

'Till We Meet Again!

Week of November 12 & 13, 2022

Unity Team recap of October 23 Meeting



Pictured Left from Right:

Gina Brockway, Pastor Mike Button (liaison), Nancy Kostas, Mike Horwath, Kenda Riley, Joe Bleier, Mary Mann, Kevin Remaly, David Kolman, Linda Toltesi, and Pastor Suzanne Trump (liaison)

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Weekend Worship

November 12

5 PM at St. Peter's

November 13

9:15 AM at St. Peter's

This Week's Worship Ministers:

Presiding Minister:

Pastor Mike

Organist: Marisa Deshler

November 12th:

Assisting Minister: Josh Gulotta

November 13th:

Assisting Minister:

Josh Gulotta

Lector: Gene Luff

Communion Assistant:

Glenn Breidenbach

Lois Ritchie

Acolyte: Delynn Gerhard

Ushers:

Douglas Bleier

Mary Bender

Worship Bulletins have Changed

Request an ELW hymnal if you worship at home

Our bulletins no longer print the hymns in the bulletin unless they are from a source other than our ELW. If you watch the livestream or resulting video and would like an ELW for your use at home, please call your church office and request one: LoC (610-691-2321), SJW (610-868-3282), STP (610-867-0519). When leaving a message, please give us your name and phone number so that arrangements can be made for you to either pick up a hymnal or arrange to have it delivered.

Material for TWMA

Please send any information to tom.keener@upgbethlehem.org by Monday if at all possible and no later than noon on Tuesdays.

Choir Rehearsals Have Resumed

We are again holding choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, on the campus where we are worshipping for the month: St. Peter's in November and Light of Christ in December. We welcome returning members and new members.



Organ Concert at St. Peter's Rescheduled

The organ concert originally scheduled for October 23 has been rescheduled for **Sunday, December 4 at 3 pm at St. Peter's!** Marisa Deshler, the organist at St. Peter's, will be performing a concert featuring a wide variety of organ favorites, including works by J.S. Bach, Dupre, and Durufle. The variety of pieces on the program showcases the many sounds and moods of the St. Peter's pipe organ. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music.

Next Week's Ministers

Presiding Minister:

Pastor Mike

Organist: Marisa Deshler

November 19:

Assisting Minister:

Michel Lloyd

November 20

Assisting Minister:

Lois Ritchie

Lector: Steph McGregor

Communion Assistant:

Joe Bleier & Nancy Kostas

Acolyte: Jimmy Bleier

Ushers:

Ed Little & Pat Little

Procession:

Delynn Gerhard

Douglas Bleier

Blanket Season

You can help Lutheran World Relief

As fall sets in, we all reach for a warm, snuggly blanket to ward off the cold. Imagine experiencing a flood, fire, tornado, or needing to flee your home taking nothing with you. Lutheran World Relief provides blankets to people in need around the world. People use them for warmth, protection, privacy, to carry their possessions and so much more.

Sunday, November 13 in St. Peter's Social Room, following worship, YOU can help

make some of these life saving blankets. No special skills are needed, everyone can help with blanket making.



A light lunch will be provided. Let's see how many blankets we can put together in 2 or 3 hours! Stay as long as you can. Know there will be helpers there if you are new to this project. See Louise Fielding or call Elizabeth Elterich (610-691-3130) if you have questions or need more info.

Gift Cards for Thanksgiving Baskets



Please consider contributing a monetary donation or a check made out to St. John's

Windish for gift cards that will accompany Thanksgiving baskets that BAM (Blessed Angels in Ministry) will assemble. You will find envelopes marked "Thanksgiving Basket Donation" on the table as you enter the church. Our collection will continue through Sunday, November 13. Thank you for blessing a family with a Thanksgiving dinner!

Clean up at Ft. Hill Cemetery

It's time to rake leaves (as part of our Day of Service) at Fountain Hill Cemetery. Your help

is requested on Saturday, November 26, from 9 AM to noon. For more information, please contact Susan Vitez at 610-390-9501

Christmas Ingathering

Our commitment to this year's Ingathering is 300 bottles of shampoo (children's and adult's). The annual Ingathering takes place at St. Paul Third Lutheran Church, 2561 Newburg Road, Easton, PA, on Wednesday, December 7. The last day of collection will be December 4. Each church will have a collection box as we rotate locations for worship. The Bethlehem/Easton Mission District Ingathering of health care items benefits individuals in the following institutions: New Bethany Ministries, Safe Harbor Shelter, Hellertown Area Food Bank, Turning Point, Victory House, ProJeCt, Headstart Community Services, and Bright Hope.

BIG Plans Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving

The Bethlehem Interfaith Group (BIG) will offer "A Service of Thanksgiving," planned for Sunday, Nov. 13 at 4 p.m., in person, at Congregation Brith Sholom, 1190 West Macada, Bethlehem. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The service will feature contributions from many of the faiths represented, including music, readings, prayer, and interactive responses. Rev. Nina Patton-Semerod of Epworth United Methodist Church will offer the meditation, and a variety of faith communities will provide musical selections.

The Covid-19 protocols of the host, Congregation Brith Sholom, will be in place: all attendees must correctly wear a mask.

