

April 28, 2024 – Pastor John Leek

Sermon Title: “Grieve and Give Thanks”

The scripture readings are: James 1:17-21, John 16:5-11

Good Shepherd, in you I have everything I need. Thank you for guiding me along the path of life.

God sets a table before us and anoints us with the oil of gladness; our cup overflows (see Psalm 23:5; 45:7). Welcome to worship!
We welcome you to worship and we especially welcome any visitors this morning and invite you to attend our services again.

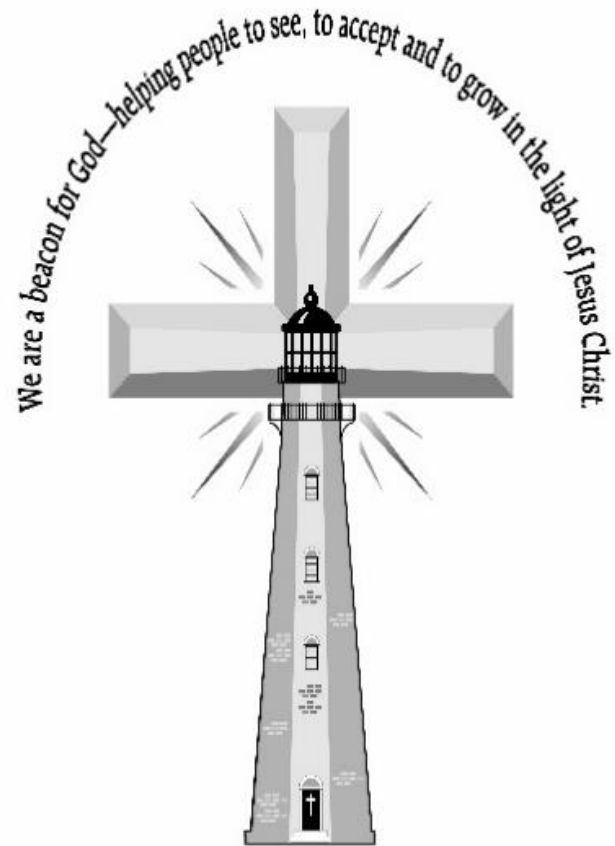
Please complete the Connection Card found in the pews if you are new to Bethany so we can get to know you and then drop it in the offering plate. Welcome! Please complete the Connection Card if your information has changed. Thank you.

Please complete the prayer request cards in the pews and drop them in the offering plate or office mail slot so it can be added to the bulletin and email/phone prayer chains. Email bethanychurchberwick@gmail.com if you would like to join Bethany’s Email Prayer Group

The flowers on the altar are in “Memory of parents, Geroge & Garnet Eckart and Barton & Evelyn Hough” by Harvey & Hazel Eckart.

**Ushers: 9:00 am - Joe Cope, Willis Forsythe, Lamont Brown, Barry Volkel, Mike Powlus, (when needed - Don Shiner & Russ Shields)
Next Sunday – Team C**

April 21, 2024



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Pastor John Leek

April 21 2024
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

*An asterisk * invites the people to stand*
*The **bold print** invites the people to participate*

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome Pastor John Leek
Announcements
Call to Worship

PRAISE AND PRAYER

* **Hymn # 64** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"
* **The Gloria Patri (#71)**
Children's message
Pastoral Prayer/**The Lord's Prayer**
Offertory
* **Doxology (#95)** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
* Offering Prayer
* **Affirmation of Faith #881** The Apostles' Creed, Trad. Version
* **Hymn # 128** "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Readings: 1 Peter 2:11-17 (N.T. Page #233),
John 16:16-22 (N.T. Page #110)

Sermon: "Trusting God" Pastor John Leek

SENDING FORTH

* **Hymn # 337** "Only Trust Him"
Benediction
Postlude

April 21, 2024
11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Welcome
Songs of Praise
Announcements
Children's message
Prayer
Scripture Readings: 1 Peter 2:11-17 (N.T. Page #233),
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Benediction
Response

Church Attendance – April 14

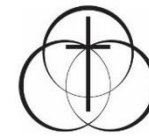
9:00 am Traditional Worship - 87
Sunday School - 30
11:00 am Contemporary service – 25

