

BETHANY MEMORIAL CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
November 19, 2023 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gerard NeCastro

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gerard NeCastro

L: Let us praise our God, Holy Mystery, Source of all being, Word and Spirit.

All: Let us praise and exalt God above all forever.

L: Let us continue our worship to God.

L: Please rise in body or spirit for our first hymn. You can follow along in a blue hymnal or the words on the screen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #16 vs 1&3**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***INVOCATION**

Gerard NeCastro

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**

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Marci Mazza-Fredley

SPECIAL MUSIC

Vicki NeCastro/ Brenda Hart

SCRIPTURE

Gerard NeCastro

Revelation 22:1-6a

SERMON

Marci Mazza-Fredley

"Peace Is More Possible Than You Think"

HYMN OF DEDICATION # 587

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Gerard NeCastro

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 #413

"Take Our Bread"

COMMUNION INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER Helen Moren

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Marci Mazza-Fredley

FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Marci Mazza-Fredley

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN # 33 (vs 1, 2 &4)**

"How Great Thou Art"

BENEDICTION

Marci Mazza-Fredley

POSTLUDE

Vicki NeCastro

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Minister	Marci Mazza-Fredley
Liturgist	Gerard NeCastro
Elder	Helen Moren
Greeter	Penny Tittle
Music	Vicki NeCastro
Videographer	Abby Ayers /Connie McVicar

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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.



Santa’s Workshop. Santa's Workshop will be held in Wilksburg on Saturday, December 9 this year, probably around noon. Save the date and please let Debra Hull know if you would like to go. Start collecting your contributions--games, toys, puzzles, art supplies, and especially hats, mittens, scarves, and socks--for infants through teenagers. We are also happy to shop for you if you wish to send a monetary contribution or you can purchase suggested items from the [Amazon Wishlist online](#).

Carol Sing - Continuing through the month of November there will be a brief half-hour rehearsal on Sundays immediately after church for folks who want to learn to sing Christmas carols in harmony. ALL are welcome to join in the singing to help prepare for Advent and the upcoming carol sing at the Old Meeting House on Thursday, December 7 at 7:15pm. Contact Vicki at 304-312-9433 if you have any questions!

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Chamber Singers - We will welcome Dr. Michael Mihalyo and the Bethany College Chamber Singers back to BMC during the morning service on the first Sunday of Advent (12/3). All are also invited to attend their Christmas Concert of Lessons and Carols in Commencement Hall on Tuesday 12/5 at 7pm.

Weekly Bible Study – Monday, November 20 at 7:15 PM.

Calling all Blanketeers. Bethany crafters are partnering with the Linus Project to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, 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). Questions? Contact Debra Hull at dhull51@gmail.com

Memorial Tree Lights. Bethany Women's Club is taking donations for lights on the Memorial Tree in town square. Give \$10 to Helen Moren by November 24 if you would like a light commemorating someone you love placed on the tree. Make checks payable to GFWCWV Bethany Woman's Club.

PRAYER LIST

The people of Lewiston, Maine
The men, women and children of Israel and Palestine
The men, women, and children of Ukraine
John Pietrangelo (Penny's brother-in-law)
Sydma Hatzopoulos
Kerry Shaulis
Joey (great nephew of Margy Lang)
Frank Gilbert (Uncle of Krystal & Lanette Gilbert-Robinson)
Beverly Chambers
Mary Beth (Mimi) (Grandmother of Erin James-Brown)
Vonnie Larson
Paige Gardner (granddaughter of Vonnie Larson)
Tammy Ritchea
May Tittle (Penny's Mother)
Pastor Janet Hellner-Burris (co-Pastor of Wilkinsburg Christian Church)
Hilary Miller
Roma (Brenda's Mother)
Judy Pyle
Becky Ayers and Family
Alan Clifford (brother-in-law of Connie McVicar)
Michael (brother-in-law of Vicki & Gerard NeCastro)
Bob and Sandy (friends of Vicki NeCastro)
Jennifer (niece of Gerard NeCastro)
Jeanne Cobb
Christina (sister of Gerard NeCastro)
Eldon Beery (Debra Hull's father)
Nancy Pietrangelo (sister of Penny Tittle)
Carole Cook
Mary Wilson (former mother-in-law Holly)
Madeline Wilson
David Gnatek (brother-in-law of Holly Hillgardner)
The Tennant Family (friends of MaryAnn Eisenhauer)

PRAYER LIST

Joe Lovano
Sarah Hunsberger (Anita Weaver's Mother)
Sharley Hillgardner (sister of Holly Hillgardner)
Butch Brown
Lynn (brother of Shirley Kemp)
Debbie Guillony Geisler (sister-in-law of Jim McMillan)
MaryAnn Eisenhauer
Rick Ehrhart & Sharon Zacherl (cousins of Vicki NeCastro)
Larissa and Hannah Holland (friends of Vicki NeCastro)