

**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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*During worship, please refrain from taking flash photos and silence your cell phones.*

**In an emergency, call Pastor Sawyer (478-335-1628) or Pastor Hagy (603-714-5628)**

**Elder of the Day** – Manny Barreto

**Deacon of the Day** – Tom Green

**Flowers today are given by** Pastor John and Amy Sawyer “To the glory of God, with gratitude to our mothers, Ellen Marie Wolfe and Mary Louise Sawyer.”

**BPC CALENDAR**

Sun. 5/13 Happy Mother’s Day – Bring Your Moms to Church, Special Coffee Hour  
10:00 a.m. Worship, Nursery, Church School – Last Day

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

Wed. 5/16 8:30 a.m. Hilltop Ringers

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thurs. 5/17 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Sun. 5/20 10:00 a.m. Worship – Thanking our Church School Teachers

11:00 a.m. Fellowship; Capital Campaign/Sanctuary Info Meeting in  
Living Room

**NOTE: SUMMER HOURS BEGIN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, SUNDAY,  
MAY 27TH, 9 A.M. WORSHIP**

**Pentecost Sunday May 20th – Wear Red!!!**

Come celebrate the church’s birthday and give thanks for our Sunday School teachers and leaders!

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**Giving at Bedford Presbyterian Church** – BPC is a generous church! We give thanks that the members and friends of our congregation give of their time, talent, and treasure. Giving your gifts at BPC makes a direct impact on the ways that the love of God through the good news of Jesus Christ is shared. In order to make giving even easier, we are introducing a QR scanner code for your smartphone. Download a free QR app to your phone and scan the code (<<<<<), which will take you directly to our giving website. It’s fun, fast, easy, and makes a huge difference to our ministry! Thank you!

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**Bedford Presbyterian Church  
Celebrating Mother’s Day  
Mothers: Beautiful, Beloved, Blessed  
May 13, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.**

Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church. Our doors are open wide and we are glad you are here! Guests, we invite you to take a welcome packet found in our narthex. Disciple Doodle Boards are available in the narthex for older children to use during the service.

Thank you and welcome everyone!

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

**Gathering Music**

“Beyond”

Mayer

Rheya King, piano

**Chimes**

**Prelude**

“A Song in Every Silence”

Cassie Murai, piano

**Welcome**

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

**Introit**

“Jubilate”

Mozart

Women’s and Youth Ensemble, Joyful Noise Chime Choir

**Call to Worship** (Responsive –From Psalm 139)

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,

**Who, like a mother, knows us intimately and loves us unconditionally,**

Teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in time of need.

**Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!**

Let us worship the Lord!

**\*Hymn #15**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

vs. 1-4, 6

**Call to Confession**

Elder Manny Barreto

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**In the name of Jesus, we pour out our prayer of confession. We have been called together into the church to live the resurrection faith, to embody Easter, and touch lives like Jesus did. We have not done this well. Our vision has been narrow and limited. Our testimony has been timid. Help us to change and rediscover the delight of full commitment to our faith.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon**

God hears our confession, prayers, and forgives us.

**As forgiven and forgiving sinners, let us embrace this gift and live up to our calling. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven!**

**\*Hymn #582**      “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”  
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen. (3x)  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

**A Litany for Mother’s Day** (Responsive)      Elder Manny Barreto  
Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**Thank God for mothers!**

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

**Thank God for mothers!**

For those mothers who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss here on earth.

**Thank God for all the mothers of the past.**

For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

**Thank God for all the mothers of today.**

For all the women who are expecting, but aren’t quite mothers yet!

**Thank God for all the soon-to-be mothers.**

For the women who took in others’ children by adoption and foster care or who care for us like a mother.

**Thank God for mothers with hearts so big.**

For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

**Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.**

For all the women who desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

**Thank God for all the mothers in spirit.**

**ALL: WE THANK YOU LORD, FOR THE WOMEN WHO HAVE  
INFLUENCED OUR LIVES IN SO MANY WAYS. WE PRAY THAT WE  
WILL HONOR THEM IN EVERYTHING WE DO, FOR WE SEEK TO  
FOLLOW YOUR TEACHINGS.**

### **ENCOUNTERING THE WORD**

**Anthem**      “In The Bulb There is a Flower”      Sleeth, arr. Ferguson  
Ladies, Youth, Soli Deo Gloria Choirs, Hilltop Ringers  
Congregation join on vs. 3 of Hymn #250

