Sara, Sean and Owen Flynn on the birth of Murphy James on January 23rd, 2021.



February 3—Nancy Seas

February 6—Sonya Thiel

Allysse Kavanaugh

February 13—Laura Bocko

February 21—Joshua Seas

February 22—Esther Nichols

Karen Kennedy

The Annual meeting, held on January 24th, the following people were elected to church offices: Debbie Llewellyn and Cher Mount as elders; Sharon Potter and Melanie Thiel as Deacons.

Anyone who wishes a copy of the annual report can



*"Where there is love in the heart,
there is joy in the home."*

-Unknown

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>  <i>Groundhog Day</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> Rev. Nichols 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30—Worship	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Session 7:00 PM	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> Rev. Heinsohn 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30—Worship	<i>15</i>  <i>Presidents' Day</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Ash</i> <i>Wednesday</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
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