

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Rev. John H. Heinsohn
Minister of Visitation

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Our Holy Week and Easter services went quite well. The Maundy Thursday communion service is becoming a cherished special service with a more intimate table-like setting, just like the Last Supper must have been for Jesus and the disciples. Several people came to the sanctuary on Good Friday afternoon. Easter morning had a spectacular sunrise with the full moon in the west and the rising sun in the east. What a great way to begin our celebration of the resurrection!

Rev. Peter Jamieson, the pastor of the Richmond Methodist Church recently asked me if we, along with the Trinity UCC Church in Stone Church, might be interested in doing some joint services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Since we have not been having an Ash Wednesday service for several years that seems like a good one to share with these other churches. Likewise for Good Friday. But I am thinking that we should keep to having our own Maundy Thursday service because when done around tables in candlelight it can be a very meaningful time. It has been so in the churches I have been a part of over the years. Please let members of the session know what you think about this as we will be discussing it in the future.

Soon we will be thinking about the summer when a number of activities take a break for a couple of months. The Sunday morning Bible study in Corinthians will break for the summer after May 29th and then resume on September 11th.

Every healthy congregation provides its members with ways to grow in their faith, which is why our various Bible studies are very important.

A second important function for every congregation is to exercise a caring ministry to all its members and friends. The Deacons have been doing a good job of encouraging this care to all. But it is not just their job. It is the responsibility of all of us. The session is beginning a prayer matching initiative in which each elder will be matched up with several people in the congregation. You will hear more about this soon.

A third focus for congregations is to be consciously thinking about who we might invite to worship or to any of our activities. Invitation, if done right is a form of showing respect and friendship to a neighbor or friend. It is also the primary way churches grow.



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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:

1st Sunday of the Month

Session Members:

Deb Llewellyn
Laura Bocko
Lillian Williams
Cher Mount
Kevin Correll
DaraSue Braun

Jonathan Rush – Clerk of Session



Below is the link for Rev. John's account for Zoom Worship on Sunday, May 8th and May 29th. 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: 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 May 1st, May 15th, and May 22nd.

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=NXVwajdXcXAzMXV0cFBsdC8ydjBzd09>

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



May 19–Jim and Sharon Potter



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. Sunday morning Bible study in Corinthians will break for the summer after May 29th and then resume on September 11th.

We will be having baby bottles to fill again this year with change that you find around your house and purses. This campaign is to benefit Bright Hope, a pro-life organization in the Lehigh Valley . The baby bottles will be collected around Father's Day.



We will be having our first bake sale of the summer at Driftstone campgrounds on Saturday, May 28th at 10am. Joan Correll will be at the church at 9:00AM to pick up baked goods and she will take it to Driftstone campgrounds for the bake sale.

“Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it... it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.” – **Unknown**



In The News



Deacon of the is Joan Correll

The Women of CPC will meet on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 10am for a Bible study, 11am for a business meeting, and at 12 noon go to a local restaurant to have lunch.



Session will meet on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m.



Prayerfully—Carole and Henry Deibel, Betty Meixsell, May Nodzak, Olin Cramer, Marcia Pensack, Wendell Harford, Phyllis Boisselle, Ray Fulton, Rick Kopec, Gus and Rosemary Belverio.

Prayer requests are to be made to
Laura Bocko, Prayer Chain leader.
Laura's contact info is:

(610) 452-2620 (h)

laurabocko24@gmail.com

If you would like to participate in the prayer chain,
please contact Laura.



Our Family Photo Album

The gathering of the faithful, Easter Sunday, April 17th, at the Heinsohn Hill Family Farm.



Sunrise Service begins with the blowing of the Shofar by Eric Heinsohn and Frances Widrick

Because He Lives—the sunrise in the east.



Shirley Heinsohn music leader



Breakfast hosted by the Heinsohn's.

Rev. John leading morning worship in the sanctuary.



May 2022

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<p><i>1</i></p> <p>Rev. Nichols</p> <p>9:15 Bible Study 10:30—Worship 2:00 pm Writers</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>10:00 am - Women of CPC</p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p> 	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p><i>Mother's Day</i></p> <p>Rev. Heinsohn</p> <p>9:15 Bible Study</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>7:00 Session</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>5:00 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p>Rev. Nichols</p> <p>9:15 Bible Study 10:30—Worship</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><i>18</i></p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p>Rev. Nichols</p> <p>9:15 Bible Study 10:30—Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><i>25</i></p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>5:00 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>
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