

# BLESSINGS FROM BETHEL

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**Greetings to you, and, peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ!**

As most of you are aware, my mother passed away September 15<sup>th</sup>. She fell at the nursing home on September 11<sup>th</sup> and had a broken femur. We agreed to surgery to repair the broken leg but mom developed complications after the surgery. We were aware of the risks but we couldn't let her lay in bed for six to eight weeks for the bone to heal. I am very grateful for all the cards, the prayers, the love and the support I have received during this time! THANK YOU, ALL!

September 11 was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attack and we shared a very moving worship experience in commemoration of this anniversary. I wrote a special message for the service and will include that text in this newsletter. We sang patriotic hymns and the anthem for the day – "Song for the Unsung Hero" was written in commemoration of 9-11. We presented a power point program of pictures from 9-11 and the memorials now built. KIM WEAVER sent an e-mail to me entitled "Meet Me In the Stairwell" and I will also include that text in this issue. In many ways it is hard to believe that 10 years have gone by. But, as many of the memorials remind us, "We Will Never Forget". The world was changed on 9-11 and we definitely feel the effects with the war on terror to this day.

Of course, the month of September will go down in history for our region. This month was a month of rain, rain, and more rain! I was tempted to do a sermon on building an ark! We know many were affected by the heavy rains either by flooding or water in their basement. We certainly are thankful that damage was fairly minimal in our area but we certainly offer our prayers for the many who lost their homes or loved ones because of the flooding! It is haunting to travel Rt. 616 from Rt. 30 to New Salem and see the mud line on the trees as you cross the Codorus creek. It is still a visible reminder of what we went through with Tropical Storm Lee. As we try to look at things in a light hearted way, with the amount of rain we had, we can be thankful that it was not snow! If you figure an inch of snow can be equal to eight to twelve inches of snow, we would probably still be trying to dig out!

This September presented to us a touch of the reality of life. With the flooding and the devastation we are reminded that life does offer some challenging times. Along with those times, we also have many times of joy, happiness and love. We have days with the "highs and lows" of life and no matter what comes our way we know that God is with us every step of the way! This was the focus of "Where Was God on Nine-eleven" that I wrote and it is something I try to keep in mind most every day. Certainly with the good times, the happy times, the times of celebration we can feel God with us but when we experience the hard and trying times, we sometimes lose focus that God is with us. But, may we always keep in mind the message of "Footprints" and may we always remember that especially in the bad times of life, GOD CARRIES US! I am thankful for this fact because of being in that valley of grief with my mother's passing. I know that the strength of God is enabling me to carry on with the calling God has placed on me and the strength of His Spirit is carrying me along my pathway in life!

May you feel the strength of God carrying you through each day of your life as He shares your joys of life and gives you the strength you need to make it through the trials!

THANK YOU, again for all your love! And, I love all of you! God Bless! Pastor Lou Ann

# Monthly Pastor's Activity Report

Month: August, 2011

**Worship Services:** 8/7 – Indoor Outdoor Service  
8/14 – Indoor Outdoor Service  
8/21 – Outdoor Worship  
8/28 – Vacation Sunday, service cancelled

**Meetings:** Consistory – 8/1  
Bible Study – 8/9, 8/30

**Visits:** 8  
**Nursing Home:** 3  
**Contacts:** 20  
**Hospital:** 0  
**Home Communion:** 0

**Other:** Newsletter -8/22

**Complete Days off:** 3  
**Sick Days:** 0 **Total for the year:** 7  
**Vacation Days:** 7 **Total for the year:** 27

**Respectfully Submitted:**  
Rev. Lou Ann Jones

Bethel U.C.C. Consistory Meeting  
August 1, 2011

Meeting was called to order by President Bankert at 7:30PM with Pastor Lou Ann leading the group in prayer.

Attendance: Jolene Ernst, Dave Bankert, Lynn McJunkin, Sue Tharp, Sue Roth, Dequay Lauchman, Ed Miller, Bob Murray, Kim Weaver, Tammy Diehl, Rev. Lou Ann Jones, and Fred Brillhart.

July minutes were reviewed. Several corrections were made. Sue Tharp made a motion to accept the minutes and Kim Weaver seconded the motion.

Treasures Report: (F. Brillhart) The report was approved by Ed Miller making a motion to accept the report and Jolene Ernst seconded.

Pastor's Report: Presented by Pastor Lou Ann. Motion to accept the report was made by Dequay Lauchman and seconded by Lynn Mcjunkin.

Church Care: (E. Miller) Upstairs ladies toilet needs looked at.

