



**Bethany  
Christian Church**  
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# The Newsette

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*"A Family of Faith, Growing in Christ, Growing through Service."*

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*Financial Secretary*

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*Director of Music*

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for the Newsette, you  
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**see separate calendar for  
dates and meetings**

## MARCH TEAM

If you are unable to serve on the date(s)  
assigned, please arrange  
for a replacement.

### PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER

Scot Hawthorne

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

- 4 – Jo Anne & Ross Dorneman
- 11 – Jo Anne & Ross Dorneman
- 18 – Johnny & Linda Grubb
- 25 – Palm Sunday Lori Blair &  
Geoff Gangloff
- 29 – Maundy Thurs 2:00 pm  
Lori Blair
- 29 – Maundy Thurs 7:00 pm  
Geoff Gangloff

### USHERS - all month

Ray Crawford  
Mark Kimmel  
Jim Rountree

### WORSHIP LEADERS

- 4 – Robin Lancaster
- 11 – Tyler Hawthorne
- 18 – Donna Wicker
- 25 – Palm Sunday Penny Gradwell

## MARCH TEAM (continued)

### ELDERS

- 4 – Johnny & Linda Grubb
- 11 – David Brown & June Sears
- 18 – Becky Murrell &  
Donna Wicker
- 25 – Palm Sunday Brian & Penny  
Gradwell
- 29 – Maundy Thurs 2:00 pm  
Linda Spencer
- 29 – Maundy Thurs 7:00 pm  
Barbara Ozlin

### •Communion to Home Bound

Bob & June Sears

### DEACONS - all month

Captain: David Walls  
Madelyn Faulkner  
John/Robin Lancaster  
Sarah McLillard  
substitute: Sarah Oatman

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

- 4 – Donna Wicker
- 11 – Sue Marion
- 18 – Pastor Jackie Twedell
- 25 – Sue Marion

## **BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT**

"To share the Good News of God's activity in our lives through witness and service to Westover Hills, Stratford Hills, and beyond, in order to encourage people to find their unique place in God's family."

## **THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH**

"Everyone comes with baggage. Find someone who loves you enough to help you unpack."  
~ Lessons Learned in Life



"Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity."

~ Seneca

## FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Singing hymns is always a favorite part of worship. The words are meaningful. The tune is inspiring. And when the words and melody come together so beautifully, it truly is a wonderful, worshipful experience.

Hymns are an incredibly important part of our worship services. Not only are they a time in which we praise God together in one voice, but they are also where most of us first learn theology. I love the hymns I sang as a child, hymns where I learned that Jesus loves me, that God's grace is amazing. And of course I have favorites – don't we all? But I also really enjoy learning new hymns.

You may have noticed that we have been singing a new hymn in worship these past few weeks. "God, beyond Our Ways of Knowing" is a beautiful new hymn written by Adam M. L. Tice, written to follow the Lectionary scriptures of this Lenten season. Each week, when Duane and I meet to choose the hymns we will sing in worship, we try to thoughtfully and intentionally choose hymns that go with the scripture for that Sunday. So when Duane introduced me to this hymn, which has a verse inspired by each of the Gospel texts for the first five Sundays of Lent, I knew that singing it every week would add meaning to our worship experience as well as our Lenten journey.

Adam Tice, the hymn's author, is a "Hymn Society friend" of Duane who lives in Coshen, Indiana, and is ordained for ministry in Mennonite Church USA. He regularly leads workshops, presents, and leads singing at conferences and events locally and nationally. In 2016 he was named text editor for the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee. In 2004 Adam was named a Lovelace Scholar by the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada. From 2007 to 2010 he served as a member of the Society's Executive Committee. He began a term as Editor of the Society's journal in 2018.

The tune which we have chosen to accompany "God, beyond Our Ways of Knowing" is IRBY, a popular Christmas tune, originally written for children by John Henry Gauntlett in 1849, and is usually associated with the carol "Once in Royal David's City." It opens the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols at King's College, Oxford, England, each Christmas Eve.

As we continue to sing this hymn together in worship, we encourage you to notice the words of the second verse (it will change each week) ... notice how it illuminates the themes of the scripture for the day. We pray that this hymn, as well as every aspect of worship, inspires you as we journey together to the cross with Jesus.

