

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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On Saturday, May 2, several of us from the congregation attended Henry Deible's memorial service held at the Cochran Funeral Home in Hackettstown NJ.

Henry and Carole Deibel began attending our church over ten years ago. Henry's severe hearing handicap did not keep him from appreciating the hymns, liturgy and scripture. They especially enjoyed the fellowship of the congregation. Over time, Carole, who was Henry's primary means of communication, became house-bound with serious illnesses. In the years that followed, deacons Heather, Joan and others would join me in visiting their home to share communion with them. After Carole's death a couple of years ago, we continued to visit Henry when it could be arranged.

Prior to his death on April 27, he had been on hospice for some time. By then he was completely deaf, thin and frail but we found ways to communicate with him and we learned later that he very much appreciated our visits.

Henry had a difficult childhood. His father died in a car accident when he was two years old and he was placed in an orphanage at age 6. His grandmother was his guardian/ parent. In spite of his early challenges, he did not become bitter and went on to live a very successful life as a math teacher for 40 years and as a husband to Carole and father to their seven children.

Visits to the Deibel's house always left us inspired. Henry learned the 'secret of being content in all circumstances' as Paul said in his letter to the Philippians. His children confirmed that he never complained and was always grateful.

On my last visit just before he died, I was pleasantly surprised that when I would refer to a passage of scripture, he would quote the whole passage by memory. One of the silver linings to his time at the orphanage was the mandatory Sunday scripture memory drills. Learning whole sections of scripture by memory served him well right up to his death.

Henry and Carole have shown us that we can be a blessing to others even when we have to endure trials and suffering. We thank God for their witness!

--- On a different note, the session has decided to place the solar panel project on hold due to lack of funds to accomplish both the solar panels and the additional costs of roof replacement in the next five years or so.



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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

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=TmJoNnF1Zy8ranRjT3RMc0I5c3RiZz09>

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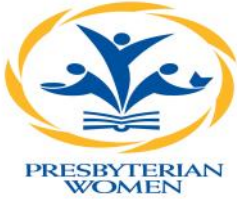


Prayer requests are to be made to Laura Bocko, Prayer Chain leader. If you would like to participate in the prayer chain, please contact Laura.

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

Betty Meixsell, Marcia Pensack, Michelle Dinnen, Phyllis Boisselle, Wanda Farrell, & Melanie Thiel.

EVENTS | A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING



The Women of CPC will meet on **June 2nd** 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, June 10th at 7:00 PM via Zoom



The Women of CPC will be filling baby bottles with loose change for Bright Hope again this year. It is a project by Bright Hope, a prolife organization in the Lehigh valley. Proceeds will go toward services and supplies to those women who choose not to have an abortion. The baby bottles will be collected on Sunday, June 14th, (Father's Day), so that they can be dedicated at The Maranatha Church in Nazareth on Father's Day .

On Sunday, June 14th, the Worship Committee is hosting the church picnic, that will be held immediately following the worship service in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious picnic in the comfort of air conditioning.



Coffee Hour—Sunday, June 28th *before* worship. Deacons hosting. All are invited.



Bible Study – is in recess for the summer and will convene early September.



Women of Community Presbyterian Church—Annual Memorial Day Bake Sale.



Our helpers pictured l-r: Karen Williams, Joan Correll, Laura Bocko.
Not pictured is Lillian Williams.
Thank you to all who donated!



Welcome
New Members

On Sunday, May 31st, we officially welcomed our newest members, Donna Norvath and her mother, Rosella Lomerson.

DID YOU KNOW?

FUN TRIVIA

New Stars Added: When a new state joins the Union, a star is added on **July 4th**.

Current Design: The modern 50-star flag was designed by **Robert G. Heft**, a 17-year-old student, in 1958 and selected by President Eisenhower

Flag Proportions: The official height-to-length ratio of the flag is **1:1.9**

Symbolism of Colors: Red symbolizes **hardiness and valor**, white represents **purity and innocence**, and blue stands for **vigilance, perseverance, and justice**

Flag Display Rules: By federal law, the flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset, but it can be flown 24 hours if properly illuminated

These facts highlight the American flag's historical significance, symbolic mean-



FUN TRIVIA

- More reverse-charge phone calls are made on Father's Day than any other day
- In some traditions, a **red rose** symbolizes a living father, and a **white rose** a deceased one
- The **holiday took 64 years** to become a national U.S. holiday
- **First Celebration**
The first Father's Day was held on June 19, 1910 at the Spokane YMCA, featuring a church service, parade, and gifts like roses and neckties
- Some sources note that Fairmont, West Virginia, may have held an earlier unofficial remembrance in 1908

So next time you celebrate Father's Day, remember it's a tribute to fathers' enduring role in families—and a story of persistence, community, and love.



JUNE

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA 8:00 pm	2 10:00 am CPC Women AA 8:00 pm	3	4	5	6
7 10:30—Worship Rev. Nichols	8 AA 8:00 pm	9 AA 8:00 pm	10 7:00 Session	11	12	13
14  Rev. Heinsohn 10:30—Worship 11:30 Picnic	15 AA 8:00 pm	16 AA 8:00 pm	17	18	19	20
21 First day of Summer Rev. Heinsohn 10:30—Worship	22 AA 8:00 pm	23 AA 8:00 pm	24	25	26	27
28 Elder—JE Rush 10:30—Worship	29 AA 8:00 pm	30 AA 8:00 pm	 June 6 —Sharon Potter June 22—Stockton Bates June 30—James Potter			