

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MT. BETHEL AND PORTLAND

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Rev. John H. Heinsohn  
Minister of Visitation

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*“Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy” Exodus 20: 8.*

Most Christians and Jews believe that the Ten Commandments given to Moses are key commands for people of faith to follow. Over the centuries Christians have interpreted and observed this fourth commandment in very different ways. As a young boy in the early 1950's I remember that Sundays were tied to the PA Blue Laws which mandated that all stores be closed. There were no school athletic events and not much of anything held on a Sunday. Even farmers would schedule crop harvests to avoid Sundays and only necessary farm chores were tended to. Sunday was understood as a day to observe religious activities with church attendance being central.

Some groups were very strict about personal observance of 'the Sabbath'. Doing 'fun' things was not allowed. Orthodox Jews still hold to a very strict view about work that is forbidden. But for most Christians today in our society, Sunday is only special in the sense that it is a part of the weekend and a great day to do whatever one might want to do.

Unfortunately, for many of us, we are finding a lot of things to do besides going to church on Sunday morning. Protestants and Catholic churches are experiencing diminished congregations in part because we are pulled in so many directions on any given Sunday morning. Our own attendance has on some recent Sundays become dangerously slim. Worship services need a critical mass in order to function. There are legitimate demands that take us away from church on Sundays; but if we do not make church attendance a priority, the church will be seriously impaired. Jesus delivered us from a severely strict interpretation of the Sabbath, but he never said we should ignore the commandment. At the least, honoring the command means making Sunday morning church attendance a priority. Our participation encouraged others and, in the end, it may have something to do with our survival.



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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=TmJoNnF1Zy8ranRjT3RMc0I5c3RiZz09>

Meeting ID: 833 629 3018 Passcode: 074935

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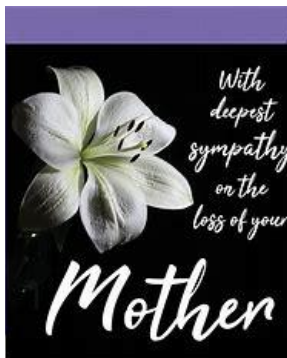
For Bible Study and the Soup and Study, please contact Rev. John for the information.



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

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.



Your church family offers our sincere condolences to the family of Bette Van Patten upon her death on May 10th. A memorial service will be held on June 21st.



The Sunday morning Bible study will have its last session on **June 1st**. It will resume again 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 **June 3rd** 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 11th at 7:00 PM



The baby bottles for Bright Hope are due back in the church on June 8th. They will be blessed at the Maranatha Mennonite Church in Nazareth on Father's Day on June 16th. Bright Hope is a nonprofit pro-life organization in the Lehigh Valley that helps mothers choosing not to have an abortion .

Pentecost Sunday—June 8th. Be sure to wear any item of red in communion with the Holy Spirit.



On Sunday, June 8th, 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.

June 6 —Sharon Potter

June 30—James Potter



To Laura Bocko on the achievement of her Masters of Business Administration from Eastern University in Philadelphia.



# Our Family Photo Album



Tea Party  
April 26th



*You just can't eat good food, you  
have to talk about it too!*





# I SAID *a prayer* for you *today*

And know God must have heard,  
I felt the answer in my heart  
Although He spoke no word.

I didn't ask for wealth or fame,  
I knew you wouldn't mind.  
I asked Him to send treasures  
Of a far more lasting kind.

I asked that He'd be near you  
At the start of each new day,  
To grant you health and blessings  
And friends to share your way.

I asked for happiness for you  
In all things great and small,  
But it was for His loving care  
I prayed the most of all.





# June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Rev. Nichols 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 —Worship	<b>2</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>3</b> 10:00 CPC Women AA 8:00 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Pentecost</b> <b>Sunday</b> Rev. Nichols 10:30 —Worship 11:30 Church Picnic	<b>9</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>10</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>11</b> Session 7:00 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Flag Day</i> June 14 
<b>15</b> <b>Father's Day</b> Rev. Heinsohn 10:30 —Worship	<b>16</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>17</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> First day of Summer	<b>21</b> Bette Van Patten's Memorial Service
<b>22</b> 10::30 Worship— DSB	<b>23</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>24</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>28</b> Rev. Nichols 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 —Worship 11:30 Coffee Hr.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7/1</b>	<b>7/2</b>	<b>7/3</b>	<b>7/4</b> 