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Bedford Presbyterian Church

Hilltop Crier for May 22



Weekly Word from BPC May 22, 2020

Re-Runs, A Dedication, and a Webinar

First, Re-Runs:

If you've been watching our Sunday morning worship services, you'll know that we are blessed to have a partnership with Bedford Community Television. BCTV has been so generous with their time and resources over the past several months, and they will continue to be, BUT some things are changing.

From now on, the service that will be broadcast on BCTV - Sundays at 10 AM - will have a one-week delay. This Sunday will be a re-run of last week's service.

Very soon, we hope to have our own livestream equipment installed in the sanctuary. We will tell you how to access the service through YouTube, but we still have a few weeks before that will be possible.

BUT, this week we will be attempting to broadcast the service on Facebook Live. Check the church's homepage (<https://bedfordpresbyterian.org>) for more information OR go to the church's Facebook page at 10 AM:

<https://www.facebook.com/bedfordpresbyterianchurch/?ref=bookmarks>.

We appreciate your flexibility as we work through the technical aspects of living out one of the Great Ends of the Church: the maintenance of divine worship.

As always, text copies of this week's sermon will be posted [here](#) by 9 AM on Sunday, May 24, and an audio copy of the sermon for May 24 will be available on our Soundcloud page [here](#), by 12 Noon.

And, again, as always, the church's homepage (<https://bedfordpresbyterian.org>) is the best place to look for updates on where and how to access the worship service and sermons.

Second, a Dedication:

This Sunday, May 24, is the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend and you can join us live for our Virtual Coffee Hour, during which we will be saying a prayer of thanksgiving for the life of Blake Marston and place a flag and a photo of Blake in the newly-named "Blake Marston Youth Room." Blake's parents - Bill and Nancy - will be present for the dedication. Join the Virtual Coffee Hour by clicking the link in the "Ways to Connect Virtually. . . ." box below.

Third, a Webinar on Re-Opening Church Buildings:

This past week, the Presbytery of Northern New England hosted a webinar about the prospect and complicated process of re-opening church buildings during the Covid-19 pandemic. Members of our own church's Covid-19 Task Force were present for the webinar as well as members of the session. You are invited to watch the webinar and reflect on what it means to be the church - as well as what it would take to re-open the church building anytime soon. There is a LOT to think about and you are invited to stay informed. [You will find the webinar here.](#)

As always, if there are ways that I can encourage you and your family or if you have needs that can be met by the Elders, Deacons, or other members of the church family, please let me know. . . . Again, my cell number is 478-335-1628 and my e-mail address is jsawyer@bedfordpresbyterian.org.

Grace and Peace,

John

PS - Take a look at the invitation (below) to be part of a new thing that our Parish Life Committee is doing in an effort to keep us connected.

Prepare for Worship

This Week: "Rejoicing, Even Though. . ." (Easter Encouragement - Part 6)

- Read 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-14
- Read Acts 1:6-14
- Read or sing Hymn # 15 - "All Creatures of our God and King" -
- <https://hymnary.org/hymn/GG2013/15>.

Participate in Worship This Week - Sunday at 10 AM

ON FACEBOOK

Watch the service on Facebook Live through BPC's Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/bedfordpresbyterianchurch/?ref=bookman>

*If you are watching the service on Facebook live this Sunday use this bulletin
(or if you're watching a later broadcast or just want to get a sneak peak next Sunday's broadcast). . .*

https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/files/6715/9015/4828/2020-05-24_-_Worship_Bulletin.pdf

ON BC TV

*BPC's Worship Service from LAST SUNDAY (5/17)
will be broadcast on Sunday, 5/24 at 10 AM on BCTV,
Channel 16 and 1072 for Bedford residents.*

Non-Bedford residents can watch online at 10 AM at
www.bedfordtv.com *and click on "Watch Live" under Channel 16.*

If you're watching the service on BCTV this Sunday use this bulletin:

https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/files/3515/8946/5571/2020-05-17_-_Worship_Bulletin.pdf

Flowers today are given "in memory of and in honor of our veterans and active service men and women." Thank you for your service!

Copies of Sunday School Materials for Children and Families

Here is a copy of Sunday School materials for Pre-School Children:

https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/files/3915/9015/4231/Pre-School_Materials_for_Mom_and_Dad

[School materials for May 24.pdf](#)

Here is a copy of Sunday School materials for Elementary Children:

https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/files/9415/9015/4257/Church_School_for_May_2



Observing Memorial Day

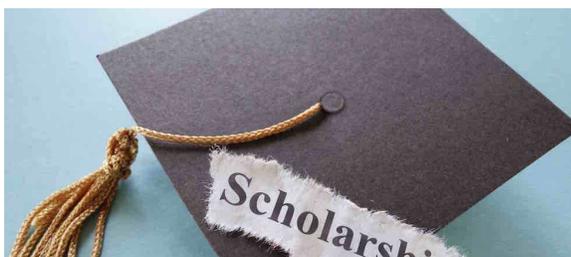
This year we are asking for those interested to bring potted flowers to be our "silent witness" to those who have gone before us.

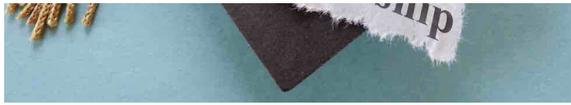
Please bring a red, white, or blue potted flower to the church on May 22, 23, or 24 and leave it on the Fellowship Hall side porch.

