

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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At the last two session meetings, we have had some discussions about the future of our church. I shared several goals that I think are important for us to work on and I would like to share these with the whole congregation. In this month's newsletter, let's take a look at one of the most attainable and necessary goals of any vibrant congregation.

### **Establishing a solid, caring faith community**

A solid faith community is more than a collection of individuals who happen to meet on a Sunday morning to hear a sermon and worship God. Anybody can find good sermons and great music to listen to the internet on Sunday mornings or any other time for that matter.

If any small church is to survive long-term, it must work to create a trusting, loving group of people who know each other well enough to share their lives at a deep and personal level. This means that the congregation needs to encourage the bonds of love and affection between the members. There should be enough good will present so that people feel they can share their deepest concerns and burdens with one another and they will know that when confidences are shared, their privacy will be respected and their dignity protected.

Practically, it means that the community gathers regularly for fellowship. It means that the work often associated with the Deacons in their caring ministry is seen as very important. It is a good thing that the Deacons sponsor a coffee hour on the last Sunday of the month. It would be great if that could be expanded to include more Sundays. A good goal would be to have as many as possible, but keep it simple, and to include several luncheons throughout the year. All of us should recognize how important our attendance is, not only in worship but also, anytime the church family gathers.

It also means that members and friends work diligently to avoid disagreements leading to unresolved conflict. Disagreements are unavoidable in any family but there is a loving way to handle them.

Establishing a loving, caring church family is something that is very attainable and very necessary. But it doesn't just happen automatically. I would hope that when visitors come into our gatherings, they would feel welcomed and that they would see 'how we love each other'. There are a number of people 'out there' who are looking for such a fellowship.



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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

DaraSue Braun

Mike Feeney

Lillian Williams

Jonathan Rush—Clerk of Session

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**One another matter**, the town of Bangor will be celebrating its 150th anniversary starting the weekend of June 8<sup>th</sup> with a block party and parade. The Slate Belt Ministerium will have a tent, with table and chairs to display brochures of local churches. We need to prepare materials to introduce our church to any who might be interested. There are many activities planned for the weekend and free food given out at the end of the parade. Keep an eye out for more information in the days ahead.

On another matter- If you possess investments such as an IRA which require a minimum distribution because of age, there is an IRS provision that allows a charity contribution to go directly from your financial institution to the charity which reduces your taxable income. If this interests you, speak to Mike Feeney for more details.



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

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For Bible Study and the Soup and Study, please contact Rev. John for the information.



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](mailto: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, Carol Farleigh, Joan Correll and Bette Van Patten

# Church News



Sunday morning Bible study will continue on Sunday, at 9:15 am., studying the gospel of Luke.

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.

The Women of CPC will meet on **May 6th** at 10 am in the choir room for a Bible study, 11am for a business meeting and meet at a local restaurant at 12 noon for lunch. We welcome anyone to join us for our meetings.



Session will meet on Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00 PM

May 19—Jim and Sharon Potter

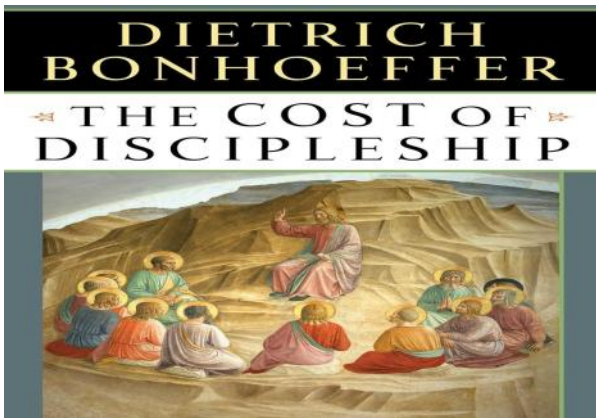


We will be having our first bake sale of the summer at Driftstone campgrounds on Saturday, May 24th at 10am. Joan Correll will be at the church at 9:00AM to pick up baked goods and she will take it to Driftstone campgrounds for the bake sale. We thank everyone who contributes for our sale, we could not have it without your generous contributions.



# Soup and Study • April 2, 2025

The life & witness of  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer



## DIETRICH BONHOEFFER QUOTES ABOUT GOD

“God loves human beings. God loves the world. Not an ideal human, but human beings as they are; not an ideal world, but the real world. What we find repulsive in their opposition to God, what we shrink back from with pain and hostility... this is for God the ground of unfathomable love.”

# *Our Family Photo Album*

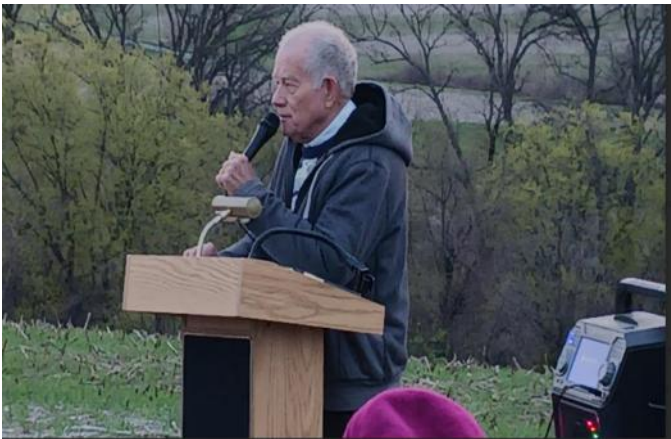
## *Easter Sunday—April 20th Sunrise Service at the Heinsohn Farm*



Note—the crosses appeared in the sky this blessed morning.

Our worship leader—  
Rev. John Heinsohn

Mrs. Shirley Heinsohn and Rev. Heinsohn



# Our Family Photo Album

## In our Sanctuary

# Remember That Easter Morning!

Remember :

Jesus bore the stripes of pain and suffering.  
He bowed under the weight of the cross.  
He shed His blood.  
He said, "It is finished!"  
He entered the tomb.  
He broke the bonds of death.  
He rose to live forever!

Remember :

His sacrifice, His pain, and His joy!

For by the power given to Jesus  
to overcome death,  
He has proven  
there is no death  
when we put our trust in Him!



Rev. Heinsohn with our choir members: (l-r) Suzy Armstrong, Laura Bocko, Sharon Potter, Joan Correll and Heather Delp.

## *Our Family Photo Album*

We bid farewell to a long time church member-  
Frank Ely

If anyone wishes to send him a card or just to stay in touch with his former church family  
his new address is:

3200 Bensalem Blvd.  
Apt. H205  
Bensalem, PA 19020



# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:15 Girl Scouts	2	3
4 Rev. Nichols 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 —Worship	5 AA 8:00 pm	6 10:00 CPC Women AA 8:00 pm	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day Rev. Heinsohn 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 —Worship	12 AA 8:00 pm	13 AA 8:00 pm	14 Session 7:00 pm	15 5:15 Girl Scouts	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18 Rev. Nichols 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 —Worship	19 AA 8:00 pm	20 AA 8:00 pm	21	22	23	24 10:00 Driftstone Bake Sale
25 Rev. Nichols 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 —Worship	26 Memorial Day AA 8:00 pm	27 AA 8:00 pm	28	29	30	31