

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Rev. John H. Heinsohn
Minister of Visitation

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There are several things I want to share with you at this time:

1. The Session is about to launch a **prayer match** between elders, members and friends of the congregation. Each elder will be matched up with several individuals/families for the purpose of intercessory prayer. Laura Bocko is setting up the matches and she will let us all know with whom we are matched.
2. The session has been looking at what should be done to preserve and enhance the **church bell**. Painting the supports, removing the decaying wood and erecting a roof are some of the steps being considered. We will soon be ringing the bell just prior to the worship service.
3. The Deacons are looking into the '**Bags to Benches**' program. The Trinity UCC of Stone Church has received an outdoor bench after collecting enough plastic bags. They are now assisting Christ Evangelical Lutheran in collecting enough for a bench. A company called Trex will provide a bench after 500 pounds of plastic bags, wrap, or sleeves are collected. You will hear more details about this in the future. Even if we did not get enough bags for a bench, the recycling effort is a plus for the environment.
4. For the next two months, the Deacons will be sponsoring a fellowship time **before the worship service** starting at 9:45. The first one will be July 31 followed by August 21st. In the fall, we will return to the coffee hours after worship. These fellowship events are important for members and friends to get to know each other better. It can be especially helpful for newer people to connect with the members of longstanding.
6. Other dates to keep in mind: Girl Scout yard sale - 8/20, Labor Day Bake Sale at Driftstone, Deacons picnic and Sunday Bible Study resumes- 9/11, Sight & Sound Production of 'David' in Lancaster- 9/27.

I hope that all of us can find some joyful relaxing time over the summer!



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Worship Service:

10:30 a.m.

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, July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th. 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/j/kcincTFM0>

Rev. Jenny will be using her account for Zoom on July 31st, August 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.

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

In The News

The next bake sale at Driftstone Campgrounds will be held on Saturday, July 2nd at 10:00 am.

September's Bake Sale will be held on September 3rd at 10:00 am.

Joan Correll will be at the church at 9:00 to receive your baked, donated goodies. Thank you!



The Women of CPC will be meeting Tuesday, July 5th and also on August 2nd for a Bible study at 10am, Business meeting at 11am, and then lunch at a local restaurant.

Sunday Bible Study has concluded for the summer and will resume on Sunday, September 11th , at 9:15 am.



In The News



Session will not meet in July.
The next scheduled meeting will be on August 10th 7:00 p.m.

Prayerfully—Carole and Henry Deibel, Betty Meixsell, May Nodzak, Olin Cramer, Marcia Pensack, Wendell Harford, Gus and Rosemary Belverio, Jane Horn.



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

Laura's contact info is:

(610) 452-2620

hlaurabocko24@gmail.com

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



Isaac Seas - 7/3

Mel Thiel – 7/27

Kevin Correll – 7/28

Deb Llewellyn—8/9

Betty Meixsell—8/11

Alexis Culp—8/23

Melissa Culp—8/28



John & Shirley Heinsohn 7/19

Tim & Mel Thiel – 7/31

Mike & Jean Feeney—8/5

Laura & John Bocko—8/24

Our Family Photo Album



*Our annual church picnic ,
June 5th*



*Rev. Wendell Harford, daughter,
and Nora Harford.*

Our ministers:

Rev. Wendell Harford, Pastor Emeritus,

Rev. Jennifer Nichols,

Rev. John Heinsohn



Our Family Photo Album



*Isaiah and Mandela Nichols
with flames of "fire"
that they handed out during worship service on
Pentecost Sunday, June 5th*

*Women of Community Presbyterian Church,
dining at the Stroudsmoor.*

*L-R, Joan Correll, Laura Bocko,
Lillian Williams, Bonnie Pearce,
and Shirley Rush.*



Saturday, June 11, 2022

*The dedication ceremony of the Michael
Feeney Library, Blirstown, NJ.*

*Well deserved after almost 40 years of
being an educator and school
administrator in Blirstown NJ!*

The church family is very proud!



One Nation Under God



From Signal to Symbol

The State House bell, now known as the Liberty Bell, rang in the tower of the Pennsylvania State House. Today, we call that building [Independence Hall](#). Speaker of the Pennsylvania Assembly Isaac Norris first ordered a bell for the bell tower in 1751 from the Whitechapel Foundry in London. That bell cracked on the first test ring. Local metalworkers John Pass and John Stow melted down that bell and cast a new one right here in Philadelphia. It's this bell that would ring to call lawmakers to their meetings and the townspeople together to hear the reading of the news. Benjamin Franklin wrote to Catherine Ray in 1755, "Adieu, the Bell rings, and I must go among the Grave ones and talk Politicks." It's not until the 1830's that the old State House bell would begin to take on significance as a symbol of liberty.

