

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Rev. John H. Heinsohn  
Minister of Visitation

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Although we certainly live in a season of divisive politics and serious divisions in our society, we are not unique in having to find our way through troublesome times. A brief look back a few decades shows other believers in Christ have had to face uncertainty and make difficult decisions. One name comes to mind, in part because of his famous serenity prayer.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971), was a Reformed pastor in Detroit for a number of years before he took a teaching post at the Union Theological Seminary in NYC. He spoke out against the unfair labor practices in the automotive industry. He lived through the rise of communism and the Nazis in Germany. He became a pacifist after seeing the horrors of WW1 but changed his position when Hitler came to power. His writings were very influential as he continued to teach and write into the cold war and Vietnam. His controversial book, '*Moral Man and Immoral Society*' seemed to predict the rise of Hitler.

For most of us today, he is known for his serenity prayer. The prayer is often said at 12 -step gatherings and it is a good tool for each of us to use as we consider our role in the controversial issues of our day. The prayer had a number of revisions over time. Below is a commonly used form of the prayer.

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
The courage to change the things I can change  
And the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at time,  
Enjoying one moment at a time,  
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,  
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would have it,  
Trusting that You will make all things right,  
If I surrender to your will,  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.  
Amen”



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### **Worship Service:**

10:30 a.m.

Sept. 12, 2021– June 5, 2022

9:30 a.m. June 12th – Sept. 11, 2022

**Bible Study:** 9:15 am

### **Holy Communion:**

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

### **Session Members:**

Jonathan Rush – Clerk  
Deb Llewellyn  
Lillian Williams  
Cher Mount  
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 October 10th.

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/u/kcincTFM0>

Rev. Jenny will be using her account for Zoom on October 3rd, 17th, 24th, and 31st

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



# Announcements

October 1—Cathy DeMartino

October 2—Sheila Seas

October 23—Jayleigh Figurski

October 26—Sara Flynn

October 27—Rev. John Heinsohn



Prayerfully—Carole and Henry Deibel, Betty Meixsell, May Nodzak, Olin Cramer, Esther Nichols, Marcia Pensack, Wendell Harford.

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.

Prayer requests are to be made to  
Laura Bocko, Prayer Chain leader.

Laura's contact info is:

(610) 452-2620 (h)

[laurabocko24@gmail.com](mailto:laurabocko24@gmail.com)



If you would like to participate in the prayer chain,



## Our Family Photo Album



The last bake sale of the season on September 4th at Driftstone Camp Grounds.

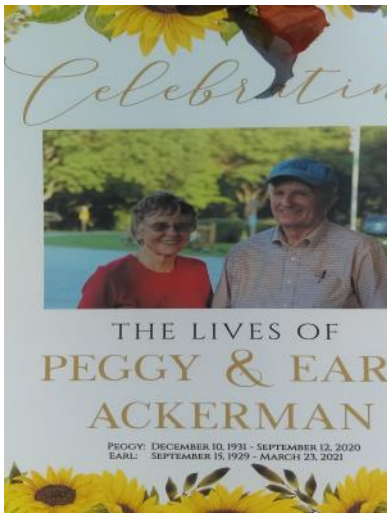
L-R (standing) Joan Correll, Laura Bocko, Nora Harford, (seated: Lillian Williams, Rev. Wendell Harford (Pastor Emeritus)



Honey from the Heinsohn Farm. Jars can be purchased for our Deacons.



*In Loving Memory!*



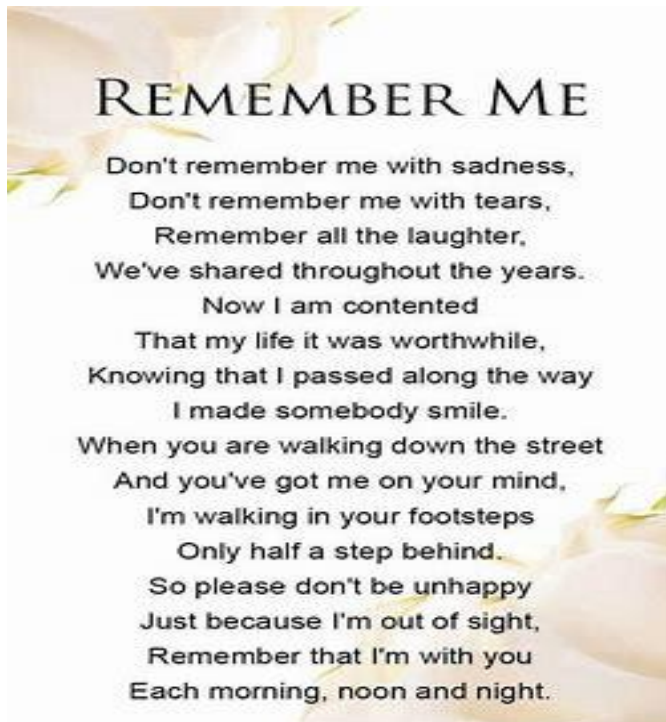
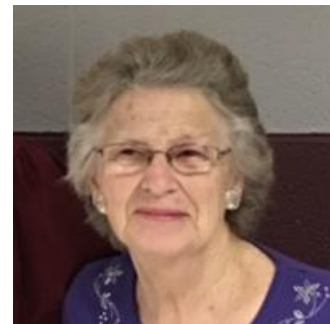
During the last Bake Sale of 2021 at Driftstone Campgrounds, a Celebration of the lives of Peggy and Earl Ackerman was held.

