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BETHLEHEM UNITED PREGBYTERIAN CHURCH 45 Chapel Road Wheeling, WV 26003-4815





WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

Communion with our C.O.M. approved

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Music Director & Organist ~ Cliff Elliott

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Treasurer ~ Eydie Garvin

Secretary ~ Sue Lane Johnson





# God's Golden Day

The gypsy leaves come tumbling down In colors amber, red and brown.

The woodland trees stand bare and clean;
The dried, sere grass no longer green.

In Autumn's frosty, blue-hazed sky, Smoke-curled wreaths of bonfires fly. Walnuts and hickory nuts cover the ground; Smooth, orange pumpkins in clusters abound.

Flocks of geese in V-formation
Wing to a sun-warmed destination.
The full harvest moon gold-glimmers all...
Night echoes the cricket's farewell call.

Elisabeth Weaver Winstead

|   | SUNDAY                                                             | MONDAY          | TUESDAY                                         | WEDNESDAY            | THURSDAY                                          | FRIDAY                                                                                               | SATURDAY                                                                       |
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|   | 10:45a.m.<br>Worship<br>Service<br>DEACONS<br>MEET after<br>Ooffee | 21              | 22                                              |                      | 24                                                | 25                                                                                                   | 26                                                                             |
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### September's Quiz: ANSWERS at bottom of page. verses are from KJV. EACH of the following is the FIRST VERSE of a BOOK of the BIBLE.

### Name the BOOK for each FIRST VERSE:

- 1. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the son of God.
- 2. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly.
- 3. There was a man in the land of Uz.
- 4. The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began to do and teach.
- 5. The elder unto the well-loved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.
- 6. In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem and besieged it.
- 7. Now these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob.
- 8. The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
- 9. God, who at sundry times and in divers manner spake in times past unto the fathers of the prophets. (the computer doesn't like "spake!!)
- 10. That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.
- 11. And the Lord called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation.
- 12. Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Malahaleel, Jared.
- 13. The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
- 14. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Savior, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope.
- 15. Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces). (wonder why they put "an" before hundred?!)
- 16. How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! How is she become as a
- 17.In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

### \* SEPTEMBER'S ANSWERS:

## Chapter 1, Verse 1 (Answers)

1. Mark

7. Exodus

2. Psalms

8. Ecclesiastes

13. Matthew

3. lob

9. Hebrews

14. 1 Timothy

4. Acts

10. 1 John

15. Esther

5. 3 John 11. Leviticus

16. Lamentations

12. 1 Chronicles

Daniel

17. John

### SESSION MEETING

A meeting of the Session of the Bethlehem United Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) was held on Monday, August 26, 2024 in the Church Library with the Rev. Alan Jeffries moderating.

Rev. Alan Jeffries opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 PM. It was determined that a quorum was present.

ELDERS PRESENT: Eydie Garvin, Bob Mengeu, Bill Syphers, Sue Johnson, Jody

Werner, Bob Young TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's reports for June, 2024 and July, 2024 were

presented for review and placed on file. MINUTES: Minutes of the June 24, 2024 Session meeting were presented for review. Eydie made the motion to accept, Jody seconded and the minutes were accepted and placed on file.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS: OUR OFFERING TO GOD THROUGH SERVICE ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE: Eydie Garvin

1. Eydie presented the quarterly earnings report from Wesbanco Trust Services.

2. She reported that she has temporarily stopped withdrawals from the Hemmann Memorial Fund since the money isn't needed at this time.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Bob Mengeu

1. Bob reported that he had arranged for painting of the outside railings, the corner Sunday School room, and Fellowship Hall.

2. We will be getting a new conference table and chairs for the library.

3. He has ordered the windows for the front side of the building. Installation may cost more than expected.

4. He and Dan Burns moved and installed the bookcases into the library.

BY-LAWS: Committee is not active at this time.

CHRISTIANEDUCATION: Sue Johnson.

1. Sue is inserting flyers and other informational tracts into The Beacon and the bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP: Bill Syphers

1. Bill mentioned that attendance seemed to be increasing and that should help in our search for a new pastor. He stated that there has been no response so far from any of the candidates who were invited to apply for the position.

MISSION/OUTREACH: Bill Syphers

1. Bill praised the Deacons for the outstanding mission work that they do for the Church.

NOMINATING: Committee is not active.