God, beyond our ways of knowing, you invite us into grace,  
shepherd us to guide our growing, help us seek and find our place:  
teaching us through Christ to live  
in the blessings that you give.

Faithful Christ, you never leave me comfortless or all alone  
though temptation may deceive me, though my voice may ache and moan;  
for the day the prophets sought  
is fulfilled in what you taught  
• *Mark 1:9-15*

If I choose to rise and follow, I must seize upon the cross –  
other fortunes now ring hollow other profits count as loss.  
Christ, come lift me when I fall,  
stumbling as I heed your call.  
• *Mark 8:31-38*

Other gods demand devotion – money markets, might, acclaim,  
busy lives in endless motion, off'ring happiness and fame.  
When my fevered strivings cease,  
you are still my source of peace.  
• *John 2:13-22*

You came not for condemnation but with healing for the earth,  
granting this death-bound creation life revived through second-birth.  
As the morning breaks the night,  
so you fill the world with light.  
• *John 3:14-21*

Though my soul is sore and aching, Jesus, I shall follow you –  
when my will is weak and breaking, you are working something new –  
flowers crack the thirsting sand  
in a dry and dying land.  
• *John 12:20-33*

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~ Blessings, Pastor Jackie and Duane

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DEPARTMENT

**Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, March 4**, at 9:00 a.m. is the fundraiser for kitchen countertops.

### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**Living in Faith Everyday (L.I.F.E.) Class** – A representative from the Bonay Kodesh group that meets here will be sharing at our **March 4** L.I.F.E. Class beginning after the pancake breakfast at 9:45 a.m. Please join us!

### EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Easter will be here before we know it, and we are preparing to welcome children of all ages to enjoy our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please invite friends and family members to join us on **Saturday, March 31**, at 10:00 a.m. We will be placing a box in the Narthex for donations; we need small toys and treats that will fit in an Easter egg. We will be filling eggs on Saturday, March 24, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. All are encouraged to come help. Many hands make light work. Thank you!!

**Bake Sale** – To all our wonderful cooks and bakers: Spring is fast approaching (I hope) and with that comes our annual Yard and Bake Sale. **Saturday, April 14**, is the day! Please be thinking about what you can cook and contribute to our bake sale. Also, if there is an item that you would like to purchase, just let me know. I can most likely find someone who will prepare it. Thank you as usual for all your delicious contributions.  
~ Barbara Ozlin

### OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

**Easter Offering** – *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this not your own doing; it is a gift from God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, which God created beforehand, so that we should walk in them.* Ephesians 2: 8-10

God saved us through his overflowing grace! We do not need do anything to receive it. It is a gift. It's a gift to be shared by mankind. It is freely given to all. So generous is this gift that we need to share it with all who need it. We who have been saved will then share what we can when we can.

We will be collecting our Easter Offerings **Sunday, March 25**, and **Sunday, April 1**. These offerings support the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The work of these ministries overflows "from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth." The general ministries include: Disciples Women, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, National Benevolent Association, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, Division of Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries), National Convocation, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples (NAPAD), Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, Communication Ministries, and the Center for Faith and Giving.

**Souper Bowl** – Our young people collected \$272.65 for Bainbridge food bank (since the Eagles got the most donations, maybe our contributions predict the winner of the Super Bowl).

**Church World Service** – Bethany Christian Church will be a depot for Church World Service buckets and kits during the months of March and April, 2018. The pickup will be May 23 or 24.

### PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

**Work Day – Saturday, March 24**, at 9:00 a.m. is a work day here at the church. (If you have an emotional attachment to some old items, you may wish to come to work day.)

### STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

*Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first fruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.* Proverbs 3:9-10

#### **Stewardship report as of January 31, 2018** (8.33% of the year)

Offering income received year-to-date \$10,386.85 (9% of annual budget)

pledged donations; "give-as-I-can" donations;  
transient, Sunday School, and special offerings

Total operating expenses year-to-date \$15,080.93 (8% of annual budget)

• For 2018, we received \$350.08 in other income (interest, dividends, facility donations). We also received a \$500.00 donation to our General Fund.

### WORSHIP DEPARTMENT

**Lenten Luncheons** – There will be no Lenten Luncheons this year.

**Maundy Thursday, March 29** – There will be two services on Maundy Thursday – one service at 2:00 p.m. for those members who do not drive at night or prefer a daytime service and another service at 7:00 p.m.