Social: (D. Bankert) Family Picnic was a huge success. A BIG Thank You to Lynn for her help with the soup preparations and everyone who helped with the games and activities and their donations.

Outreach: (D. Yost) No report

Education: (T. Diehl) 9 children and 11 adults went to Sight and Sound. Sunday School begins on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Worship: (J. Ernst) Ending of worship services will continue with circle and doxology. Some people cannot hear Pastor Lou Ann without the microphone; she will look into a new lapel microphone. Choir will be up front for announcements; they cannot always hear them in the back.

Ministry and Advisory: (D. Bankert) Next meeting is September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Rentals: Sue Tharp will take care of the rentals. Sue Tharp has the hall rented September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Offering and Attendance: (D. Bankert) No report

Fund Raising: (J. Jones) asking for people to sign up to help with the committee. Sub sale in September. Possible Chicken BBQ in October.

Website: (J. Jones) Updated

Old Business:

Lori Noel was approved for her request off for December 25<sup>th</sup>.

"Road to Vitality" was discussed and Pastor Lou Ann will get more details of the program and cost. Some members of consistory will review books that Pastor Lou Ann had for the program. More discussion to follow.

New Business:

The Bi-Laws will be reviewed by the end of the year. Dave Bankert, Lynn McJunkin, and Jolene Ernst will take care of the review.

Bob Murray has agreed to fill in the rest of Brian Martz's 3 year term as Trustee. Sue Roth made a motion to accept and was seconded by Sue Tharp.

Jolene Ernst made a motion to pay Fred Brillhart same as prior treasurer for his month of service. Kim Weaver seconded the motion.

A motion was made for Kim Weaver to be our new treasurer. Sue Tharp made a motion to accept and Bob Murray seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

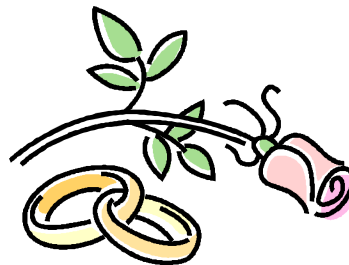
Tammy Diehl  
Assistant Secretary

#### October Birthdays

5 – Robert E. Thoman  
5 – Walter Miller  
9 – Dequay Lauchman  
14 – George Shue  
15 – Steve Beard  
19 – Kayla Stevenson  
20 – Jean Masenheimer  
22 – Deb Bankert  
22 – Anna Bankert  
29 – Andrew Stevenson  
29 – Diane Nace

#### October Anniversaries

4 – Ted & Georgetta Kreitz  
7 – Gene & Diane Nace  
10 – Greg & Tina Main  
19 – Clay & Jamie McKim



# LIST OF SHUT-IN AND PRAYER CONCERN MEMBERS

**JOYCE REICHERT**  
Room 215B  
Colonial Manor Home  
970 Colonial Ave  
York, PA 17403

**KATHRYN KALTREIDER**  
Room 316  
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York, PA 17

**RUTH STERNER**  
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Hanover, PA 17331

**RUSSELL WENTZ**  
Room E138  
425 Westminster Ave  
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**MELLIE SIMPSON**  
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New Oxford, PA 17350

**MELVIN RICE**  
Room 4527  
Cross Keys Village, The Brethren Home  
P.O. Box 128  
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## *From the Congregation's Life:*

**RAYMOND WARNER** has been diagnosed with Prostrate Cancer. On Sept. 30 he will have a full body bone scan to determine if the cancer has spread. He will find out what treatments he will have soon. GOD BLESS YOU, RAYMOND!!!!!!

**NANCY TRIMMER** was in the hospital again. She still has not had her surgery. We certainly pray that she will soon be scheduled! Dick has been diagnosed with Lung Cancer. He Will find out soon what treatment is in store or him. GOD BLESS the TRIMMERS!

**GLORIA FAHNESTOCK** will be having additional surgery on October 18. She will be going through tests in prep for this procedure. We keep Gloria in our prayers!

**LEONA ERNST'S** sister, EDNA KEMPER passed away. Her funeral was held September 27. We keep Leona and all Edna's family in our prayers!

I say "THANK YOU" to all who sent cards and kept my family in prayer through the death of my mother **EDNA ALBRIGHT**. She died September 15 and the funeral was Sept. 19.

September 18<sup>th</sup> we shared the Sacrament of Baptism. **LIAM MATTHEW McKEE**, son of MATTHEW AND CHRISTINE McKEE was baptized. We congratulate this family and celebrate our new brother in faith!

We also uplift many of our congregation who have been going through some rough times: **RUTH SNYDER; MARJORIE TRUMP; DEB BANKERT; JOLENE ERNST**. We also keep many friends of our faith family in our prayers!