The Crack

No one recorded when or why the Liberty Bell first cracked, but the most likely explanation is that a narrow split developed in the early 1840's after nearly 90 years of hard use. In 1846, when the city decided to repair the bell prior to George Washington's birthday holiday (February 23), metal workers widened the thin crack to prevent its farther spread and restore the tone of the bell using a technique called "stop drilling". The wide "crack" in the Liberty Bell is actually the repair job! Look carefully and you'll see over 40 drill bit marks in that wide "crack". But, the repair was not successful. The Public Ledger newspaper reported that the repair failed when another fissure developed. This second crack, running from the abbreviation for "Philadelphia" up through the word "Liberty", silenced the bell forever. No one living today has heard the bell ring freely with its clapper, but computer modeling provides some clues into the [sound of the Liberty Bell](#).

The Inscription

The Liberty Bell's inscription is from the Bible (King James version): "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants thereof." This verse refers to the "Jubilee", or the instructions to the Israelites to return property and free slaves every 50 years. Speaker of the Pennsylvania Assembly Isaac Norris chose this inscription for the State House bell in 1751, possibly to commemorate the 50th anniversary of William Penn's 1701 Charter of Privileges which granted religious liberties and political self-government to the people of Pennsylvania. The inscription of liberty on the State House bell (now known as the Liberty Bell) went unnoticed during the Revolutionary War. After the war, abolitionists seeking to end slavery in America were inspired by the bell's message.

The Meaning

The State House bell became a herald of liberty in the 19th century. "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants thereof," the bell's inscription, provided a rallying cry for abolitionists wishing to end slavery. The Anti-Slavery Record, an abolitionist publication, first referred to the bell as the Liberty Bell in 1835, but that name was not widely adopted until years later. Millions of Americans became familiar with the bell in popular culture through George Lippard's 1847 fictional story "Ring, Grandfather, Ring", when the bell came to symbolize pride in a new nation. Beginning in the late 1800s, the [Liberty Bell traveled across the country](#) for display at expositions and fairs, stopping in towns small and large along the way. For a nation recovering from wounds of the Civil War, the bell served to remind Americans of a time when they fought together for independence. Movements from Women's Suffrage to Civil Rights embraced the Liberty Bell for both protest and celebration. Pennsylvania suffragists commissioned a replica of the Liberty Bell. Their "Justice Bell" traveled across Pennsylvania in 1915 to encourage support for women's voting rights legislation. It then sat chained in silence until the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920. Now a worldwide symbol, the bell's message of liberty remains just as relevant and powerful today: "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants thereof"

Bell Facts

The two lines of text around the top of the bell include the inscription of liberty, and information about who ordered the bell (Pennsylvania Assembly) and why (to go in their State House): Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants thereof Lev. XXV X By Order of the ASSEMBLY of the Province of PENNSYLVANIA [sic] for the State House in Philada The information on the face of the bell tells us who cast the bell (John Pass and John Stow), where (Philadelphia) and when (1753): Pass and Stow Philada MDCCLIII

The bell weighed 2,080 lbs. at order. It is made of bronze. It's 70% copper, 25% tin and contains small amounts of lead, gold, arsenic, silver, and zinc. The bell's wooden yoke is American elm, but there is no proof that it is the original yoke for this bell. While there is evidence that the bell rang to mark the Stamp Act tax and its repeal, there is no evidence that the bell rang on July 4 or 8, 1776.



SOME DAYS
ARE JUST
TOO NICE TO
WORRY ABOUT
A FEW WEEDS

GOOD FOR GRINS

July 2022

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<i>Deacon for the month of July is Sharon Potter</i>						<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> <i>10:00 Bake Sale</i>
<i>3</i> Rev. Heinsohn 10:30—Worship	<i>4</i> <i>Independence Day</i> AA 8:00 pm	<i>5</i> 10:00 CPC Women AA 8:00 pm	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	
<i>10</i> Rev. Heinsohn 10:30—Worship	<i>11</i> AA 8:00 pm	<i>12</i> AA 8:00 pm	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	
<i>17</i> Rev. Heinsohn 10:30—Worship	<i>18</i> AA 8:00 pm	<i>19</i> AA 8:00 pm	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	
<i>24</i> Rev. Heinsohn 10:30—Worship	<i>25</i> AA 8:00 pm	<i>26</i> AA 8:00 pm	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	
<i>31</i> 9:45 Fellowship Time Rev. Nichols 10:30—Worship							

AUGUST 2022

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Deacon for the month of August is Heather Delp

	1	2 10:00 CPC Women	3	4	5	6
7 Rev. Nichols 10:30— Worship	8 AA 8:00 pm	9 AA 8:00 pm	10 2:00 Home Communion 3:00 pm Clover Nursing Home 7:00 Session	11	12	13
14 Rev. Nichols 10:30— Worship	15 AA 8:00 pm	16 AA 8:00 pm	17	18	18	20 Girl Scout Yard Sale @ CPC
21 9:45 Fellow- ship Time Rev. Nichols 10:30— Worship	22 AA 8:00 pm	23 AA 8:00 pm	24	25	26	27
28 Rev. Nichols 10:30— Worship	29 AA 8:00 pm	30 AA 8:00 pm				