If you would like it returned following the memorial, please place a stick in the pot with your name on it.

We will do the rest. A picture will be made available to be seen on the church web site.

Thank You and Bless You for caring .





BPC's Deacons Seeking Scholarship Applicants

Are you (or do you know) someone who is about to graduate from High School or someone who is currently seeking a degree in college or graduate school? BPC's Deacons want to help you on your educational journey. The Harold G. Williams J Scholarship Fund was established in order to honor our Pastor Emeritus, Harold (Williams, and to provide a source of funds, which would be available for a scholarship members of our congregation who are presently, or will be in the fall, full time students enrolled in a college, trade school or graduate program. Special consideration may give to a student in seminary or a student involved in mission work. This year two recipients will be awarded \$500 each.

Go to the Deacons page on the church website (<https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/church-life/deacons/>), scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link to download an application.



WAYS TO CONNECT VIRTUALLY THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

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

Virtual Coffee Hour and Memorial Day Prayer - Sunday at 11 AM

Time: May 24, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/97231462813?pwd=Y3BvNklidit3bkFmVi9QYjk3bDdiQT>

Meeting ID: 972 3146 2813

Password: BPCCoffee

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 972 3146 2813

Password: 440361



The Fellowship Network

We miss our time of Fellowship at BPC ~ our REAL time of Fellowship. The kind of Fellowship that is closer than six feet and involves a cup of coffee and a pastry! I miss sharing funny or frustrating stories about our week, seeing pictures of grandchildren, exchanging recipes, hearing about binge-watchable or cringe worthy Netflix series, and empathizing about DIY home repair that went horribly wrong. I miss the serendipity Coffee Hour!

Our church family has experienced dramatic changes in how we worship, work, educate our children, support family from afar, and how we connect on just a smaller more intimate level.

The BPC leadership and the congregation have always shown resilience and adaptability during difficult times and this time is no different. We thank everyone who has gone above and beyond!

The Parish Life / Fellowship Committee would like to try something new. Would you like to be part of a **Fellowship Network** to simply connect with one another. NO agenda ~ just make a call, send a card, FaceTime, email, text, however you feel comfortable communicating weekly with a small group of BPC members. I think of it as we have become Deacons for a little while ~ caring, connecting, reaching out, listening, and laughing together.

If you would like to join The Fellowship Network please email or call Parish Life Elder
Bethany [redacted] (bethany@bpc.com or 602-669-1700) or Linda [redacted]

Katny Loveless (KDIOVELESS74@gmail.com or 603-668-1521) or Linda Phelps (linda.phelps@comcast.net or 471-1004). Send us a little information in how you feel comfortable communicating and include email, home phone or cell phone number. We will organize BPC members (of ALL ages) into small groups and we can start connecting in small but profound ways. Our community thrives when neighbors look out for one another.

THANK A HEALTHCARE WORKER



BPC Is Blessed to Have Healthcare Workers as part of our Church Family

**Here is a partial list of the people from our church family
who deserve our thanks and our prayers. . .**

Scott Crandall

Bob Davis

Garrick and Dawn Johnson

Su Metcalfe

Sarah Murai

Mark Myers

Rick Phelps

James Reese

Amy Sawyer

Keith Stahl

Audrey Stanas

Deb Stanas

Andrew Wu

Karen Wu

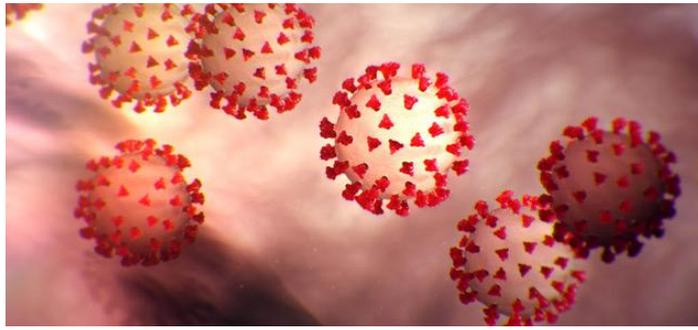
Say a prayer for these fine people and their colleagues. . .

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Amen.

***Have someone that we need to add to this list?
Please notify the Church Office!***





COVID-19 Dedicated Fund

In an effort to support our community during the COVID19 pandemic, Bedford Presbyterian Church has established a dedicated fund that programs and individuals may resource during this difficult time. Equally important, members of our community who are looking to help can donate to this fund with the commitment from Bedford Presbyterian Church that your donation is serving those in need due to the impact of COVID-19. Jesus taught us that we must provide for our neighbor, especially in difficult times. *For what you have done to the least of these, you have done to me.* Matthew 25:45. May we both provide and receive in His grace. Donations can be sent to the church office with COVID-19 in the Memo line and can also be made online at <https://bedfordpresbyterian.org/giving/>.



Giving at BPC

BPC is now a beneficiary of Amazon Smile! [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) Smile will donate 0.5% each purchase when BPC is selected as the charitable organization. So for every \$100 purchases 50 cents is received. You can access [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and benefit BPC using following link (bit.ly/smilebpc).

Per Capita for 2020 is \$49 per member.

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