



“Securing Hope”

10:00AM
EDUCATION FUND SUNDAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

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To trust in Jesus
To love like Jesus
To grow in Jesus
To bring others to Jesus

WORSHIP THE LORD

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "St. Denio" Traditional Welsh Melody; arr. Dan R. Edwards
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WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Pastor Ellen Dawson

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.
**I bow down before you and give thanks for your steadfast
love and faithfulness.**
On the day I called, you answered me and increased the strength of my soul.
**Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake
the work of your hands.**

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN *(Please Stand)* "How Can I Keep From Singing" **No. 424**
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1 My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

3 What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Ellen Dawson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God our King and our Maker, forgive us when we try to make you in our image; forgive us when we turn to earthly rulers for the wisdom and strength you have already shown us. Fulfill your purpose in us, that we may be your people, your temples upon this earth, your sisters and brothers in love and mercy. In trust and hope, we pray. Amen. *Silent Confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even the Most High God regards the lowly with love and compassion. Even the perfect Christ welcomes the sinful and lost with open arms. Come, we are the brothers and sisters of Christ. All are forgiven by grace.

We are the family of God. Praise be for forgiveness in Christ's love!

RESPONSE *(Please Stand)*

"Gloria Patri"

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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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ. Let us be at peace with one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all... **and also with you.**

The kids can come forward for the Children's Sermon as you all take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Abbie Gardner

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Ellen Dawson

FIRST READING

Psalm 130

Pastor Ellen Dawson

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second was Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. Yet his sons did not follow in his ways but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only, you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots, and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves and the best of your cattle and donkeys and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And on that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you on that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! We are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." When Samuel heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them." Samuel then said to the Israelites, "Each of you return home."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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WE RESPOND

BETHANY EDUCATION FUND PRESENTATION

Alec Heiskell

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Called Me Higher" by Leslie Jordan Vocalist: Connie Segeleon

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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.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Please Stand*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WE ARE SENT

HYMN (*Please Stand*) "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" No. 507 Public Domain | Bethany CCLI License 1761225 | Bethany Livestream License 20229965

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

BENEDICTION (*Please Stand*)

Pastor Brian Janssen

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are delighted to have you in worship with us this morning!

FOR OUR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN – *In our Nursery Room today is Jen Shay.* The Nursery is located across the hall from the pulpit side of the Sanctuary. It is equipped with a speaker system from the sanctuary so any parent(s) who wishes to stay with their child(ren) in the nursery can hear the worship service. **A Cry Room** is at the rear of the Sanctuary – entry is through a door in the Narthex near the usher's table. *We encourage you to use these rooms as needed.*

Worship Bags are available for children to use during the worship service. The bags can be found at the Usher's Desk.

Sound amplification devices are available to those who might need or want to use them. Our ushers are available to help with any needs that you have during worship.

PASTORAL CONCERNS

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to
Connie Rucker and family, on the passing of her father,
Leonard Unitas on June 3, 2024,
and to
Bill Stephan and family, on the passing of Bill's brother,
Greg Stephan, on June 4, 2024.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

The sanctuary flowers this morning are presented by
Bob and Patty Black, in memory of their parents,
John and Doris Kelly, and Bill and June Black.

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

SUMMER BLOOM – Thursday, June 27. -Bloom is moving outside this summer for praise and fellowship! Our next session will be on June 27 when we gather on the front and side lawn of Bethany from 6:30 - 8 pm. Come join us for praise through contemporary music! Bring your own comfy lawn chair, and feel free to bring a snack along with you, too! (Inclement weather option will return indoors to the Welcome Center). Hope to see you there!

VBS DECORATION DAY – June 11. We will be decorating the church for VBS on Tuesday, June 11th beginning at 12noon. If you can spare a little time to help turn our church into an undersea adventure, we would love to have you join us.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING-Saturday, June 22nd starting at 8:30am. It's not too late to register! Our event is open to all golfers and uses a golfer friendly 'Scramble' format. Cost is \$87 (check/cash) or \$90 (on-line payment), and includes your round of golf and luncheon afterwards! Registration forms can be found in the Welcome Center.

DANIEL at Sight and Sound Theater, September 4th and 5th. If you are interested in being a part of a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in September to see the new production of “Daniel”, please contact Carole Aspinall at 412-833-8114. This is a trip being led by our Golden Oldies, but all church members are welcome.

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

THE SUMMERSVILLE, WV MISSION TRIP 2024, work week will be from August 11th through the 17th. Lodging provided at Summersville Presbyterian Church. Full and half week options are available. Russ Bedner, Dave Colton or Connie Segeleon can answer questions regarding the trip.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONS – The Fellowship of Prayer is targeting prayers each month for missions we support. For the month of June

SARRIS CANDY –The Sarris Candy sales proceeds for June will benefit the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Blantyre Synod Health & Development Commission, BSHDC, to help with the disastrous drought in that region.

JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – The special offering envelope for June supports Vacation Bible School. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Vacation Bible School" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for VBS on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to this great program for the youth of Bethany and the community.

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF JUNE 2, 2024

Thank you for your continued support.

	2024 YTD (\$)	2023 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 222,525	235,070	\$ (9,544)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	144,375	100,627	43,748
Investment Income **	4,902	8,501	(3,600)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 374,802	\$344,198	\$ 30,604
Year to Date Budget	395,075		
+/- Budget	\$ (20,273)		

*For purposes of this report, any prepaid pledges have been spread over 52 weeks.

** Investment income is updated monthly upon receipt of investment statements.

A friendly reminder from the Stewardship team, please write the amount of your giving on the outside of the envelope when turning in your offering. This helps make the job of those counting much easier.



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
RECEIVING EDUCATION FUND AWARDS TODAY**

All award recipients must:

- ◆ Be graduating high school seniors
- ◆ Have been accepted as a full-time student in a college or technical/vocational program
- ◆ Be members of Bethany Presbyterian Church
- ◆ Have completed an application and answered an essay question about their faith story
- ◆ Be present at church to receive the award

We pray that the Bethany Education Fund awards will be a symbolic representation of the on-going support and encouragement we give these young adults as they continue their educational pursuits.

Carson Suzanne DeRoss graduated from South Fayette High School and she will be attending Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. Carson will also compete on their acrobatics and tumbling team. She has yet to declare a major. Carson is the daughter of Nicholas and Gretchen DeRoss.

Tyler Nicholson, son of Keith and Peggy Nicholson, graduated from South Fayette High School where he played soccer, football, and volleyball. Tyler will be attending Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, OH as a Business major. He will also be playing football at BWU.

Landon Smith graduated from Chartiers Valley High School and the Automotive Technology Program at Parkway West CTC. Landon was on the 2024 WPIAL Championship Hockey team. He also ran cross country and track. Landon will be attending Waynesburg University. Landon is the son of Josh and Michele Smith.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 9

EDUCATION FUND SUNDAY

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

5:00PM - BYG

Monday, June 10

6:30PM– Body Carpenter Workout

7:00PM – Session Team Meetings

Tuesday, June 11

12:00PM – VBS Decorating Day

6:30PM - Men's Huddle

7:00PM – ALANON

7:00PM – DQ Group

Wednesday, June 12

11:30AM – Knitters

7:00PM - Scouts

Thursday, June 13

9:00AM – Quilters

12:00PM - Rotary

7:30PM - AA

Friday, June 14

Saturday, June 15

FOOD BANK

Sunday, June 16

FATHER'S DAY

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship