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Bethesda Beacon

By and for the members and friends of Bethesda Church

Dear Bethesda,
Over the next few weeks, we are taking a look at Jesus' commands to us as we live in community together. In the early church, being Christian wasn't a religion, but more a label placed upon you because you followed these commands of Christ as an ethic, moral and life altering way. If we didn't have religion labels, would you be identified as a Christian simply by the way you love? Take a look at some more and be convicted and challenged as we embark on the depth of what it actually means to live for Christ!

The 59 "One Anothers" of the New Testament

1. "…Be at peace with each other." *(Mark 9:50)*
2. "…Wash one another's feet." *(John 13:14)*
3. "…Love one another…" *(John 13:34)*
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6. "…Love one another…" *(John 15:12)*
7. "…Love one another" (John 15:17)
8. "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love…" *(Romans 12:10)*
9. "…Honor one another above yourselves. *(Romans 12:10)*
10. "Live in harmony with one another…" *(Romans 12:16)*
11. "…Love one another…" *(Romans 13:8)*
12. "…Stop passing judgment on one another." *(Romans 14:13)*
13. "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you…" *(Romans 15:7)*
14. "…Instruct one another." *(Rom 15:14)*
15. "Greet one another with a holy kiss…" *(Romans 16:16)*
16. "…When you come together to eat, wait for each other." *(I Cor. 11:33)*
17. "…Have equal concern for each other." *(I Corinthians 12:25)*
18. "…Greet one another with a holy kiss." *(I Corinthians 16:20)*
19. "Greet one another with a holy kiss." *(II Corinthians 13:12)*
20. "…Serve one another in love." *(Galatians 5:13)*
21. "If you keep on biting and devouring each other…you will be destroyed by each other." *(Galatians 5:15)*
22. "Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other." *(Galatians 5:26)*
23. "Carry each other's burdens…" *(Galatians 6:2)*
24. "…Be patient, bearing with one another in love." *(Ephesians 4:2)*
25. "Be kind and compassionate to one another…" *(Ephesians 4:32)*
26. "…Forgiving each other…" *(Ephesians 4:32)*
27. "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs." *(Ephesians 5:19)*
28. "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." *(Ephesians 5:21)*
29. "…In humility consider others better than yourselves." *(Philippians 2:3)*
30. "Do not lie to each other…" *(Colossians 3:9)*
31. "Bear with each other…" *(Colossians 3:13)*
32. "…Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another." *(Col 3:13)*
33. "Teach…[one another]" *(Col 3:16)*
34. "…Admonish one another *(Col 3:16)*

35. "…Make your love increase and overflow for each other*." (I Thessalonians 3:12)*
36. "…Love each other." *(I Thessalonians 4:9)*
37. "…Encourage each other*..."(I Thessalonians 4:18)*
38. "…Encourage each other…" *(I Thessalonians 5:11)*
39. "…Build each other up…" *(I Thessalonians 5:11)*
40. "Encourage one another daily…" (*Hebrews 3:13)*
41. "…Spur one another on toward love and good deeds." *(Hebrews 10:24)*
42. "…Encourage one another." *(Hebrews 10:25)*
43. "…Do not slander one another." *(James 4:11)*
44. "Don't grumble against each other…" *(James 5:9)*
45. "Confess your sins to each other…" *(James 5:16)*
46. "…Pray for each other." *(James 5:16)*
47. "…Love one another deeply, from the heart." *(I Peter 3:8)*
48. "…Live in harmony with one another…" *(I Peter 3:8)*
49. "…Love each other deeply…" *(I Peter 4:8)*
50. "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." *(I Peter 4:9)*
51. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others…" *(I Peter 4:10)*
52. "…Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another…" *(I Peter 5:5)*
53. "Greet one another with a kiss of love." (I Peter 5:14)
54. "…Love one another." *(I John 3:11)*
55. "…Love one another." *(I John 3:23)*
56. "…Love one another." *(I John 4:7)*
57. "…Love one another." *(I John 4:11)*
58. "…Love one another." *(I John 4:12)*
59. "…Love one another." *(II John 5)*

Blessings,
Pastor Heidi

Women's Circle

Women's Circle meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. However, in September we'll meet 1 week before due to the fact that many of the women will be away on vacation. Our meeting will be held in the Multi-purpose room on September 18th at 10 a.m.

Each month we get together, we sing hymns, have a scripture reading, pray for the needs of the church, and other personal needs. We'll have a short devotional and of course have a delicious snack provided by a few of the ladies. Septembers devotion will be given by Jean Feraco, Carol Bonsted and Marilyn Shaw will provide the refreshments.

We'd love to see all the ladies join us each month.

Mariners

The Mariners have been meeting for over 50 years as a group. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Each month we get together, play games, watch movies, go to plays and dinners.

We'd love for you to join us on September 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Always look for the details and sign up sheets on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall, or call Margie our church administrators if you would like to put your name on the list or to find out what's going on this month

Back to Church Sunday Worship and Picnic

Sunday, September 9th at 10 a.m. we'll gather for just one service. Immediately after the service we'll all get together for a picnic. The church will provide the hamburger, hotdogs and the drinks.
There will be a sign up sheet for salads and desserts.

