

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 at (603-714-5628).

Elder of the Day – Fran Bader

Deacon of the Day – Tom Green

Flower today are given by the Olsen Family “loving memory of Beth Olsen and Maureen Donovan Regan.”

BPC CALENDAR

Sun. 10/15	10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 4:00 p.m. Chimers –Chime In 5:00 p.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth and Confirmation Programs
Weds. 10/18	8:30 a.m. Hilltop Ringers 1:30 p.m. Autumn Service at Birch Hill
Sun. 10/22	6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays -bring a covered dish to share! 10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School 11:00 a.m. Fellowship

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Bedford Presbyterian Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church. We are glad you have found your way through our big front doors! 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

Chimes

Prelude

“We Gather Together”

Sanborn

Welcome

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

Minute for Mission

Helping Hands and Dismas House Partnership

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Choral Introit

“Shine On Us”

Smith arr. Greer

Call to Worship

Come away from the valleys of misplaced loyalty.

Come, seeking to meet the God of all worlds.

We have come to praise God and give thanks.

We believe God’s steadfast love endures forever.

We come together that our faith might be strengthened.

We seek the strength to live by all we profess.

God’s awesome deeds saved our ancestors.

Surely God’s steadfast love continues with us.

God continues to deliver us in times of distress.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

We rejoice that God is near and available to us.

We hear God welcoming us to this time of prayer and worship.

Let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn #336**

“We Gather Together”

Call to Confession

Elder Fran Bader

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of all mercy, you have planted within us a desire to observe justice and do righteousness. We want to be fair and honorable, delighting in life shared openly and honestly with family, friends, and co-workers. Instead, we are often defensive, fearful, and distracted. We spend more time with our toys and idols than with your truth. We seek temporary thrills rather than lasting meaning. Then we are disappointed when our “golden calves” bring

no fulfillment. We return to you, loving God, intent on following the guidance we are receiving from you. Save us from ourselves.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Rejoice, knowing that God is always near.

Our thanksgiving and our supplications are always heard.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Let us find joyous focus for life in all that is honorable, just, pure, and excellent.

Know that your goodwill is pleasing to God. You are chosen by God to share in the mind of Christ.

Thanks be to God. We are a forgiven people!

*Gloria Patri #581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

*Affirmation of Faith – The Second Helvetic Confession (Unison) circa 1561

The Lord’s Day. Hence we see that in the ancient churches there were not only certain set hours in the week appointed for meetings, but that also the Lord’s Day, itself, ever since the apostles’ time, was set aside for them and for a holy rest, a practice now rightly preserved by our churches for the sake of worship and love.

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD

The Children’s Message

Co-Pastor John Sawyer

The Lord’s Prayer (“debts”)

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.

First Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Elder Fran Bader

Anthem

“Praise His Name”

Keith Hampton

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Golden Calf and Worship”

Co-Pastor Karen Hagy

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn #291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Call for the Offering

Deacon Tom Green

Offertory

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Halberg

*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

Deacon Tom Green

O God, may our generosity reflect the amazing abundance you entrust to our care. As we find joy in giving, may others be inspired to give their best, and may all of us realize your blessing of peace, dwelling within and among us as we worship and serve in Christ’s name. Amen.

*The Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn #39

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

*Commission and Blessing

Co-Pastors Karen Hagy and John Sawyer

God is opening our minds to what is true.

God is filling our lives with ways that are just.

We will honor God by respecting one another.

We stand firm in the faith that God can be trusted.

God calls us to daily self-examination and to worship!

God offers us choices that lead to wholeness.

We will seek what is pure and pleasing to God.

We want to think and do what is worthy of praise.

God’s plan for us is for fulfillment.

God delivers us from evil and gives us peace.

We rejoice in God, who loves us.

We are eager to live as Christ teaches us.

Amen. Amen.

Postlude

“Go Out and Serve”

Jones

*Those who are able are invited to stand

Wonderful Wednesdays!

Youth and Adults, your Co-Pastors are writing to invite you to our “Wonderful Wednesdays- Potluck and Bible Study running Wednesday nights through-November 8 this Fall.

Just so you know what you are in for-We start off with fine potluck dining at 6pm followed wonderful discussions of Biblical “stuff!” We finish up by 7:15, so if you have choir or meetings you won’t miss them. This 6-week Session includes: Restoration and Theocracy, Wisdom Literature, The Diaspora, and Apocalyptic Literature. Although the titles are daunting, the material is really accessible and we learn a lot together! It is enriching and fun!

Enriching our knowledge of God by reading God’s Word or books that can teach us about God, ourselves and our faith is an important part of every Christian’s life. So, won’t you join us for Wonderful Wednesdays!

Helping Hands Monthly Opportunity

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.

Thanksgiving Baskets

The Deacons will be providing 250 Thanksgiving baskets to our local community this year. In addition to a Thanksgiving dinner, our baskets help to provide needed supplies for families.

A Deacons Envelope is provided in today’s bulletin for your monetary gift.

Also, to assist us in this effort we would like to ask the congregation for donations listed below. Please bring these items on the Sundays designated.

October 15 - Tuna Fish
October 22 - Peanut Butter
October 29 – Jelly

We are also collecting paper boxes...please leave on the pew bench outside Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your help!

Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

Sunday, October 29th 10am and 5pm Worship

A German themed brunch will follow our 10 am worship – ALL ARE INVITED!

And prior to the big celebration, join us for a Crash Course on the Protestant Reformation on Sunday, October 22 at 11am in the Youth Lounge.

In preparation for the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on 10/29, your Co-Pastors invite you to a mini crash course celebrating the blessings of being Reformed on Sunday 10/22 at 11am!

Grab a cup of coffee, come on downstairs and we will provide the Martin Luther Muffins and John Calvin cupcakes, where we will tackle the all-important questions that ‘inquiring minds’ want to know.

You’re Invited to the Wurst Brunch Ever!

Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with a German Themed Brunch - Sunday October 29th ~ following the 10am worship

Come and enjoy

Grilled Bratwurst, German potato salad,

Sauerkraut, Pretzels

&

Homemade German Desserts

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 25

Or sign up in Fellowship Hall (large bulletin board outside the church office)

RSVP ~ Linda Phelps : linda.phelps@comcast.net 471-1004

Opportunities to Participate, Serve and Help for the Luncheon

Grillers ~ Looking for 3-4 Grillers of the Bratwurst

Bakers ~ German themed Desserts ~ Anything from Apple Strudel to Snickerdoodle!

Setup, Servers, and Cleanup ~ No German themed dress required! Seeking 2-3 volunteers to help Fellowship committee during the brunch.

Sign up on the “blue” slip, on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or, contact Linda Phelps linda.phelps@comcast.net or 471-1004.

Church Directory

We will be publishing an updated Church Directory soon.

Be sure to check and make sure your information is correct.

Draft copies will be located at the entrances to the Sanctuary this week and next week.