

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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For this summer edition of the newsletter I will mention a number of miscellaneous ideas.

1. If you missed **Bette Van Patten's Memorial Service**, you will be pleased to know that we were all surprised by the 60+ people who showed up for the service on Saturday, June 21st. Besides family, Evergreen Village people and church people, there were a number of her past students who showed their appreciation. Also, of note was Debbie Llewellyn's tribute to a dear friend departed. Deacon's Heather Delp and Cathy DeMartino organized the reception that followed the service.

2. Please try to come early on June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup> for the fellowship time **prior to the service** instead of after the service. The **fellowship times** are organized by the Deacons.

3. Periodically, the deacons and I schedule **home communion**. On Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> we will be going to Clover Nursing home as well as at least one home. If you know of someone who would appreciate home communion, please let me or Heather Delp know and we will try to accommodate those who wish a visit.

4. Our **church lawn is being mowed** and trimmed by the Cyr boys; Nathaniel and Joshua. Also, the fields have seen attention by our new neighbor, Gary Miller who has removed rocks and done some mowing. Their efforts are much appreciated!

5. In past years, we have had various people offer **special music** during the summer worship services. John Pearce and I are planning to sing on a couple of Sundays. If you can offer some music, whether solo or with others, please consider volunteering. This is true for Sundays in other seasons of the church calendar as well.

6. I have been thinking about having our next **Soup and Study** series focus on Church and State issues. The Supreme Court is deciding a number of such issues. I often hear people say, 'we should have prayer and Bible reading in the public schools'. That was done as opening exercises when I went to school. It would be very problematic to try it today. Christianity has a long history of complicated relations with the State. It has often not gone well. Let's talk about it. We have been doing a Fall S & S series between Halloween and Thanksgiving.

7. I have been trying to encourage more lay preaching at our services. DaraSue and Jonathan have agreed to take some Sundays. Let me know if you would be willing to try it.



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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



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



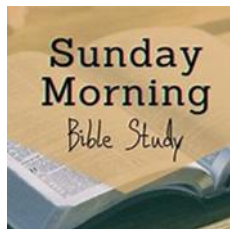
Prayer requests are to be made to Laura Bocko, Prayer Chain leader. If you would like to participate in the prayer chain, please contact Laura.

Laura's contact info is: (610) 452-2620 or laurabocko24@gmail.com

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.



Although he has been coming to worship for a time now, Stockton Bates was officially accepted by Session on June 22nd.



The Sunday morning Bible study will resume on September 14.

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 **July 2nd and also on August 5th** 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, August 13th at 7:00 PM

**The Women of CPC's bake sales-** will be held at 10am at Driftstone campgrounds on July 5th, and also on August 30th. Joan Correll will be at the church at 9:00am to pick up baked goods and take them to Driftstone. We thank everyone who so willingly bakes for us.



Mel Thiel – 7/27  
Kevin Correll – 7/28  
Deb Llewellyn—8/9  
Betty Meixsell—8/11  
Suzy Armstrong—8/31



John & Shirley Heinsohn— 7/19  
Tim & Mel Thiel — 7/31  
Mike and Jean Feeney—8/5  
Laura & John Bock—8/24

**Note: be sure to consult your financial advisor. . .**

People who are age 70 1/2 or older can contribute funds (up to \$108,000) directly to a charity and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution. This is known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution. It is limited to IRA's.

For a distribution from an IRA to qualify as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), the funds must be paid directly from the IRS custodian to the qualified charitable organization, not to the IRA owner, and the money must never pass through the hands of the IRA holder.

The main advantage of a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) appears when you are taking the standard deduction rather than itemizing your deductions because a QFCD reduces your adjusted gross income (AGI) by the donated amount.



## Our Family Photo Album

The honoring of Laura Bocko, on Sunday, June 8th, who graduated from Eastern University with an MBA in organizational management with a concentration in project management.



June 8th, 2025



# July 2025

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10:00 CPC  
Women  
AA 8:00 pm

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10:00 Bake Sale  
Driftstone

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10:30—Worship  
DaraSue Braun  
**No Communion**

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AA 8:00 pm

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10:30—Worship  
Rev. Nichols

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10:30—Worship  
Rev. Nichols

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9:45 Coffee Hour  
10:30—Worship  
JE Rush

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AA 8:00 pm

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# August 2025

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