Tithes and Offerings – April 14

Current Fund - \$3,420.26
Sunday School - \$33.00
Building/Missions – \$192.00

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday		April 21
9:00 am	.....Traditional Worship (Sanc)	
	Jr Church – Ashley, Mike, Kim	
10:00 am	.....Adult Sunday School	
11:00 am	.....Contemporary Service - (Sanc)	
Monday	Earth Day	April 22
6:30 pm	.....Grief Support (SGR)	
Tuesday		April 23
8:00 am	.....TOPS (SGR)	
7:00 pm	.....Bell Choir Practice (Sanc)	
7:00 pm	.....VBS Meeting (Good Shepherd)	
Wednesday		April 24
6:15 pm	.....Praise Team (Sanc)	
Thursday		April 25
6:30 pm	.....Scouts (Scout)	
6:30 pm	.....Capital Campaign Meeting (Lib)	
Friday		April 26
Saturday		April 27
Sunday		April 28
9:00 am	.....Traditional Worship (Sanc)	
	Jr Church – Cristie, Kathy, Elizabeth, Shawna	
10:00 am	.....Adult Sunday School	
11:00 am	.....Contemporary Service – (Sanc)	
Monday		April 29
6:30 pm	.....Grief Support (SGR)	
Tuesday		April 30
8:00 am	.....TOPS (SGR)	
7:00 pm	.....Bell Choir Practice (Sanc)	
Wednesday	May Day	May 1
6:15 pm	.....Praise Team (BR)	
Thursday	National Day of Prayer	May 2
6:30 pmScouts (Scout)	
Friday		May 3
Saturday		May 4



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BETHANY STAFF

Pastor - John Leek

Pianist – Beverly Collins

Administrative Assistant - Connie Wech

Custodians –Joan Kishbaugh, Melvin Kishbaugh

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Sherry and her unborn child, Roland S, Ed C, Deb S, Pastor Andi L, Thomas M, Family of Janet Eckert, Brian SI, Joey F, Family of Harold Ackerman, Edna M, Pastor Eric W and Family, Joan K, Tom B, Calehuff Family, Lewis Family, Jon C, Calvin K, Sheryl “Dusty” B, Gerda L, Dorothy R, Marlene E, Tom H, Cory H, Julie H, Ruby S

Please note: If you would like someone to be moved to the long-term prayer list, please contact the church office.

Card shower – We would like to have a card shower to celebrate Betty Morgan's 100th Birthday on April 29. Betty is a resident at Glen Brook Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center and her address is in the directory.

Our Extra Mile Giving for April will go to the Unseths. Many of you know Pete and Carol Unseth, who serve at the Dallas International University, where future missionaries are learning the languages they will need to spread God's Word, and the Bible is translated into many languages. Please give generously to help Pete and Carol as they enable the sharing of the Gospel to those who have never heard it in their own language. Envelopes are available at the Information Desk and the Angel Card table.

Parking - We are asking the congregation to please refrain from parking in the visitor stalls in the parking lot so our new visitors have a place when they join us and we can welcome them. Thank you.

Ladies and Gentlemen of Bethany,

The Pieces of Prayer Group is organizing a fall craft show for October 19, 2024.

Do you do woodworking, painting, needlepoint, baking, counted cross stitch, metal work, etching, knitting, crocheting, card making, beading tatting, sewing, quilting or more?

As we anticipate a capital campaign for our church, would you check in with your talented side and let your light shine?

We are putting out the information now to allow you time to make your many lovely craft items.

Talk with one of the members of Pieces of Prayer if you are interested in working toward this goal.

BETHANY CHURCH OF BERWICK
Peacemakers Weekly Prayer Support Ministry

"Policeman's Prayer"

*When I start my tour of duty God,
Wherever crime may be,
as I walk the darkened streets alone,
Let me be close to thee.*

*Please give me understanding with both the young and old.
Let me listen with attention until their story's told.
Let me never make a judgment in a rash or callous way,
but let me hold my patience let each man have his say.*

*Lord if some dark and dreary night,
I must give my life,
Lord, with your everlasting love
protect my children and my wife.*

(Author Unknown)

**Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.**

General Prayer for Departments:

Borough of Berwick Police Department
Briar Creek Township Police Department
Salem Township Police Department
Nescopeck Borough Police Department
Columbia County Sheriff's Office
South Centre Township Police Department
PA State Police Shickshinny Station

Specific Prayer for Officers: April 2024

Su 21. Officer Victor Guevara
M 22. Detective Reagan Rafferty
T 23. Deputy Kevin Katch
W 24. Officer Phil Mainiero
TH 25. Officer Michael Quaranta
F 26. Officer Riley Robinette
Sa 27. ColeSchaffer, Patrolman

Sunday, May 19th is Pentecost Sunday AND Baptism Sunday!

Please reach out to Pastor John in person or through the church office if you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized. A meeting with Pastor John is required in advance.

Pentecost Flowers – Please use the order form in your bulletin for Pentecost flowers. Order forms are due in the church office by May 12th and the cost is \$3.50 for each 4” geranium. You can take your memorial flower or have it planted here at the church.



Volunteers and donations are needed for this year's Start the Party Community VBS. Please reach out to Ginny Crake at 570-441-3452 to participate.