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COMMITMENT SUNDAY

**October 23, 2022 ~ 10:00 AM & Celebration
Luncheon to follow**

(also live stream on Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

Our guest preacher will be Rev. Phillip Benier

Four Principles of Biblical Stewardship

Matthew 25:14-30

I. The Principle of Ownership (vss. 14-15)

- A. It is clear that man was created to work and that work is the stewardship of all of the creation that God has given him (Gen 2:15, Gal. 6: 4-5)
- B. This is the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship. God owns every thing, and we are simply managers or administrator acting on his behalf (Duet. 10:14, Jn. 3:27)
- C. Therefore, stewardship expresses our obedience regarding the administration of everything God has placed under our control.
- D. Stewardship is the commitment of one's self and possessions to God's service. (Duet. 8:17-18)

II. The Principle of Responsibility (vss. 16-18)

- A. Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy", nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything: we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it (I Cor. 4:2)
- B. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to his desire and purposes.

III. The Principle of Accountability (vss. 19-27)

- A. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will be called to give an account for how we have managed what he Master has given us.
- B. God has entrusted authority over the creation to us and we are not allowed to rule over it as we see fit.
- C. We are called to exercise our dominion in managing his creation in accord with the principles he has established.

IV. The Principle of Reward (vss. 28-30)

- A. Stewards who do the master's will with the master's resources can expect to be rewarded incompletely in this life (Col. 3:23-24)
- B. Biblical stewardship deals with more than finances but encompasses all that God has given us to advance His kingdom on the earth.

Bethany Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Christian family who worships God and nurtures spiritual growth through friendship, learning, music and serving others.

**Deadline for the
November
Newsletter is on
October 14, 2022**

Pastor's Page:

Dear Friends,

A little boy was in church one Sunday morning with his grandmother. Everything went well until it was time for the offering. The grandmother began to frantically search through her purse, but she couldn't find her offering envelope. Apparently, she had left it at home. It was a most embarrassing moment for her as she kept looking through her purse for something to put in the collection plate.

Her grandson sensed her dilemma. The little boy had a solution to her problem. "Here, Gramma," he told her, "you take my quarter and put it in, and I'll hide under the seat!"

Children learn from watching adults. That is how they determine what is important in life. Wayne Barrett says that the first time he ever saw a fifty-dollar bill was in a church offering plate. This was years ago when fifty dollars was worth much more than it is today.

Wayne is a nationally recognized leader in the field of Christian stewardship and author of The Church Finance Idea Book. Seeing that fifty-dollar bill in the offering plate spoke louder to him than any words. He saw first-hand how important the church was to his parents and the other adults in their congregation by the gifts they gave. It wasn't that these folks were wealthy. They were not; they were committed. Seeing fifty dollar bills and twenty and ten dollar bills in the offering plate taught young Wayne a lesson he would remember the rest of his life: the work of the church is important.

The church he grew up in didn't use offering envelopes. Wayne says that there is teaching value in letting children see what their elders are contributing to the church of Jesus Christ. Or at least we can talk about it. How many of us sit down and discuss our gifts to the church with our children? It's much easier to give them a quarter and send them on their way.

Children learn what's important in life from watching adults. Jesus said, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the Emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." It's a matter of declaring which side you are on. It's a matter of allegiance. But it's also a matter of joy.

Blessings,

Dr. Bob Spratt

With Our People

With sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Nancy Cowan and family at the passing of her mother, Patricia Allan.

BYF - Beginning in October, BYF will meet twice a month in the upstairs youth room. Students 6th - 12th grade please plan to meet with Andrew Sunday, October 2 at 11:15 AM for a get acquainted and planning meeting during Christian Youth Studies.

Halloween "Mini Trunk or Treat" at BPC. Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM youth are invited to help pass out Halloween candy and operate two games in the driveway. Come in costume! Help us reconnect with our neighborhood and each other! Contact Andrew for more information and to sign-up to help. 585 465 8517 cell. aferreira.bethany@gmail.com
Also, BPC family - candy donations are needed! Thank you!



Fiscal Focus

2022	August	Year to Date	% Budget
Income	\$33,566.60	\$244,509.63	56.82%
Expense	\$29,989.79	\$251,404.07	58.42%
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$3576.82	-\$6894.44	

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Have you ever spent a night trying to sleep in your car, on a friend's couch or in a "not so cozy" chair?

