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Fall 2021

Dear friends,

To say BPCC has been busy over these last few months is an understatement. I want to let you know about five ways in which we have been serving the Lord.

Beginning this month, fifteen YMCA employees will begin working in our building. They have rented three of the downstairs classrooms and will be using Battery Park Christian Church as a “homebase” while they go out and do their work serving kids in the community. We often overlook an important fact about the YMCA. It is true that the YMCA is a great place to exercise or swim. It is also true that the YMCA is a great, diverse community. It is also important to remember the history of the YMCA- as the Young Men’s Christian Association, and be grateful for the fact that we can participate in a great Christian mission. We offer gratitude that BPCC might do its part tending to the children of the community and the next, faithful generation.

Whatever you do,
work at it with
all your heart
as though you were
working for ^{the} Lord
for people. COLOSSIANS 3:23



Second, we are thankful to have a committed Bellevue community and nonprofit partners who have dedicated themselves to keeping our blessing box (made by Charlie Boykin) full. The ongoing pattern has been that the needs of our community have outpaced our ability to give. But, as you will see, the box continues to be refilled. This is in great part due to our neighbors, with the encouragement of one particular neighborhood captain, as well as partnership with Feed More. How frequently was Christ’s love shown by sitting at a table and sharing a meal? May we continue to show Christ’s love by keeping tables full.

Third, we are grateful to continue to be a part of the Bellevue mural committee. As you might know, in November a mural will be painted on the Brook Road side of the old Bellevue Cleaners, kitty corner from our church. The artist is Ed Trask, who has composed many murals (like the one below) across the city. This one will be especially meaningful as it will say, “Welcome to Northside”. It is an echo of our church’s statement, “All Are Welcome”. As we are storing Ed’s supplies at the church, I hope you will get the chance to meet him, introduce yourselves, and thank him for bringing this message of welcome to our neighborhood.



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Finally, we are happy to be the host site for the Bellevue Civic Association. The BCA does a whole host of work in the neighborhood including programs for the community, outreach, and fellowship. While BPCC sits right on the Ginter Park line, we hope to engage both neighborhoods (and more!) and are glad to have this opportunity to work with community leaders. Recently our councilwoman, Ann-Frances Lambert came to speak to the group and helped us paint a vision for “what could be” in the neighborhood. We are thrilled that we can do our part to live into a vision of joy in community.

Of course, most importantly, we continue to pray, sing, hear the Word, and live into the gospel of Jesus Christ. Sunday mornings are a reflection of God’s work throughout the week. We are glad to welcome our new guests and continue to look forward to these hours of praise.

Thanks, thanks, thanks!

Rev. Jonah Smith-Bartlett



New Fall Bible Study

Our Bible study on the acclaimed series “The Chosen” will begin in November. “The Chosen” tells the story of Christ from the gospels, elaborating on verses to more fully see and examine Christ’s life and ministry.

We invite you to join us, on Monday Nights 6pm for Dinner and a viewing of the upcoming weeks

episode. Study and Reflection will be on the following Sunday, at 9:30am. We hope you enjoy the episode but encourage you to come to the study even if you don’t have the chance to view it. Every week we will be studying scripture as well.

Study Begins with Film/Dinner 10/1 and Sunday Study 10/7

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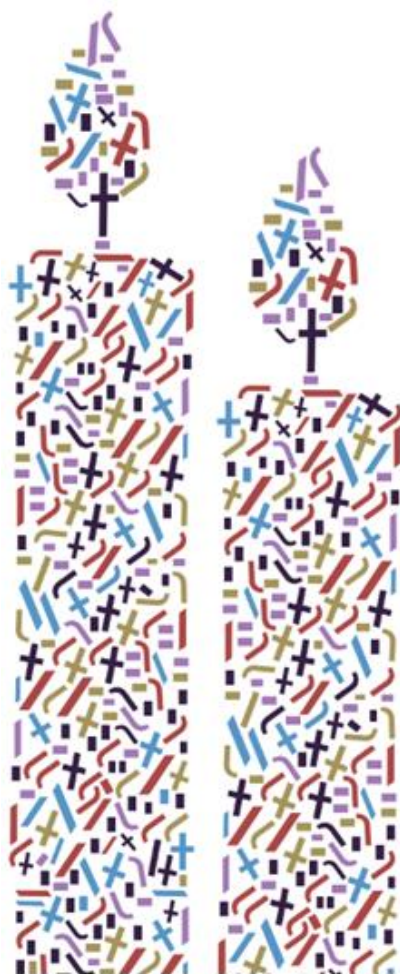
All Soul's Service: November 7th

On November 7th, our regular Sunday service will be a celebration of the lives of our church family, friends, and friends of friends who we lost during the pandemic. Between March 2020 and now, we were able to celebrate the lives of some, but not all. While this won't take the place of a usual celebration of life service, we are glad to have the chance to lift up the names and stories of our dear friends as we can once again gather together to sing the Lord's blessing.