*We certainly apologize if we fail to mention anyone going through any illnesses or other experiences we mention during our prayer concerns at church! We do keep you in our prayers!*

# COMING EVENTS:

Have you checked out the church website? You can find us at [www.betheluccspringgrove.com](http://www.betheluccspringgrove.com)

Our e-mail address: [betheluccspringgrove@g-mail.com](mailto:betheluccspringgrove@g-mail.com).

## **Rally day!!!!!! – OCTOBER 9, 2011.**

Our Rally Day schedule is different this year! TAKE NOTE – we will be offering a breakfast beginning at 9:00 am. EVERYONE is welcome to join us in fellowship hall for our breakfast spread! Then, we will venture up to the Sanctuary for our Rally Day program presented by “JOY BRINGERS”. This is a program of Christian Magic. We look forward to this program! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for our program!

On OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> we will be participating in **PET SUNDAY** at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church. We will be operating a **BAKE SALE** from **1:00 - 4:00 pm**. We can use your help to “man” the stand if you are available. Also, you are welcome to bring your pets to the event. There will be a number of displays by organizations as well as some pet supplies for sale. Two ministers will be offering prayer blessings for your pets as well. We have a lot of baked goods promised but if you would like to donate to the baked sale, see Pastor Lou Ann.

**FAMILY FALL FEST** will be held on Sunday, NOVEMBER 6 beginning at 11:45. We will begin the activities that day with a covered dish dinner followed by activities for all ages! The **WHITE ELEPHANT SALE** will also be a part of the activities that day! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – We had the “kick-off” meeting for the Prayer Shawl Ministry on September 15<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank DEB BANKERT and SUE THARP for stepping in to lead the activity since I was with my mother in the hospital.

We are looking for people willing to knit or crochet shawls for the church. These shawls will be kept at the church and there will be copies of prayers for special occasions or events. You are welcome to choose a shawl for someone you know going through a rough time or celebrating a special occasion and present this shawl to them to let them know the people of Bethel are praying for them!

Also, if you have any yarn you don't know what to do with, please contribute it to the church and we will use it to make these shawls. **THANK YOU!!!!!!**

We will meet again the second Thursday of the month so we will meet at 7:00 pm on October 13<sup>th</sup> for the next gathering. Bring the shawls or lap blanket you are working on!

**PRAYER MEETINGS – Third Monday of each month.** Following the special Prayer Meeting we held in July, I would like to see this gathering continue. So, the third Monday of every month we will gather at church for a Prayer Meeting. We will begin at 7:00 pm for the prayer time. You may bring prayer concerns that we will share. We will also pray for our church, the community, the nation and the world. There may also be an opportunity for healing services during this prayer time so if you have need for healing, plan to participate. This prayer time will also be open to anyone interested so if your friends or neighbors would like to participate, invite them to come also!

We cancelled the September meeting because it was the evening of my mother's funeral. We will meet on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for a time of prayer! **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND** or if you can not attend, take time at home to be in prayer with us!



**Happy Autumn!**  
(Shine with the Light of  
Jesus!)



Hey Kiddos!

It has been so wonderful to see each of you again in Sunday School! As some (or most) of you are aware, we have created a Kids Korner – a classroom for use between Church and Sunday School, where you can work on a craft, color in coloring books with crayons/markers, and a snack available. We encourage you to join us in the Kids Korner weekly!

We have already started learning a new song and look forward to learning some more new songs as well as singing some of those songs we have sung before in Sunday School.

Please NOTE: On Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be **NO** Sunday School as our Rally Day program will begin at 10:15.

Also, Christmas is coming quickly and our Christmas program this year will be on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. I am busily searching for a play/skit and will decide upon one once all the parents have replied whether their child plans to be there or not (moms/dad – I sent you an e-mail requesting this information – Thanks!).

Upcoming in the next few months, we will share in some activities together! We are STILL trying to get some dates together for some fun activities.

Your challenge for the month of October is to get a half sheet of paper from me and design a picture to be used for a bulletin cover. Keep in mind the autumn season, winter season, holidays, and God's beautiful creations around us for ideas for your bulletin designs. When you have completed your bulletin design, you can turn it back into me.

