

**BETHANY MEMORIAL CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)**

October 6, 2024 10:45 am

*Here in Bethany, where paths cross and journeys begin,
we rejoice in God's love and grace and
our belief in Jesus Christ.*

BMC Vision Statement

PRELUDE

Vicki NeCastro

WELCOME

Debra Hull

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Debra Hull

L: Gracious God, you show us the meaning of reconciliation
in the life of Jesus Christ. In His touch, His words, His
actions, Jesus reconciled people to God
and to the community.

**All: We gather to renew ourselves that we, too, might
reconcile others with a touch, a word, or an act.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #284 vv. 1, 2 & 3**

"Gather Us In"

***INVOCATION**

Debra Hull

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father/Mother 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*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Holly Hillgardner

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

All exchange words and signs of God's peace.

THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

SCRIPTURE

Debra Hull

Mark 10:2-16

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Erin James-Brown

SPECIAL MUSIC

Brenda Hart & Vicki NeCastro

SERMON

Rev. Erin James-Brown

"Do Not Stop Them"

HYMN OF DEDICATION #75 vv. 1, 2 & 3

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Reconciliation Offering

CALL TO OFFERING

Debra Hull

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERING PRAYER**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #425

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

COMMUNION INVITATION Holly Hillgardner
THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Rev. Erin James-Brown

FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION

Please partake of the bread and cup – one in the Spirit.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Erin James-Brown

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN #33 vv. 1, 3 & 4**

"How Great Thou Art"

BENEDICTION Rev. Erin Brown-James

POSTLUDE Vicki NeCastro

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Minister	Rev. Erin James-Brown
Liturgist	Debra Hull
Elder	Holly Hillgardner
Greeter	Penny Tittle
Music	Vicki NeCastro
Special Music	Brenda Hart & Vicki NeCastro
Videographer	Gerard / Jan / Da'Vaughn Lewis
Acolyte	Amelia Anslow
Pastor: Erin James-Brown, ejamesbrown@bethanywv.edu	

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Do You Have Your Communion Elements Ready? If you need communion, please raise your hand and someone will get it to you. For those worshipping online with us, please remember to have your communion at hand or available for later in the service.

Offering – You may place your offering in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary, either upon entering the sanctuary or at the end of the service. You may also give online by clicking the “Donate” button at www.bmcwv.org or mail it in. Or use the QR code.



Reconciliation Offering. Reconciliation Offering celebrates our work toward wholeness and imagining a world where racism is dismantled and all of God’s children can flourish. We will have a special collection for the Reconciliation Ministries of the Christian Church (DOC) during our moment for mission and offering.

Harmony House Drive. From **Sept 16 - Oct 7th** bring individually wrapped snacks, juice boxes/Capri Suns, stuffed animals, coloring books, crayons, children’s books, and toy cars to benefit Harmony House, an organization in Wheeling that seeks to reduce the effects of abuse on children and their families. This drive is hosted by the Social Awareness Club of Bethany College. Contact Tatum at Tsevere@bethanywv.edu with questions.

Community Night at the Café. Join us at the Bethany College Café for dinner and social fun. All community members (church, non-church, Bethany residents, and non-residents) are invited for an hour of food, socialization, and fun. Thursday, **October 10 at 5:30 PM.** The cost is \$8. Meet in the back of the café with your plate of good food.

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Bethany Interreligious Walking Pilgrimage. Join us for the walk on **Wednesday, October 16 at 6 pm.** We will meet at the prayer labyrinth in front of the Campbell Mansion. All are welcome, and many sites are available by car if walking is not a good option.

Welcome our Palestinian Fulbright Shaymaa Kullab back to Bethany where she will give a talk on peace education and we will host a dessert and tea/coffee reception at Pendleton Heights (the president’s house on campus) on **Wednesday, October 23 from 6-8 pm.** All are invited from the community.

Caring for College Students. Brenda, our Discipleship Chair, invites you to consider becoming an ally to a Bethany College student. You will be assigned one student with whom you will connect and regularly check in throughout the school year. You can text them, invite them to coffee, or send letters in the good ol’ snail mail. You will encourage them on their college journey and be a representative of love and light in their life. Interested? Contact Brenda Hart at bikelady0@gmail.com.