Lincoln Cultural Association

On Tuesday, September 18th at 12:15 the Lincoln Cultural Association will begin their new season.
Each month we gather together for a time of friendship and fellowship and enjoy entertainment and speakers from various different organization. These speakers and organizations are geared to the interests of seniors. The entertainment comes from a variety of singers and musicians.
We promptly begin at 12:15 with a short meeting followed by a time of refreshments including a delicious Danish and cup of coffee or tea for just $2 bucks. Can't beat that!. Afterwards we enjoy a speaker, singer and musicians that play all of our old favorites.
So, come check us out and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with friends.

Musical Notes

Now that we are out from under the Boardwalk and on our way back from Cape May here is what ahead for music at Bethesda.

1. Chancel Choir -Rehearsals begin with a Welcome Back Picnic on Thursday September 6, 2018 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Choir ladies are asked to bring a dessert.
There are gowns ready willing and able to wrap themselves around someone new.

2. Volunteer Choir - We thank all members of the Volunteer Choir for their awesome contribution to our summer worship, however like a caught trout, they are not off the hook. September 30th, December 30th, March 31st, and June 30th will be opportunities for you to sing in worship again.

3. Kid's Choir - We are looking to expand the musical program for children at Bethesda. We are broadening both Sunday School and Kingdom Keepers (First Fridays) to include more music. Our aim is to see that the energy, excitement and enthusiasm generated at VBS continues and are reaching out to those children who registered as well as to any children known by members and friends of Bethesda who may have an interest in music. Know anyone? Tell Donna.

4. Summer Songsters - Thanks to Ken Alexy, Elaine Brehm, Beth and Dutch Frock, Georgia Hopely, Debbie Thomas, the Praise Team and the Volunteer Choir for sharing their talents with our congregations during the summer. Much appreciation goes to Ken Alexy for all he did to provide the music on both August 19th and 26th while I was on vacation. I missed y'all!!

Wednesday's Bible Study

"Messiah"

Begins September 21st 7 p.m. and will go to November 14th.

This study explores some of the key passages in the Old Testament about the Messiah and their completion in the life and saving work of Jesus. These passages have had a profound effect on the imagination and worship of Christians for two thousand years, leading George Frederic Handel to write one of the greatest expressions of worship and adoration—his oratorio, the Messiah. We hear parts of it sung every year during the Christmas season, but what many listeners fail to realize is that the entire text of Handel's Messiah is drawn from Scripture—and many of the Old Testament passages that shaped Israel's hope for their Redeemer are included in that text. This guide leads you through Scripture passages used in Handel's work that highlight who Jesus is and what he came to do. It might change the way you listen to the Messiah. Even more, it might change the way you live.

Rental Income

(Included in reported income)

$2,950.00	**July & August**
$16,600.00	**YTD**

Financial Update

YTD Income: $104,082.00

YTD Expenses: $117,532.97

Figures as of August 28, 2018

Thanks for your donations

Thank you to all those who brought school supplies to help children to be able to be prepared for the up-coming school. We were able to send a substantial about of supplies to Nueva Esperanza Academy in the lower N.E. section of Philadelphia.

May God bless your generosity.

Scripture for September

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".
Matthew 28:18-20

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Liturgists September

2 – Freda Fulton
9 – Tony Kazlouski
16 – Jean Feraco
23 – Allen Wenker
30 - Dutch Frock

Minute for Mission

Aaron Neely is a missionary that works with Interserve. Due to the region in which she works, we cannot publish details. We, have committed to supporting Aaron Neely with $1,500 for 2018.

Session Notes

Session met July 10 in the library. The elders reflected on personal outreach they had been practicing. The session received the pastor's report of the ongoing work, mission and visitation of Rev. Hankel.
The session approved vacation time for Pastor Hankel and doing 1 service on September 9th at 10am for Back to Church Rally Sunday. Christian Education said that adult Bible School is taking August off. The Christian Ed team also planned out the fall program. They are excited about Kingdom Keepers which will be meeting the first Fridays of each month in a new format. The property team presented their report and recommended having the roof replaced. The finance team will follow up on the property team's recommendation to figure out how to pay for this. The finance team presented its report and is working on investigating payment for building repairs and future finances. The session approved moving $10,000 (of current fund money that has been sitting in the Memorial fund account) from the memorial fund back to the current fund. After sharing joys and concerns, we prayed and adjourned to the September 11 meeting.

Deacon Notes

The deacons will meet again on September 12 at 7pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

September Birthdays

21 – Maria Frock

September Anniversaries

12 – Jane & Ed Mitchell
21 – Marie & Dutch Frock
26 – Lillian & Ray Hamman

September 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 **Communion** 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 am Adult S.S. 11am Traditional Worship	3	4	5	6 10:30 pm Prayer Mtg	7 7pm Kingdom Keepers 7 pm Youth Group	8
9 10:00 am **Back to Church Sunday Worship and Picnic**	10 1 pm Finance Team Mtg	11 7 pm Session Mtg	12 7 pm Deacons Mtg	13 10:30 pm Prayer Mtg 2:00 pm Grief Support Group 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	14 7 pm Youth Group	15 Mariners Event TBD
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