**Scripture Reading**      Exodus 1 & 2      The Co-Pastors  
From: *The Children’s Bible in 365 Stories*

**Children’s Message**      Co-Pastor John Sawyer

**Sermon**      “Beautiful, Beloved, Blessed”      Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn #324**      “For All The Faithful Women”

**Call for the Offering**      Deacon Tom Green

**Offertory**      “Celebration”      Dobrinski  
Hilltop Ringers

**Offering**

**\*Doxology** (*Tune: Old Hundreth*)  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts – praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication** (Unison)

**Thank you, God, for empowering our prayers and multiplying our gifts. You provide for the needy through us. What a privilege! Widows and orphans and prisoners find hope in you because we join you in caring for them. You give food and medicine and homes to the desolate when we share. Your power is working in us. Blessed be your name, O God, Amen!**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer** (“Debts”)      Co-Pastor John Sawyer  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*The Peace**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.*

**\*Hymn #547**      “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

**\*Mother’s Day Benediction**      Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

*May the blessing of the Divine  
Be an especially bright benediction  
Upon mothers everywhere  
On your blessed day – Happy Mother’s Day!*

**Postlude**      “All Creatures of Our God and King”      arr. Sanborn

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

### **Mission Opportunities**

**Helping Hands** - Please consider volunteering with Helping Hands on the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. On each of these Saturdays we will be working on projects at the Dismas House in Manchester. Contact George Reese at 714-4317 or at [georeese@msn.com](mailto:georeese@msn.com).

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### **Scholarship Opportunity!**

Are you a graduating high school senior or a continuing college student? The Board of Deacons awards two \$500 scholarships in June. To be considered for the Rev. Harold G. Williams Scholarship, you just need to be attending college in the fall, and love and serve BPC as a member.

If interested in applying, please contact Kathryn Sampson at [kathryn.sampson@comcast.net](mailto:kathryn.sampson@comcast.net) for an application and return the completed application to her. Deadline for submission is May 20th. The scholarships will be awarded at the June Deacon's meeting and recipients will be notified shortly thereafter. Questions? Contact Deb Sferrazza at [momofvino@gmail.com](mailto:momofvino@gmail.com) or 858-5104.

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### **Interested in Exploring Membership at BPC?**

Join us for good conversation and lunch where you can learn about all things Presbyterian and BPC on ***Sunday, June 3rd at 11:00AM*** - Downstairs in the Youth Activity Room

Together, we will get to know each other better and we learn about our faith, church membership, ways to get involved at BPC, what BPC's identity, values, and ministry goals are, how to join the church and the importance of stewardship in our lives. If you wanted to know more about what it means to be Presbyterian, this is the class for you! Please let Pastor Karen or Elder Manny Barreto know if you are planning to attend; [mannyb@mbarreto.net](mailto:mannyb@mbarreto.net).

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### **3rd Year Capital Campaign and Sanctuary Accessibility Project Informational Meeting Sunday, May 20th at 11:00 a.m. in the Living Room**

One new and exciting project that is being funded outside the Capital Campaign by several generous donors is the Sanctuary Accessibility Project. This project will be unfolding this summer and it includes making the worship space at the front of the church more open and accessible to wheel chairs and walker usage as well as increasing space for our wonderful choir, bells, and musicians. The front of the church will have a new hard wood floor and the rest of sanctuary will be completely redone with a beautiful custom carpet! Additional painting in the sanctuary may also be on the horizon if Capital Campaign funds are available.

If you would like more information about the Capital Campaign and some of the new work we have mentioned, please contact Elders Bev Hoover and Alicia Wooldridge or Capital Campaign Chair Bob Hubert or come to an info Session in the Living Room on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Living Room. Your church leaders would be delighted to answer any questions you might have.

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### **Mark Your Calendars!**

**Memorial Day Weekend Worship - Sunday, May 27, at 9 AM** - Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion will be our guests during the worship service, which will be followed by a time of remembrance at the Bedford Center Cemetery.

**Mission Barbecue and Concert - Sunday, June 3 at 5:30 PM** - Everyone is invited to our annual dinner celebrating the hands-on work that God is doing through the people of BPC. Grilled chicken will be provided and everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. After the meal and program which will include stories from the mission trip to Houston, TX, stay for a concert by the Hickory Horned Devils, Old Time String Band. You might have a chance to see a certain Co-Pastor playing in the group.