The Community and Global Mission committee has voted to direct all offerings to the Peace and Global Witness collection this year to the Family Promise "Night Without a Bed" drive. Why?

Family Promise of Greater Rochester received requests for placement for 75 families in their Shelter Program in August, the highest number of requests in a month since they opened their doors in August 2001! They also received requests for assistance in their Prevention & Diversion Program from 187 households during the first week in August. Sixty-four families, including 122 children, have been assisted in this program through August.

What can you do? Be generous by helping our homeless neighbors by making a donation to Bethany's Peace and Global Witness fund.

For more information or to donate to FPGROC directly go to:

<https://www.fpgroc.org/nightwithoutabed>

Try to sleep a night somewhere other than your comfortable bed to experience what many Rochesterians must do nightly.

Attend the Poverty Simulation on East Avenue on October 22 between 2 and 5 to get a glimpse into what it takes to access necessary human services in Monroe County.

We are so blessed and God encourages us to share what we have been given. Please be generous.



C&GM will continue our collection of underwear and socks that began at Worship at the Park. Please bring your donations and place them in the box in the Narthex any Sunday in October. Thank you for helping those in need.

Congregational Life will be mailing out College Care Cards to students in October. To add a student to our list or make a donation, please contact Jen McGarrity at 764-5529 or mcvamp22@gmail.com. Thank you!





Stephen Ministry

I can feel changes in the air. I see changes on the trees, flowers and all of God's beautiful colors are about to show off their skills very shortly. It's that time of year. Personally, my favorite. These are expected changes and they do not just lead us into a new season, but into a time in the year that can put memories in our minds and hearts for years to come. Yup! The holidays are on the way.

Even though this time of year is expected, we all have that concern of being ready. We do this every year. We figure we have lots of time to plan and make every decoration perfect, every meal laid out with all travel plans ready and then we panic. Time flew too fast. Has someone needed to change their plans which affects your plans? Maybe a family member would like to move the celebration to their home when you have always held it at yours. Or, you could realize this year of hosting is just too much for you.

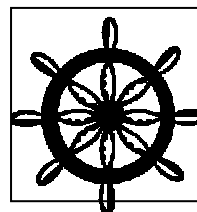
It is hard to be willing to change or be flexible when a change is needed. Being up front and talking with family and friends about different celebrations should be addressed with honesty and sincerity.

Life can be that way too. Changes can come gradually or they can come out of the blue. You saw it coming, or it was a huge event in your life totally unexpected. Either event can throw you off and trying to figure out what to do from here is just confusing. You need some help getting your ducks in a row.

You have an option available to you from Bethany. Our Stephen Ministers are good at helping you gather your thoughts. You may just need some clarification to decide your next step on how to handle what you have been handed.

We are here. We are ready to help. If you would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Bob or Wendy Watt.

Peace to you from the Stephen Ministers,
Cindi Sywulski



SHIPMATES: On Saturday October 8th, 2022, from 12 noon to 2 PM we will be taking a scenic cruise on the Colonial Belle on the Barge Canal in Fairport, NY. All



are welcome! The cost of the cruise is \$16 and lunch afterwards at the Livoti's home is \$7. You may attend one or the other or both. Dick will be in the narthex after today's service taking reservations and/or payment. Payment can be mailed to Dick Bauman, 2980 Latta Road, Rochester, NY 14612. Please call Dick Bauman at (585)227-3190 with any questions.

PASTORAL CARE DEACONS: are in need of some help. A church member who uses a walker would like to be able to worship with the congregation. If you are able to bring her occasionally or on a regular basis, please call Beth Thomsen at her cell phone number 217-1053. Thank you for helping one of our own.

Calling All Women:

BPWC October 11th Meeting and Speaker: Topic- *Mothers in Need of Others (MINO)*

Sawyer Park Gathering: Saturday, October 29th @ 10:00 am

Veteran's Appreciation Card Making:

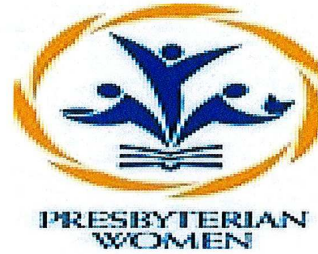
It is time again to show our Veterans how much they are valued. **Saturday, November 5, from 10am-12pm**, Bethany Women will be gathering in the large hall to assemble approximately 60 small "tokens" of appreciation. The supplies will all be provided, and you don't have to be an acclaimed artist to participate.

