

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Our last of three Wednesday's Soup and Study days will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you happen to see this newsletter in time and you haven't attended yet, I encourage you to come and join us. We have had a good response with 24 and 29 in attendance the first two sessions.

The preparation for the series on Dietrich Bonhoeffer has given me a more complete understanding of how Hitler came to power in Germany in the 1930's as well as the church's role in his empowerment. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was clearly a prophet who could see what Hitler was doing and how it contradicted the message of Jesus. Unfortunately the majority of the churches in Germany enthusiastically supported Hitler even though they had to be aware of the mistreatment of the Jews.

Obviously there are some unique things about Germany in the 1920 and beyond that made it possible for Hitler to eliminate all opposition and create a dictatorship. But there are a number of things about his rise to power that are common to all 'want-to-be dictators'. In addition to controlling the media, every dictation spreads misinformation which often involves scapegoating a group (or groups) of people.

The irony of it is in Hitler's case, he was not opposed to the church and they regarded him as God's anointed to restore the greatness to Germany. He was remarkably successful in achieving that until he went too far in attacking other countries.

As I mentioned in last month's article, Christians in every country should be aware of just how easy it can be for democracies to fall and for great suffering and injustice to follow.

Looking ahead to the **Easter season**, I encourage you to consider participating in: 1. the intimate setting of the *Maundy Thursday communion service* that begins at 7:00 on 4/17 and 2. The *Easter Sunrise service* at our family farm on 301 Heinsohn Hill Road, Bangor Pa. The service will begin at 6:00 (sunrise is officially set for 6:15). Refreshments will be in the farm house where I was born and raised. 3. Our regular worship service on *Easter Sunday* will be at 10:30.

Enjoy the gift of this wonderful season!



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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



Peggy Sue



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

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# Prayer Requests

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 and Joan Correll.

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.



Maundy Thursday- communion will be held on 4/17 at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunrise Service will be at 6:00 am at the Heinsohn Farm, 301 Heinsohn Hill Rd, Bangor, PA.

Easter Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 am.



# Church Calendar

The women will resume their monthly meetings on **April 3<sup>rd</sup> (for April only)**, 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.



The Worship Committee is hosting a Spring Tea Party on Saturday, April 26th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited for a delicious lunch and a fun-filled afternoon. Friends and family are welcome. If desired you may dress in a fancy hat. Not to worry if you don't have one, it will be provided.



Session will meet on Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00 PM



Saturday morning, April 12th at 8:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited.



Coffee Hour, Sunday, April 27th after worship.



Near the end of the Lenten season, we will be presenting the One Great Hour of Sharing. This relief offering is a timely way to assist the suffering people of the world including those in our own country. The offering envelopes will be made available by Palm Sunday and dedicated on Easter Sunday (4/20).



- 4/10 — Lillian Williams  
Allen Llewellyn
- 4/11— Jonathan Rush
- 4/15— Shirley Rush

April 12<sup>th</sup> - Anniversary  
Allen & Deb Llewellyn

# Our Family Photo Album

Daylight Luncheon held on March 9th—Hosted by the Worship Committee



*Yummy!*



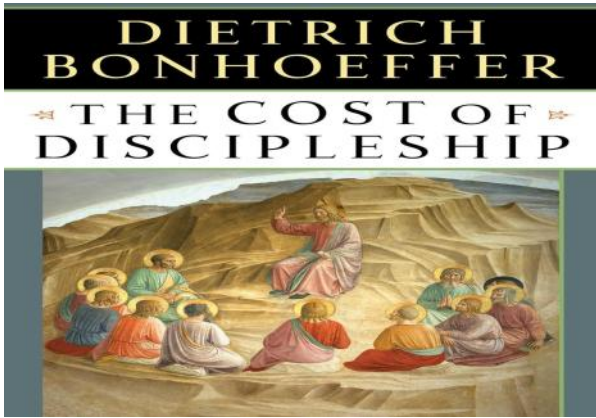
*Let's Celebrate*



(l-r) Jonathan & Shirley Rush, Lillian Williams,  
Joan Correll (c) , Shirley and Rev. John Heinsohn

# Soup and Study • March 19, 26, 4/2, 2025

The life & witness of  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer



*“Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God's will.”*  
-DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 AA 8:00 pm	2 12-1:30pm Soup & Study	3 10:00 CPC Women 5:15 Girl Scouts	4	5
6 Rev. Nichols 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 —Worship	7 AA 8:00 pm	8 AA 8:00 pm	9 Session 7:00 pm	10	11	12 8:30 am Mens's Breakfast
13  Rev. Nichols 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 —Worship	14 AA 8:00 pm	15 AA 8:00 pm	16	17  Service 7:00 pm 5:15 Girl Scouts	18 	19
21  6:00 am Sunrise Worship Heinsohn Farm Rev. Heinsohn 10:30 —Worship	21 AA 8:00 pm	22 AA 8:00 pm	23	24	25	26 1:00 Spring Tea Party Fellowship Hall
27 Rev. Nichols 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 —Worship 11:30 Coffee Hr.	28 AA 8:00 pm	29 AA 8:00 pm	30			