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Bedford Presbyterian Church

Hilltop Crier for April 3



Weekly Word from BPC (At-Home Edition, April 3, 2020)





Preparing for Holy Week. . . At a Distance

Dear BPC Family,

I want to wish you a blessed Holy Week! Yes, even though we are living in strange days, one day does pass into another and we find ourselves in Holy Week, on the way to Easter. The past few weeks have been a whirlwind of anxiety and adaptation - anxiety about the COVID-19 pandemic and adaptation to a new way of living in light of the pandemic.

And yet, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter are on the way. . .

This Sunday, April 5 is Palm Sunday. Join us for worship on Bedford Community TV at **10 AM**. Bedford residents can just turn on their televisions to tune in. Everyone else can stream the service online at www.bedfordtv.com on Channel 16.

At **11 AM**, this week, join us for our Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom:

- TELEPHONE: Use your home or cell phone to call in by dialing 1-646-558-8656 and entering the access code: 917-745-602, followed by the # sign. No computer is needed!
- INTERNET: Click here - <https://zoom.us/j/917745602>.

This Thursday evening, April 9, at 7 PM via Zoom, join us for our **Maundy Thursday Service**. You can join the service in two different ways by connecting over the phone to listen or through the internet to watch and listen.

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- INTERNET: Click here - <https://zoom.us/j/562353713>.

On Easter Sunday, April 12, you can watch the 10 AM worship service on Bedford Community Television OR watch it online at www.bedfordtv.com and click on "Channel 16."

As we adapt to this new reality, it is my sincere hope that connection to the Body of Christ in these strange days helps to alleviate some anxiety in our homes and our community and world. May you know the Peace of Christ in all of its fullness.

Easter is, indeed, on the way. . . Our God is a God of resurrection power. May you catch a glimpse of the powerful presence of the Holy this week. . .

Grace and Peace,

John Sawyer

Prepare for Worship

This Week: "Who is This? The Inevitable Wilderness"

- Read Philippians 2:5-11
- Read Matthew 21:1-11
- Read Matthew 27:45-54
- Read or sing Hymn # 215 - "What Wondrous Love is This" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1g26dbNJYJI>.

Click on the link below for a copy of the bulletin:

https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/files/5815/8591/8331/2020-04-05_-_Worship_Bulletin_.pdf



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WAYS TO CONNECT VIRTUALLY THIS WEEK AT BPC

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN THE FOLLOWING ZOOM MEETINGS. . .

Click the link, provided, and then follow any prompts that are on your screen for how to join. . .

BPC Coffee Hour

Time: Sunday, April 5, 2020 - 11:00 AM

Join Pastor John for a "Virtual Coffee Hour" Zoom Meeting by clicking on this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/917745602>

Lenten House Meeting

Time: Sunday, April 5, 2020 - 07:00 PM

Join Pastor John for our Lenten House Meeting via Zoom by clicking this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/243176246>

Maundy Thursday Service

Time: Thursday, April 9, 2020 - 07:00 PM

Join our Maundy Thursday Service via Zoom by clicking this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/562353713>



**News for BPC from Mission at the Eastward in Maine
Spring 2020**

Dear Bedford Presbyterian Church,

Greetings in Christ BPC! We are writing to say thank you BPC for your dedication and work with the housing ministry at MATE for over a decade!

We love having your youth mission teams come up in the summer, helping

us create safe places to live! The Board of MATE also wants to welcome new leaders to MATE from BPC. We welcome the following folks to leadership roles:

Sharon Cowen brings a wealth of experience in marketing and a heart for mission to MATE. She will be on the Board providing stellar leadership

to the Marketing & Communications Team. Paula Olsen and Dave Mackey

will also be serving on the Marketing and Communications Team. Paula's expertise lies in graphic design, websites, and exhibits. She has already

created some wonderful, inviting print materials for MATE. David Mackey

has also put his expertise into motion writing for us, spreading good news

about MATE's mission via excellent newspaper articles. We couldn't be more pleased to have them participate with MATE, what a blessing!

George Reese, the main leader for your youth mission teams, has graciously agreed to be on Mate's Housing Ministry Team. George's commitment

to MATE's mission to "love thy neighbor" by creating safe housing, and his willingness to help raise the level of volunteerism and fundraising at MATE

is so needed for the future of MATE.

BPC's Pastor Emeritus, Karen Hagy, is currently serving as the Presbytery representative on the MATE Board and is chairing the Board through 2020.

She already loves MATE, because bringing youth up to MATE to serve with George all those years was a highlight for her. Pastor John

Sawyer will be

joining us for the first time this July when your youth mission team comes

up. We are glad to have him join in the work up in Maine! Welcome John!

So, in these very tenuous times, we want you to know that your partnership with MATE is deeply appreciated. We are praying for your church and thank these new leaders for sharing their gifts with us. And thank you BPC, for supporting us at Mission at the Eastward all these years.

God Bless,
The Board at Mission at the Eastward



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