God's Blessings,  
Lori



# Where was God on Nine-eleven?

In the course of our lifetime every one of us has times  
that we have experienced something we will never forget.  
It could be our first kiss, a special moment with a parent, a comforting hug,  
our wedding, the birth of our children....  
Many things are etched into our memories and we will cherish those  
times until the day that we breathe our last.  
We thank God for these special times and memories  
and the good feelings we have with the remembrance.  
But these are times that we have only to ourselves  
or with a limited number of loved ones.  
In the course of our lifetime though, there are a few experiences  
that will shake people around the world  
and we, everyone will share in their remembrance  
and will take this memory to our grave.  
There are so few who can remember events of the first World War  
and those involved in World War Two are fewer and fewer.  
Baby boomers will remember the day when in Dallas, Texas  
President Kennedy was assassinated.  
Many of us will remember the "Miracle on Ice" when  
the United States won the Olympic Hockey Gold Medal.  
We can envision the fall of the Berlin wall, and many of  
our senior citizens may even remember it being built.  
We see in our minds the crash that took Princess Diana  
and we remember Prince William's wedding.  
We have visions of the capture of Saddam Hussein and  
recently the death of Osama Bin Laden.  
Through these events be they good or bad, we have seen  
the effect they have had on the world.  
We face today an anniversary we would probably prefer  
would not be something to commemorate.  
Nine eleven o-one was the day that we could say  
has most critically effected the world.  
Citizens throughout the world became familiar with  
Al-queida, muslims, terrorists, evil.  
Some three thousand lives came to an end  
because of the plot of the terrorists.  
Nearly three thousand families lost loved ones  
in the towers, the pentagon and on Flight 93.  
These families know beyond our imagination  
the terror and the pain of that day.  
But, people throughout the world also  
know pain and suffering from that day  
because there are countless families whose loved ones  
breathed in the dust and fumes from the fallen buildings.  
Families of first responders suffered the loss of our heroes  
and many first responders have long term effects  
from being on the front line in trying to rescue victims  
and helping many to safety that day.

Then in the days following, there are many who came  
to help sift through rubble with the hope  
that they will find someone alive and fighting to survive  
the evil that erupted that Tuesday.

As at any time in the history of mankind, when tragedy occurs  
and many innocent are thrust into suffering,  
people have a tendency to ask "Where is God?"  
because we all try to understand the evil of what we see.

So we ask in response to nine-eleven – Where was God that day?

God was in each of the jets and holding in his hand  
everyone of the passengers, crew and pilots who saw  
the events of the day unravel.

God held in his arms every one of the workers in the towers  
who were killed with the impact of the planes.

God called many to action as people tried to escape the flames  
and led thousands down the stairs and out to safety.

God was running alongside all those who saw the impact  
and knew this was not good.

God was with everyone of the families who received calls  
from their loved ones to say their good-byes.

God hugged every spouse, parent, child, friend  
who lost loved ones to the terror of that day.

God shed tears with everyone who cried that day and days since  
and God sheds tears with us this day.

God knows even better than we what some humans are capable of doing  
and God hopes as do we that all humans will live in love and peace.

But God knows that there are some people whose hearts are hardened  
and whose minds are closed to unity and peace

God knows their desire is to strike out against those they choose to hate  
instead of accepting the diversity of nations of the world.

God is with those who still miss the loved that died that day.

God is with all who in response to that day  
have now chosen to devote their life to fire fighting,  
police work, social work, military service.

God has always been with each and every person  
because God lives in each of our hearts.

God always will be with each and every person  
and shares in every experience in our life.

So, where was God on nine-eleven? God was with you.

God was with me. God was with everyone  
and God has walked with us as life goes on in the shadow of this event  
and will be forever a part of the history of the world.

God's hand was protecting all who survived nine-one-one  
and God's hand carried all those who died that tragic day.

God felt the horror that all the passengers felt  
and God shed a tear for every tear shed that day and till now.

God shares the joys we share and feels the sadness we feel.

God is with us every moment of every day.

God is ALWAYS with EVERYONE!

God IS.

# October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship - 9:00 am Sunday School - 10:30 am	3 Ministry Advisory - 6:30 pm Consistory - 7:30 pm	4 Bible Study - 9:00 am Adult Choir - 7:00 pm	5	6	7	8
9 Breakfast - 9:00 am Rally Day Program - 10:15 am Pet Sunday at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church - 1 to 4 pm	10	11 Bible Study - 9:00 am Adult Choir - 7:00 pm	12	13 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 7:00 pm	14	15
16 Worship - 9:00 am Sunday School - 10:30 am	17 Prayer Meeting - 7:00 pm	18 Bible Study - 9:00 am Adult Choir - 7:00 pm	19	20	21	22
23 Worship - 9:00 am Sunday School - 10:30 am	24	25 Bible Study - 9:00 am Adult Choir - 7:00 pm	26	27	28	29
30 Worship - 9:00 am Sunday School - 10:30 am	31					