Story and Songs with Ms. Kim. It’s a regular thing. Every third Thursday of the month! Ms. Kim, BCPL Children's Educator, leads us with children's songs, tells a story, and provides a craft for families in the area. This event is great for ages 0-5 and a caregiver, but all are welcome. Meet in the church basement on **Thursday, October 17 from 5:30-6:30 PM.** Space is limited! Please register to attend at: <https://bethanymemorialchurch.breezechms.com/form/20a7cf288>

Flu Shot Clinic. Community members who want flu shots can come to the back of the Bethany College cafeteria on **October 22, from 10:30-12** for a free vaccine. Contact lbain@bethanywv.edu (304-281-7567) for an appointment.

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Bethany Halloween Parade. We will help host towns' Halloween parade. Kids meet in the town square at 5 pm for games, costume contests, and then parade through the town showing off their costumes. This year we are moving the trunk or treat to Main Street, just outside Chambers. Volunteers needed to stand outside their car to pass out candy and fliers inviting people to the church. Contact Erin (ejamesbrown@bethanywv.edu) if you are interested!

All Saints Service. Bring a photo of your loved one and (if you can) a favorite snack you shared with them to service on **Sunday, November 3**. We will host an All Saints Service, remembering our beloveds who have died and gone on to experience the eternal warmth of God's love. After service we will share photos, eat foods that remind us of them, and remember that we will be reunited with our loved ones when Jesus comes again. A service will be held in Heritage Hall immediately following worship.

Pastoral Relations Committee. The pastoral relations committee acts as a mediator between the congregation and the pastor. If you have a concern or an idea, please speak to one of our lovely committee members who will maintain your confidence and relay your questions to Erin. Committee members and contacts include Deb Hull (dhull51@gmail.com) and Vicki NeCastro (vicki.necastro@gmail.com).

State of the Union. A weekly meeting with Erin on Zoom to learn what the church is up to and give your feedback on Wednesdays at noon. All are welcome! Find the link in the weekly email.

Weekly Bible Study. We have begun studying the books, Amos and Hosea on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Contact Connie McVicar (conniemcvicar27@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and if you're interested in a study book.

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Church Board Meeting. Church board meetings occur on the second Monday of the month at 7 PM. The next meetings will be Monday, **October 14th** on Zoom. The link can be found in the weekly church email. The meeting is open to all church members.

Calling all Blanketeers. Bethany crafters are partnering with the Linus Project to provide a sense of security and comfort to children who are seriously ill or otherwise in need. Please see the website for instructions and patterns (quilts, knit, crochet, no sew fleece) at projectlinus.org. Drop off completed blankets at the church during business hours (M, Th, Fri 9 AM - 12 PM). Contact Debra Hull at dhull51@gmail.com with questions.

PRAYER LIST

The men, women and children of Israel and Palestine
The men, women, and children of Ukraine
Residents and Haitian community of Springfield, OH
Victims from Hurricane Helena

Maria (daughter of Vicki & Gerard NeCastro)
Kathleen Godina
Kerry Shaulis
Pam Clifford (sister of Connie McVicar)
Diane & Brady Kapp (cousins of Vicki NeCastro)
Frank (friend of Paul James)
Kelly (friend of Brenda Hart)
Butch Brown
Cathy Chambers
Amante (Alesia's son & grandson of Paul Brown)
Shaymaa Kullab and Family
Larry Grimes
Alesia (stepdaughter of Paul James)
Beverly Chambers
May Tittle (Penny's Mother)
Penny Tittle
John Burns
Norma Schoene
Teddy Hatzopoulos (brother of Sydma Hatzopoulos)
Darlene Eddy (Wes Eddy's Mother)
John Pietrangelo (brother-in-law of Penny & Jan)
Sydma Hatzopoulos
Vonnie Larson
Tammy Ritchea
Pastor Janet Hellner-Burris (co-Pastor of Wilkinsburg Christian Church)
Sharley Hillgardner (sister of Holly Hillgardner)
Eldon Beery (father of Debra Hull)

PRAYER LIST

Becky Ayers and Family
Jennifer (niece of Gerard NeCastro)
Jeanne Cobb
Madeline Wilson
Mary Wilson
David Gnatek (brother-in-law of Holly Hillgardner)
Lynn (brother of Shirley Kemp)
Larissa and Hannah Holland (friends of Vicki NeCastro)
Joe Lovano
Christina (sister of Gerard NeCastro)
Sarah Hunsberger (Anita Weaver's Mother)
Nancy Pietrangelo (sister of Penny Tittle)
Tom (brother of Gerard NeCastro)
Bob and Sandy (friends of Vicki NeCastro)
Alan Clifford (brother-in-law of Connie McVicar)
Hilary Miller