**24-Hour Prayer Vigil** will begin on **Good Friday, March 30**, at 6:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway outside of the Chapel for you to participate – you can sign up to come to church to pray or you may pray at home. Make sure you indicate beside your name if you will be praying at home. If you are willing to give security coverage for a period of time, please sign up at the bottom of the sheet.

**Easter Sunday** – We will be flowering the cross during the service on **April 1**. Flowers will be provided.

### DISCIPLES WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP (DWF)

**Ladies' Tea** – The DWF Ladies' Tea will be **Saturday, March 17** (St. Patrick's Day), at 2:00 p.m. Bring your favorite tea cup and wear green to our celebration. Our service project will be the collection of a free-will offering for Cross † Over Ministry, Inc.

### DISTRICT VII

District VII Lunch and Variety Show, **Saturday, April 21**, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Battery Park Christian Church!

Do you have a talent you want to share? Are you musically inclined or a dancer? Or are you great at telling jokes? Then you are invited to share your talent at District VII's brand new event – a Variety Show. Of course, even if you don't want to perform an act, you are still invited to watch and get to know other people within our district. The District VII Board is hosting this in the hopes of fostering greater and deeper relationships between the members of all the churches in our district. Please consider attending this event, which is sure to be a fun afternoon of laughter and friendship. More information will be coming shortly. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Jackie.

## YOUTH

**Bowling** – All youth are invited to go bowling on **Monday, March 19**, at 6:00 p.m. at King Pin Lanes on Midlothian. Church funds will pay for shoes and all bowling games; bring your own money if you wish to purchase food and drinks. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Gangloff or Sarah Oatman.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that had a part in Sonny's going away "party". He would be speechless to think that so many people thought that much of him. He is missed so much by all of us; I know how much I loved him, but a lot of other people did too. Thanks for the peace lily and all the good food.

~ Carol Browder

Thank you once again to our family at Bethany Church for all the love, prayers and concerns during my surgery on February 15. It means so much to have such special people caring about us.

~ God Bless, Dee Evans

## ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Names	Yrs
March	6	Jim Davis & Barbara Ozlin	8
March	8	Terry & Alice Nelson	4
March	14	Anthony & Petrina Miller	3
March	14	Thom & Sheila Morgan	31

## SYMPATHY

We express our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Neil Swallow Haden who passed away February 11.

## PRAYER CONCERNS – Please notify the church office when this information changes.



### Acute:

Florence and Paul Banks  
Dee and Jim Evans  
Ann Hasty  
Juan Pletcher  
Gay Purcell

### Ongoing:

Eddie & Phyllis Basl	Hazel Heider	Helen Knighton
Dick Koch	Sandy Lewis	Charley Lindsey
Earl & Elizabeth Little	Hilda Murrell	Ken & Carol Roland
Connie Stroupe	Charlotte West	

members of our church family who may be struggling with chronic health issues, sadness, loneliness, and other burdens or who might just need a "prayer hug"

### Extended Church Family:

Miriam Adams .....	John Lancaster's grandmother
Charles Thomas Brown .....	David Brown's brother
Eleanor Grundy .....	Rod Grundy's mother
Wallick Harding .....	Juan Pletcher's nephew
Al Miller .....	Jo Anne Dorneman's stepbrother
Geraldine Russell .....	Penny Gradwell's mother

Please pray for those who suffer from natural disasters and war; for all of our men and women in the military and their families; for our country, its leaders, and peace in our world; and for our church.

**HEY, YOU PRE-PLANNERS!**

We have been speaking about ways that you can assist the church and your minister with your service here after you pass away. Your wishes will be kept in a folder at the church and can be changed at any time ♥.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as you want it on the bulletin: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of service you want:

\_\_\_\_\_ funeral service for

\_\_\_\_\_ memorial service for

\_\_\_\_\_ a service celebrating the life of

\_\_\_\_\_ a service of worship in witness of the resurrection and in memory of

\_\_\_\_\_ a worship of God and celebration of life service for

Favorite or most meaningful scriptures:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Names of people that you would like to read scripture at your service:

1. Minister

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite hymns or songs – indicate if the music is for (a) solo, duet, or group (b) congregational sing (c) instrumental (d) prelude (e) postlude *please limit the songs for (a) and (b) to four at the most*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

What do you want to call the words said about you:

\_\_\_\_\_ eulogy

\_\_\_\_\_ words of remembrance

\_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you want there to be an opportunity for people other than the minister to offer remembrances; if so, who will those people be:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want an open opportunity for people to come forward to say a few words? yes OR no

If you want a photo on your bulletin, please have one ready or submit it to the office.

