

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Rev. John H. Heinsohn  
Minister of Visitation

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The memorial service and reception for Rev. Wendell Harford on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> went well. There were at least 80 people present for the service and between 60 and 70 stayed for the luncheon. It was a joy to see the sanctuary almost full and the whole event was a fitting celebration of Wendell's life and ministry.

I especially want to thank Heather Delp and the Deacons for taking care of the reception. Sometimes we forget just how many details are involved in a luncheon such as we offered.

Starting on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, the Bible study will resume at 9:15 in the meeting room. We will spend this fall and most of the winter studying the smaller letters in the New Testament, often referred to as the *Minor Epistles*. They are short in length but they contain some very important gems for how we are supposed to live this life of faith. We will start with the three letters of John (1 John, 2 John and 3 John) and then move on to the letters of Peter and so forth. The study will be Zoomed so if getting here at 9:15 is difficult, you can easily participate from your home and you don't even need to dress up. On Zoom you can participate without activating your computer camera video or you can show your face only when you wish to. It is not the same as actually being present but it can work rather well. It is my conviction that all who are serious about their Christian faith should be involved in a continuous study of scripture, which includes one's personal devotions. But the Bible study offers an excellent opportunity to be exposed to the Bible in a more structured way. The study also takes on the character of a small group fellowship which is very fulfilling. Please consider joining us if you can.

I am scheduling another men's Saturday morning breakfast on the 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 8:30 in the fellowship hall. This is open to all men whether they come to our church or not.

I thought we were blessed with a rather moderate summer and the fall season often gives us many delightfully pleasant and colorful days. I trust we all can take time to enjoy God's gift of the creation.



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**Worship Service:** 10:30  
a.m.

**Bible Study:** 9:15 am

**Holy Communion:**

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

**Session Members:**

Deb Llewellyn

Laura Bocko

Cher Mount

Kevin Correll

DaraSue Braun

Kevin Correll

Jonathan Rush—Clerk of Session



## Remote Worship

Below is the link for our Zoom Worship each Sunday.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8336293018?pwd=TmJoNnF1Zy8ranRjT3RMc0l5c3RiZz09>

Meeting ID: 833 629 3018

Passcode: 074935

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Prayer requests are to be made to

Laura Bocko, Prayer Chain leader.

Laura's contact info is:

(610) 452-2620 laurabock24@gmail.com

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

Prayerfully— Henry Deibel, Betty Meixsell, May Nodzak,  
Marcia Pensack, Jane and David Horn, Michelle Belverio,  
Sandy DePuy and Phyllis Boisselle.



# Here's What's Happening!

## Bake Sale



On September 2nd (for the Labor Day holiday) the Women of CPC will hold their last bake sale for the season. Joan Correll will be at the church at 9:00 am to pick up baked goods and take them to Driftstone Campgrounds. We thank everyone who so willingly and kindly bakes for us in all our endeavors. We sincerely appreciate your help.

The Women of CPC will meet on Tuesday, September 5th at 10am in the choir room for a Bible study, followed by a business meeting at 11am, and then at 12 noon, meeting at a local restaurant for lunch. All women are welcome.



On Sunday, September 10th, the Women of CPC will have Blanket Sunday, that is sponsored by Church World Services Blanket Program was created to give a kind, loving and tangible response to people facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Joan Correll will be on hand to give a talk about this loving program.



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

September 1 – Mike Feeney  
September 9 – Jim DeMartino  
September 10 – Jean Feeney  
September 18– Mandela Nichols  
Isaiah Nichols



Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday September 23 at 8:30 am.





*In June we celebrated our four graduates, DaraSue Braun, Laura Bocko, Sonya Thiel and Jayleigh Figurski, (present on Zoom)*



*July brought us memories of the freedoms we share at a 4th of July fireworks display*



*NexTrex Recycling Program, sponsored by the deacons, under the supervision of Heather Delp. With the help of donors, 500 pounds of plastic was donated to make the bench. It was blessed by Rev. Heinsohn. Our bench now resides outside the rear entrance to rest, meditate, pray, and view the beautiful gardens.*



*Jonathan Rush and Cher Mount  
Officiating Elders  
at morning worship.*



*Our Family Photo Album  
A Memorial Tribute to  
Pastor Emeritus Rev. Wendell E. Harford*



*November 24, 1935 - July 9, 2023*

*They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run,  
but not be weary, and they shall walk and not be faint.*

*Isaiah 40:30*



## *Remembrance*

*You can shed tears that he is gone,  
or you can smile because he has lived.*

*You can close your eyes  
and pray that he'll come back,  
or you can open your eyes  
and see all he has left.  
Your heart can be empty  
because you can't see him,  
or you can be full of  
the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow  
and live yesterday, or you  
can be happy for tomorrow  
because of yesterday.*

*You can remember him  
and only that he's gone,  
or you can cherish  
his memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back,*

*or you can do  
what he'd want:*

*Smile, Open Your Eyes,  
Love and Go on.*

*Author Unknown*



# September 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1	2 9:00 Bake Sale
3 10:30 Wor- ship Rev. Heinsohn	4 Labor Day AA 8:00 pm	5 10:00 CPC Women AA 8:00 pm	6	7	8	9
10 Blanket Sunday 9:15 Bible Study Worship 10:30 Rev.	11 AA 8:00 pm	12 AA 8:00 pm	13 7:00 Session	14	15	16
17 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Rev. Heinsohn	18 AA 8:00 pm	19 AA 8:00 pm	20	21	22	23 8:30 Men's breakfast
24 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Rev. Nichols	25 AA 8:00 pm	26 AA 8:00 pm	27	28	29	30