These will be distributed to our very own Bethany Veterans as well as those at *Warrior Salute*, a program provided by CDS Life Transitions in Webster. Please feel free to check them out at WarriorSalute.org to learn more about them. Extras will go to the VA Outpatient Clinic on Westfall Road.

Many hands make light work, so I look forward to working with a big team. Please contact Debbie Haskins at 585-260-5790 or debbiehaskins66@gmail.com with any questions.

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

in the CONGREGATION



Our Purpose:

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

October Meeting and Speaker:

On October 11th at 10:00 am we will be meeting in the Large Hall. All BPWC and friends are invited. The guest speaker is Ministry Director of Mothers in Need of Others, Maria Wehrle. Mothers In Need of Others (MINO) ministry assists social service agencies and churches by providing emergency items to care managers and church outreach workers for families in crisis.

Sawyer Park Gathering:

All women in the congregation and friends are welcome to gather for fellowship, fun and laughter on **Saturday, October 29th at 10:00 am**. We will resume in April and go through June. Please bring your own chair, beverage and snack.

Women's Brunch:

During the months of November, December, January, February, and March, all women and friends are invited to share in a brunch at **Long Pond Family Restaurant on the last Saturday of the month at 10:00 am**.

BPWC Budget Update:

In September, a check request was issued in the amount of \$50 for October's speaker. Also in September, a "just because" pledge was received from one of our members in the amount of \$100. Praise God!

Afghan Mission Project:

Joan Vogt completed 121 squares and they will be given to Joyce Adaskin and Sharon Nichols to assemble into afghans.

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Christmas Luncheon:

All women are invited to celebrate the Christmas season at Bella Pasta Restaurant on **Saturday, December 3, 2022 at noon**. The menu will be a Chicken Buffet which includes baked chicken, pulled pork, salt potatoes, salad, beverages, rolls and butter. There will be a cake to celebrate women who have turned 90 years old. The cost per person \$22.08. You make a check out Karen Bolinger. Jesse Smith and Karen Bolinger will have a sign-up sheet after church services beginning in November.

SAVE THE DATE: Bethany Women's Retreat

On Saturday, April 15th at 9:30 am all women and friends are invited to our retreat, *Wonderfull World- Where Women Explore God's Wonder and Love*. Last year we traveled to North America, Asia, Antarctica, and Africa. This year we travel to Europe, Australia, and South America. Get your passports ready!

Building Caring Relationships:

Any woman currently active or inactive with BPWC and would like to be added to the *Bethany Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Communication Distribution List* please contact Karen Bolinger- 585-227-2540 or kbolinger@rochester.rr.com.

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> 9-Men's Club Breakfast
<i>2</i> 10-Worship, with communion Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Youth Studies 11:15-BYF 11:30-Contemporary Worship 12:15-Session	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux	<i>5</i> 6:30-Worship & Music	<i>6</i> 2-Property 7-Bethany Choir	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 12:00-Shipmates at the Colonial Belle
<i>9</i> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Youth Studies	<i>10</i> 7-Life Group	<i>11</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux 10-Presbyterian Women 7:30-Congregational Life	<i>12</i> 6-C&GM 6:30-Spiritual Growth 7-Christian Ed 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>13</i> 7-Bethany Choir	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Youth Studies	<i>17</i> 7-Stephen Ministers	<i>18</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux 10-Personnel	<i>19</i> 12:30-Staff Meeting 7-Budget & Finance 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>20</i> 7-Bethany Choir	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> Commitment Sunday Celebration Luncheon 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Youth Studies	<i>24</i> 7-Life Group	<i>25</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux 7-Contemporary Wor- ship Task Force	<i>26</i> 12:30-Staff Meeting 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>27</i> 7-Bethany Choir	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 10-Presbyterian Wom- en at Sawyer Park
<i>30</i> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Youth Studies 12-Session	<i>31</i> 6-Mini Trunk & Treat					

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"BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO HUNGER AND THIRST
FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR
THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED."

MATTHEW 5:6, ESV