We invite you to share names of those you would like to lift up during this service. These can certainly be members of the church but also the families and friends of members. We will also have a small display at the front of the church featuring photographs and a reception in the parlor following the service.

If there is someone that you would like to celebrate during this service please call the church office or email Rev. Jonah at jonahbartlett@gmail.com. If you would like to contribute photos of dear ones for our display, we encourage you to do so.

We hope that this will be an opportunity to give thanks to our God for our beloved people.



All Souls Service

A service of reflection and tranquillity to remember with thanksgiving those who have died and whom you hold in your heart with love.

Light refreshments will be served in the church following the service.

All are Welcome

2021 Disciples Mission Fund Thanksgiving Offering

November 14 & 21

Please look for special offering envelopes for your donation

“Coming to a Disciples of Christ affiliated institution has allowed me to connect with my faith community in more ways than I knew was possible. As a Disciples student on campus, I have been able to meet with other DoC students and work with Bethany Memorial Church to extend outreach work and meet with new people who share this church community.

Being able to attend a DoC affiliated school has given me the amazing opportunity to even be a guest preacher at BMC this past month. Working with BMC and Bethany College has given me the joy of working with other students and members of the church to bring the two communities together. Doing this has allowed me to not only grow in my personal faith journey, but also work with others who have helped me grow and mature. I cherish my church families and all they have done for me. Bethany Memorial has given me the chance to dip my toe into the experiences of preaching, and FCC Monongahela has given me the opportunity to lead my congregation and gather them together in times of hardship. One thing I will always be grateful for here at Bethany is the sound of the clock tower bells.



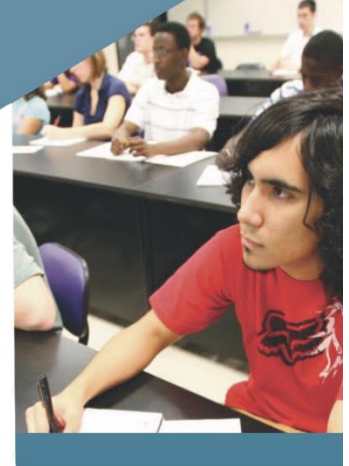
While walking through campus, I hear the tunes of traditional hymns and it reminds me to take a second and realize all of the blessings God has given me – the new people I have met here, the ability to study on such a beautiful campus, the chance to ride horses and play lacrosse with my friends, and even the ability to lead clubs, learning communities, and faith based events. While Bethany is a small college, the love of God is abundant here. Please give generously to the



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Thanksgiving offering as it supports Bethany and other DoC schools that make these experiences possible.”

Marci Mazza- Fredley, Bethany College Student, Class of 2024, (She, Her, Hers)

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please bring in non-perishable items for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. The food will be taken to Thomas Episcopal Church to be distributed to families in our community struggling with food insecurity. We will also put some in our own Blessing Thanks in advance for your help!



Adopt a Family for Christmas

Battery Park will again be adopting 8 children from Ginter Park Elementary for Christmas. Details on wish lists will come later. If you

would prefer to make a monetary donation and have Laura shop for you, that works as well. Just contact Laura Wagner, 804-334-1664, wagner5@mindspring.com.

CARITAS meal for the Healing Place



We will be delivering the meal for 140 men at the Healing Place on Jan. 21, 2022. We will work with our CARITAS partner groups. Please let Laura Wagner or Barbara Lucord know if you can help with the cooking. Thank you.

Where's My Mail?

If you've noticed a late summer of no paper mail from BPCC... we didn't lose your address! BPCC's trusty decade old copier finally died after a long life of work. Unfortunately with a lack of shipping/supply it took us several months to replace our trusty copier. A big thanks to Lisa for making due with her home printer and her other job's copier while we waited. Welcome to the BPCC Office Ricoh IM 2500! While this copier is the most user friendly screen on the market, Lisa is happy to train you in it's functions.



The church office is open physically twice per week and virtually anytime!

Church Office: Monday & Thursday 8am – 1pm

-Emails, Voicemails, Paper mail, and in house admin (bills, facility maintenance etc)

Virtually: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

- Emails, Website, Tech Support, Prepping mailings and other duties as needed.

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