PARISH LIFE: Jody Werner

1. Jody said that she needs people to sign up for coffee hour.

WORSHIP: Bob Young

1. Bob reported that he had pulpit supply through the end of September.

CORREPONDENCE: none

CHURCH RECORDS:

Communion:

August 4, 2024

Home Communions:

Deaths, New members, Baptism.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Session decided to resume having Communion every first Sunday of the month.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Sue discussed the possibility and needs of developing a Church directory.

2. Sue presented some proposals for purchasing poinsettias for Christmas and the

Session decided to continue to buy them at Kroger.

3. Kathy Syphers presented a program for providing Bible education to pupils from Bethlehem Elementary School. She asked if the Session would permit use of the Church for that purpose. Eydie motioned to allow the use of the Church, Bob Young seconded and it passed.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: Rev. Jeffries closed the meeting with prayer at 8:24 PM. The date for the next regular Session Meeting is September 23, 2024 in the Church library.

## The Master's Touch

Who is the artist that walks the land With a palette and paintbrush in His hand? Softly He came one starry night, Tireless working 'til morning light. Woodlands and fields, the meadows green, Transformed by His hand to an Autumn scene. He highlights His work with the sun's mellow rays, Gently dissolving the early morning haze. Above it He stretches an endless blue sky, Capturing migrating birds flying by. A perfect picture of peace o'er the land Created with love by the Master's own hand.

Regina Wiencek

And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:4

In Our Hearts and Prayers

General, Long-term, and Special Health Concerns

Dorothy Werbecki, health concerns Rev. Homer Harden, health concerns Joellen McNeil, health concerns Nancy Elliott, health concerns Carolyn Dye, health concerns Wayne Cunningham, health concerns Gretchen Cunningham, health concerns David Waites, health concerns Camden Brown, eye/health concerns John Adams, health concerns Nancy K. Mumley, health concerns Evdie Garvin, health concerns Pam Cooper, health concerns Cliff Elliott, health concerns Kathy Butler, health concerns Kitty & Ron Patrick, health concerns

"The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never ENTHUSIASM Josing your enthusiasm." ALUUS TURLET (1894-1963) British author of Brave New World.

NURSING HOME & RETIREMENT HOME

Dorothy Werbecki, Continuous Care Center, Room 248, 236 Hullihen Place, Medical Park, Wheeling, WV 26003 Peggy Foster, Good Shepherd Nursing Home, 159 Edington Lane, Wheeling, WV 2600 Craig Garvin, Peterson Healthcare & Rehab Center, 20 Homestead Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003 Tom Hostutler, Moundsville Healthcare Center, Room 404, 2200 Floral Avenue, Moundsville, WV 26041

Birthdays - October 13th Alyssa Mengen 28th Craig Garvin

<u> Anniversaries - October</u> 1st Dan & Alice Burns 17th Cliff & Nancy Elliott

LAUGHLIN CHAPEL

"Enthusiasm is everything. It must be taut and vibrating like a Buitar string." Martha Wright- 304-232-3490 director@laughlinmemorialchapel.org They are planning ahead for Christmas at the Chapel. Generally, they provide about \$40 worth of gifts for the children in K-3; each of the older kids, grades 4 & 5, a Walmart gift card. Martha says they take them shopping which is always an adventure as the kids struggle to make decisions while keeping track of their money! \*\*So, if you wish to help The Chapel make Christmas special for their children, you may send to Laughlin Chapel % Martha Wright, indicating its for Christmas or leave with our secretary who will send all to The Chapel. Thank you in advance for your help.\*\*

Did I read that sign right? TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.

A mediacte idea that Benerates enthusiasm. A medio te idea that a great idea that

A mill go further than a great idea that inspires no one!

