

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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As we move into September, there are a number of things to note.

1. With the new organ, we have a committee of three or more who are able to make the organ produce the various musical parts of the service. We owe a big thanks to DaraSue who has spent many hours cataloging the hymns in the organ program and to Heather and Laura who are able to program and select the right portion for the Sunday service. We are looking for a few more people to be part of the pool of people who can organize the music for any service. You do not need to be musically gifted to do this. It is basically a matter of selecting the right selections and pressing a button at the right time. Speak to DaraSue, Heather or Laura if you are interested. We would like to have a schedule of people for several months in advance.

2. The organ dedication service will be on Sunday, October 27th. Members of the Cramer Family will be present and Mr. Boksan from Allen organ will be the organist for the morning. We will publicize the event and I encourage all of us to invite guests to the service. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

3. May Nodzak died on August 3, 2024. She asked her daughter, Lauren, to sponsor a coffee hour as a way of thanking the church for our support to May during her journey with her illness. The date that Heather worked out with Lauren is Sunday, September 8th after the worship service. Thank you to Heather and the deacons for hosting this reception. There were no services for May as per her request.

4. The Sunday morning Bible study resumes on Sunday, September 8 at 9:15. We will begin looking at the book of Hosea which is one of the Minor Prophets in the Old Testament. What God asked of Hosea is a bit unique and strange compared to our customs. He prophesied to the Northern Kingdom before it was destroyed by the Assyrians in 722 BC. As always, we are delighted to welcome new people to the study. You can also participate in your home by zoom. We are using the same zoom number and passcode as the worship service uses.

5. I am planning to offer a two-week series on Augustine in early November using the Soup and Study format. Augustine is an important person whom all traditions respect. He lived during a time when the Christianized Roman Empire was being overrun by the tribes from the North. He witnessed the pain of seeing a great civilization destroyed and out of that experience he wrote his well-known City of God, a reimagining of what the Kingdom of Christ is meant to be.

May we all enjoy the beautiful colors of fall!



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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

DaraSue Braun

Mike Feeney

Jonathan Rush—Clerk of Session



Below is the link for our Zoom Worship each Sunday.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8336293018?pwd=TmJoNnF1Zy8ranRjT3RMc0I5c3RiZz09>

Meeting ID: 833 629 3018

Passcode: 074935

One tap mobile

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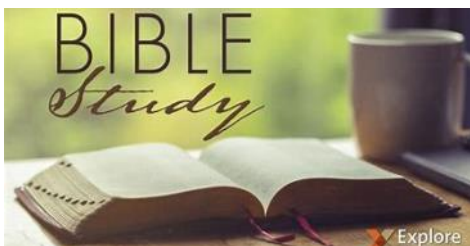


Prayer requests are to be made to Laura Bocko, Prayer Chain leader. If you would like to participate in the prayer chain, please contact Laura.

Laura's contact info is:

(610) 452-2620 or laurabocko24@gmail.com

Remembering Congregation Members in prayer: Henry Deibel, Betty Meixsell (Warren Haven Nursing Home, Oxford, NJ), Marcia Pensack, Jane and David Horn, Michelle Dinnen, Sandy DePuy, Phyllis Boisselle, and Joan Correll.



Bible Study will resume on Sunday, September 8th at 9:15 am

Our condolences to the family of May Ellen Nodzak who passed into eternal life on Monday, August 5, 2024.



Church EVENTS



The Women of CPC - will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd at 10am in the choir room for a Bible study, followed by a business meeting at 11am, and meeting at a local restaurant at noon for lunch. All are welcome to join us.

 The Session will meet on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00



I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart! It has been my pleasure to play the organ for you over the years. The gift card and cake were much appreciated.
Love, Bette

Happy
Birthday

Jim DeMartino-9/9

Jean Feeney-9/10

Mandela Nichols-9/18

Isaiah Nichols-9/18

Frank Ely-9/27

Thank
You

... to Bonnie Pearce for having the church power washed and also to Melanie Thiel for asking her friend to donate time to install a new amplifier for the church, speaker system.

Our Family Photo Album



Bette Van Patten was celebrated for her many years of service to the congregation with a special coffee hour on August 25th.

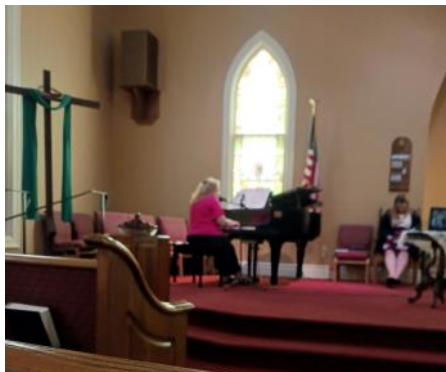


Bette (c) with the Nichols children, Isaiah (l) and Mandela (r).



(r) DaraSue Braun on piano accompanying Rev. John and John Pearce singing a hymn.

(l) Rev. John and John Pearce singing to the preprogrammed hymns in the new organ.



On piano is Laura Bock performing a composition written by her.



At the piano is guest performer is Abbey Calcedo playing special music.

Here are some of the best shower thoughts that capture the essence of these moments of **unplanned genius or humor**:

- 1. Your future self is watching you right now through memories.**
- 2. The best way to sound like you know what you're talking about is to know what you're talking about.**
- 3. We buy garbage bags just to throw them away.**
- 4. If two people on opposite sides of the world each drop a slice of bread, the Earth briefly becomes a sandwich.**
- 5. Our alarm clocks are the theme songs of our own daily sitcom.**
- 6. Someday, someone will mention your name for the last time.**
- 7. "Go to bed, you'll feel better in the morning" is the human version of "Did you turn it off and turn it back on again?"**
- 8. Even when a balloon is half inflated, it is completely full.**
- 9. I wonder how many slices of pizza I've eaten in my lifetime.**
- 10. Millions of people are doing the exact same thing as you are right now.**
- 11. At one point in your life, you were exactly pi years old.**
- 12. Nothing is on fire. Fire is on things.**
- 13. How do our brains remember that we forgot something, but we can't remember what that thing was?**
- 14. Someone dreamt about you last night and you have no idea.**
- 15. Peer pressure as an adult is seeing your neighbor mow their lawn.**
- 16. Crabs probably think that fish can fly.**
- 17. Your first birthday is technically your second birthday.**
- 18. Beans bags are just boneless sofas.**
- 19. When we're young, we sneak out of our houses to go to parties. When we're old, we sneak out of parties to go home.**
- 20. Math is the only place where someone would buy 60 watermelons and 40 cantaloupes, and no one asks any questions.**

September 2024

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Sat

<p><i>1</i></p> <p>Rev. Nichols 10:30—Worship</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>10:00 CPC Women AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>5:15 Girl Scouts</p>		<p><i>7</i></p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>Blanket Sunday 9:15 Bible Study Rev. Nichols 10:30—Worship Coffee Hour honoring May Nodzak</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><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p>9:15 Bible Study Rev. Heinsohn 10:30—Worship 1:00 Writers Grp.</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>5:15 Girl Scouts</p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p>9:15 Bible Study Rev. Nichols 10:30—Worship</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><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>
<p><i>29</i></p> <p>9:15 Bible Study Rev. Nichols 10:30—Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><i>10/1</i></p> <p>AA 8:00 pm</p>				