Lillian Williams and Laura Bocko attended the Celebration.

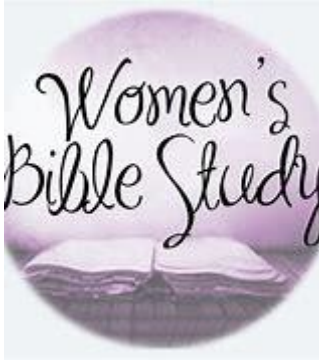
Left: a photo reprint of the head table.

*Gloria H. Raesly*

*July 12, 1933 - August 29, 2021*



# Looking Ahead...

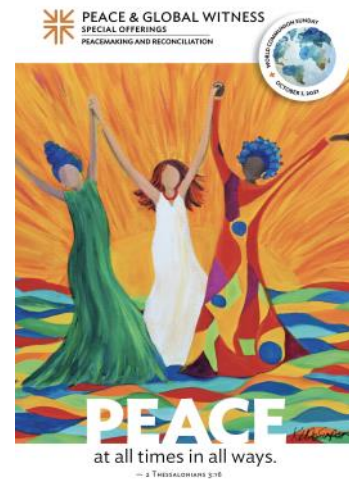


The Women of Community Presbyterian will have their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 5th at 10am with a Bible study at 10am, business meeting at 11am, and then go to a local restaurant for lunch at



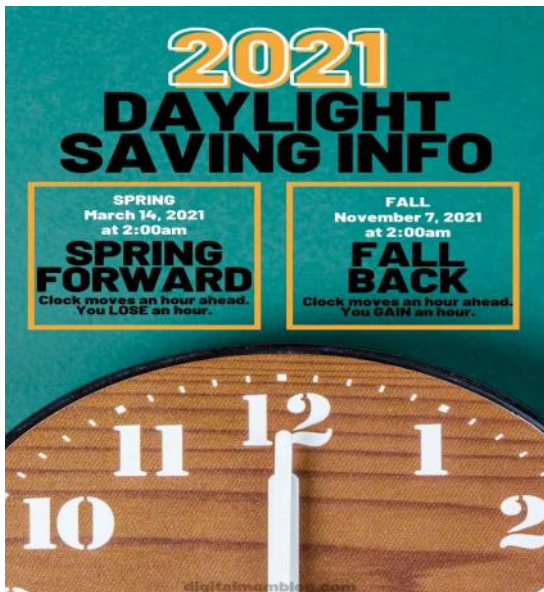
Session will meet on Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m.

As we work to share Christ's peace with one another let's share that peace with those beyond our doors, beyond our communities and beyond our borders. The Peace and Global Witness offering provides the tools and resources as we join together as active peacemakers, at all time, in all ways. The offering will be taken during worship on Sunday, October 3rd—World Communion Sunday.



*October glows on every cheek,  
October shines in every eye,  
While up the hill and down the dale  
Her crimson banners fly.*  
—Elaine Goodale Eastman (1863–1953)





***Next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 14th after worship.***



The Women of Community Presbyterian Church will be sponsoring gift-filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, that is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. This year, it is especially important to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, as with the pandemic, it has affected so many children's lives. With the shoebox ministry, children around the world will have something to look forward to as they receive a Christmas shoe box filled with goodies, toys etc, and also learn of the good news of Jesus Christ.

The shoeboxes will be due in the church on November 14th. If you have any questions, please see Joan Correll or Shirley Rush moderators for the program.

FMI please go to:

<https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



*Community Presbyterian Church*  
*October 2021*



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

*Deacon for the month of October is Melanie Thiel*

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<p><b>3</b> Rev. Nichols</p> <p>9:15 Bible Study 10:30 —Worship PUMP Collection Peace Offering</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>CPC Women 10:00 am</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>10</b> Rev. Heinsohn</p> <p>9:15 Bible Study 10:30 —Worship</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><i>Columbus Day</i> AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Session 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
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<p><b>24</b> Rev. Nichols</p> <p>9:15 Bible Study 10:30 —Worship Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>
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