Bill Syphers, surgery

Our October Quiz is "SECOND IN LINE" (answers in November Beacon)

- At 969 years, Methuselah was the longest-lived man. Who came in second at 962 years?
- 2. Saul was the first king of Israel. Who was the second? (Hint: Wasn't David!)
- 3. The first covenant God made with man was His covenant with Noah. With whom did He make the second covenant?
- 4. In John's Gospel, Jesus' first miracle is turning water into wine. What is the second miracle?
- 5. Stephen was the first Christian martyr. What apostle was the second?
- 6. Paul's first traveling companion was Barnabas. Who was the second?
- 7. The first plague in Egypt was the turning of the Nile waters to blood. What was the second plague?
- 8. Othniel was the first judge of Israel. Who was the second?
- 9. Jacob's firstborn was Reuben. Who was his second son?
- 10. David's first capital city was Hebron. What was his second and more famous capital?
- 11. The serpent in Eden was the first talking animal in the Bible. What was the second?
- 12. Eve is the first woman in the Bible. Who is the second?
- 13. Soloman led the way in constructing the first temple in Jerusalem.
  Who led in the building of the second temple?
- 14. Esther is the first book in the Bible not to mention the name of God. What is the second book with this omission?

## FROM ACTUAL CHURCH BULLETINS

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?". Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy". Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.

SUBJECT: Reality Check.

This is America in a nutshell. Thanks Dave Ramsey for being the one to state exactly what I'm feeling.

Dave Ramsey wrote:

This morning, I realized that everything is about to change. No matter how I vote, no matter what I say, lives are never going to be the same.

I have been confused by the hostility of family and friends. I look at people I have known all my life so hate-filled that they agree with opinions they would never express as their own. I think I may well have entered the Twilight Zone.

You can't justify this insanity. We have become a nation that has lost its collective mind.

We see other countries going Socialist and collapsing, but it seems like a great plan to us.

Somehow it's un-American for the census to count how many Americans are in America.

People who say there is no such thing as gender are demanding a female President.

Universities that advocate equality, discriminate against Asian-Americans in favor of African-Americans.

Some people are held responsible for things that happened before they were born, and other people are not held responsible for what they are doing right now.

Criminals are caught-and-released to hurt more people, but stopping them is bad because it's a violation of THEIR rights.

People who have never owned slaves should pay slavery reparations to people who have never been slaves.

After legislating gender, if a dude pretends to be a woman, you are required to pretend with him.

People who have never been to college should pay the debts of college students who took out huge loans for their degrees.

Immigrants with tuberculosis and polio are welcome, but you'd better be able to prove your dog is vaccinated.

Irish doctors and German engineers who want to immigrate to the US must go through a rigorous vetting process, but any illiterate gang-bangers who jump the Southern fence are welcomed.

\$5 BILLION for border security is too expensive, but \$1.5 TRILLION for "free" health care is not.

If you cheat to get into college you go to prison, but is you cheat to get into the country you go to college for free.

AND, pointing out all this hypocrisy somehow makes us "racist"!

Nothing makes sense anymore, no values, no morals, no civility and people are dying of a Chinese virus, but it is racist to refer to it as Chinese even though it began in China.

We are clearly living in an upside-down world where right is wrong and wrong is right, where immoral is moral, where good is evil and evil is good, where killing murderers is wrong, BUT killing innocent babies is right.

Wake up America. The great unsinkable ship TITANIC AMERICA has hit an iceberg, is taking on water

AND SINKING FAST. Lord help us!

Many people have had the idea that Church and Politics should not mix. IF YOU WANT THIS GREAT NATION of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA to be ruled by the Socialist/Communist LIBERALS, then go right on burying your head in the sand thinking our world has not been affected by higher prices on food, housing and anything we need to survive.

BUT, if you think as I do, wanting our ONE NATION UNDER GOD to return to Christian values, being free to worship in the Church of our choosing, not having some deranged teacher who is afraid of loosing their job, to teach children it is all right to act opposite of the gender born with, and not tell their parents. ----I could go on and on, but those of you who are knowledgeable about the happenings to attempt to re-program our children to not believe in Christ Jesus, expect the government to feed them, educate them and deviate from any sense of responsibility for themselves, etc., know we must take action. We know God is in charge, but we need to PRAY MORE THAN EVER!

Make certain you are registered to vote, know where your voting precinct is.

VOTING EARLY IS A WAY OF NOT HAVING TO WORRY WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN ON ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER  $5^{\text{TH}}$ .

LEARN WHAT THE NEXT FOUR YEARS MIGHT LOOK LIKE by comparing 2021 -2024 & 2017-2020.

Flowers are the music of the ground, from earth's lips spoken, without a sound. --- Edwin Curran