A free will collection will be taken to benefit New Bethany Ministries, an interfaith, non-profit organization with its main location in Southside Bethlehem. Its staff, along with almost 1000 volunteers, served over 225,000 meals, prevented 880 households from homelessness, and provided 3250 nights of shelter, among numerous other services.

BIG was formed in 2017 when local faith leaders recognized the importance of providing a different kind of vision, where people of diverse faith backgrounds could foster dialogue and seek common ground. The group's focus is on education, justice and friendship.

Christmas Card Project

Please save the Christmas/holiday cards that are now coming in the mail or ones you have leftover from last year. We will need them (approx. 1600) for our 2022 card signing project this December as we share Christmas/holiday joy with our brothers and sisters in local nursing and retirement homes.

Please sign cards at home (your first name), a short personal greeting (Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Peace and Joy or your own

message), and bring them (please do not seal) to the porch of LoC in a plastic Ziploc bag where you will find a collection box.

You are also invited to join our Card Signing Event on Sunday, December 4th, after worship at LoC. We'll enjoy a fellowship luncheon and sign cards together. Final date to collect signed cards is Sunday, December 11.

Unity Team Recap of Oct. 23 Meeting

1. Meet on October 23rd, 2022
2. Discussed:
 - a. Reminder to sub-committees: all meeting dates need to be shared on the church calendar.
 - b. Sub-committee updates

Asset Disposition (Kenda Riley) = appraisals received and will be shared at the Joint Council meeting on Oct 25th. The following recommendations are to be presented at the Oct 25th Joint Council meeting:

1. Recommend to decline both Letters of Intent received
2. Recommend entering into a contract with Lucy Lennon as our realtor for the sale and purchase of new location

3. Recommend the Joint Council to decide if we either bundling the sale of all 4 properties or selling them individually

Non-Fixed Assets (Nancy Kostas) = reviewed request for some of Light of Christ preschool items be donated. Request for items will be recommended at the Oct 25th Joint Council for approval.

3. Next Steps
 - a. Follow up with the Joint Council vote on recommendations
 - b. Follow up with sub-committees with progress
4. Next Meeting on Sunday, November 13th

A Blessed Trinity Outreach Event

Holiday Shopping and Lunch

Our three congregations will join together to support Life House an organization whose purpose is to equip homeless and marginalized mothers with the resources and tools to be self-reliant.

The event will offer holiday shopping with Gina DeAngelis - Heavenly Sprinkles wax melts from Pink Zebra - and lunch with Chef James providing hot soups and sandwiches from noon - 4:00 pm at St. Peter's campus, Saturday, November 26.

Our goal is to help stock Life House with the many supplies babies and families need during their first year of growth. Please chose items to donate from the list below and bring

them with you when you stop by for a relaxing lunch and shopping experience.

Items to bring for donation: For Baby: Diapers (Preemie to size 6), Wipes, Baby Wash, Diaper Cream, Bottles, Pacifiers, Baby Washcloths & Bath Towels, New/gently used Baby Clothing (Preemie through 3t)

For Mom: 2-n-1 Shampoo & Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Razors, New/gently used maternity clothing.)



LIFE HOUSE We equip homeless and marginalized mothers with the resources and tools to be self-reliant.

Join us to play “The Game of Rent”



All are invited to gather at First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, 2344

Center St., to focus

on an issue that confronts countless neighborhoods and families here and across our country. This session will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.

We'll play and discuss “The Game of Rent,” a board game-style simulation designed to promote productive conversations about affordable housing. In the words of its

creators, “using local data (we'll be using a version specially designed for the Lehigh Valley) and the luck of the draw, the Game helps build empathy and awareness around housing issues.”

We will conclude by considering what we and other concerned citizens can do to help alleviate the current housing crisis in our community.

Please let us know if you plan to attend. bit.ly/3DmKfvP. Questions? info@fpc-bethlehem.org.

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This Week at Blessed Trinity

November 12 to November 20

Saturday November 12

5:00 PM: Worship at St. Peter's with live stream on Facebook

Sunday November 13 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Pantry Sunday – see article on page 4

8:00 AM: Worship Video premieres on YouTube and UPG website

8:30 AM: Sunday School at St. Peter's

9:15 AM: Worship at St. Peter's

10:30 AM: Blanket Making at St. Peter's Social Room

4:00 PM: A Service of Thanksgiving at Congregation Brith Shalom

Monday November 14

6:30 PM: St. Peter's Dart Baseball at St. Peter's Social Room

7:00 PM: LoC Dart Baseball at Light of Christ

Tuesday November 15

7:00 PM: Joint Council at St. Peter's

7:00 PM: "Game of Rents" at First Presbyterian

Wednesday November 16

7:15 AM: Fellowship Group at St. Peter's

9:00 AM: Blessed Trinity Ladies Fellowship at Light of Christ

7:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal at St. Peter's

Thursday November 17

7:00 PM: Blessed Angels in Ministry at St. Peter's

Saturday November 19

11:00 AM: BES Bagged Lunch Project at St. Peter's

12 Noon: Bingo at St. John's Windish

5:00 PM: Worship at St. Peter's with live stream on Facebook

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