If you have a poem or a favorite quote for your bulletin, please have it ready or submit it to the office.

Other things to think about

Approximate number of people to expect for your service \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want a reception at the church following your service? yes OR no

Are you being:

- \_\_\_\_\_ buried
- \_\_\_\_\_ cremated
- \_\_\_\_\_ entombed

Will your remains be here at the church for your service? yes OR no

Color preference for your bulletin:

- \_\_\_\_\_ white
- \_\_\_\_\_ off white/cream
- \_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

If your service is not going to be here at the church, do you want the peace lily that the church offers to the family of a member sent to the:

- \_\_\_\_\_ funeral home
- \_\_\_\_\_ someone's home

If to someone's home, who is that person and what is his/her address?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Possible scriptures:

- Psalm 23
- Psalm 24
- Psalm 46
- Psalm 90:1-6, 10, 12
- Psalm 100
- Psalm 119:73-76
- Psalm 121:1-2
- Psalm 122:1
- Psalm 124:8
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
- Isaiah 40:5
- Isaiah 40:29-31
- Isaiah 41:9-10; 13
- Isaiah 43:1-3a
- Matthew 5:3-12
- Matthew 11:28-30
- Matthew 25:23
- Matthew 25:34-40
- John 14:1-6
- John 14:18-19,27
- Romans 8:35-39
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-13
- 2 Timothy 1:10
- 2 Timothy 4:7-8
- Revelation 21:4

Possible Hymns:

- Amazing Grace!
- Because He Lives
- God Be With You Till We Meet Again
- His Eye is on the Sparrow
- How Great Thou Art
- In the Bulb There is a Flower
- In the Garden
- Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
- Open the Eyes of My Heart
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand
- The Gift of Love
- The Old Rugged Cross
- They'll Know We Are Christians
- What a Friend We Have In Jesus

# March 2018

**AA:** Alcoholics Anon  
**YC:** Youth Center  
**DWF:** Disciples  
 Women's Fellowship  
**ELIM:** Elim Church  
**FH:** Fellowship Hall

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 AA-YC 7:00 pm	2 ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	3 ELIM-FH 6:00 pm
4 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 9:00 am L.I.F.E. class 9:45 am <hr/> Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am <hr/> Crafters 4:00 pm <hr/> ELIM-FH 4:00 pm	5	6 AA-YC 7:00 pm	7 Choir 7:30 pm	8 AA-YC 7:00 pm	9 ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	10 ELIM-FH 6:00 pm
11 Blessing Boxes Daylight Savings BEGINS Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am <hr/> ELIM-FH 4:00 pm	12	13 AA-YC 7:00 pm	14 Choir 7:30 pm	15 "Theology on Tap" at <b>Maldini's</b> 6:30 pm (nursery at church 6:15 pm) <hr/> AA-YC 7:00 pm	16 ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	17 Regional Mtg Bon Air CC 10:00 am <hr/> Ladies' Tea 2:00 pm <hr/> ELIM-FH 6:00 pm
18 Blessing Boxes Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am <hr/> Board Mtg noon <hr/> ELIM-FH 4:00 pm	19	20 DWF Circle #1 at church 10:00 am <hr/> AA-YC 7:00 pm	21 Choir 7:30 pm	22 DWF Circle #4 at church 7:00 pm <hr/> AA-YC 7:00 pm	23 ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	24 Property Dept. work day 9:00 am <hr/> stuff Easter eggs 10:00 am <hr/> ELIM-FH 6:00 pm
25 Palm Sunday Easter Offering Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am <hr/> ELIM-FH 4:00 pm <hr/> <b>Apr Newsette deadline</b>	26	27 AA-YC 7:00 pm	28 Choir 7:30 pm	29 Maundy Thursday services at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm <hr/> AA-YC 7:00 pm	30 Good Friday prayer vigil begins at 6:00 am <hr/> ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	31 prayer vigil ends at 6:00 am <hr/> Easter egg hunt 10:00 am <hr/> ELIM-FH 6:00 pm