

BETHANY MEMORIAL CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

April 21, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS Gerard NeCastro

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP Gerard NeCastro

L: Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence,

**All: That we may be at peace and may worship you with all
our minds and hearts and with the help of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

L: Let us worship God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #284**

"Gather Us In" (1&3)

***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

SCRIPTURE

Gerard NeCastro

Acts 4:5-12

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Erin James-Brown

SPECIAL MUSIC

Vicki NeCastro

SERMON

Rev. Erin James-Brown

"By What Power?"

HYMN OF DEDICATION #537

"My Hope Is Built" (vs 1,3&4)

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 #384

"Here at Thy Table, Lord" (vs 1&3)

COMMUNION INVITATION

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER David George

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 #272**

"The Church's One Foundation" (vs 1,2&5)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Erin James-Brown

POSTLUDE

Vicki NeCastro

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Minister	Rev. Erin James-Brown
Liturgist	Gerard NeCastro
Elder	David George
Greeter	Penny Tittle
Music	Vicki NeCastro
Special Music	Vicki NeCastro
Videographer	Abby Ayers/Jan Forsty
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Christina (sister of Gerard NeCastro)
Eldon Beery (Debra Hull's father)
Nancy Pietrangelo (sister of Penny Tittle)
Madeline Wilson
Mary Wilson
David Gnatek (brother-in-law of Holly Hillgardner)
The Tennant Family (friends of MaryAnn Eisenhauer)
Sharley Hillgardner (sister of Holly Hillgardner)
Butch Brown
Lynn (brother of Shirley Kemp)
Debbie Guillony Geisler (sister-in-law of Jim McMillan)
Rick Ehrhart & Sharon Zacherl (cousins of Vicki NeCastro)
Larissa and Hannah Holland (friends of Vicki NeCastro)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



Science and Faith. The final conversation about the compatibility of science and faith. Christian Church historian, Joel Brown, will help us learn the more recent United States history of Christianity versus evolution in the Scopes Monkey Trial of 1925. Join us at Kathy and Bob's house for soup and bread and conversation on Sunday, April 21 (TODAY!) immediately following worship.

Movement Meditation: Hike. Celebrate Earth Day with a guided meditation hike through the trails behind Bethany College. Meet in Old Main at 4 PM on Monday, April 22. Bring a water bottle and wear long pants, socks, and good hiking shoes. Set aside your screens and take time to reflect. Walk through nature and reflect on where we see, hear, and smell God all around us.

Church Board Meeting Rescheduled. New date for this week on Monday, April 22 at 7 PM on Zoom. See the weekly email for the link. All members are welcome to attend and learn about the work of the church.

Bethany College Clothing Drive. The Freshman Kalon students are having a clothing drive. All types of clothing in good condition will be

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accepted. You can place your donations in the boxes in the vestibule.

All donations will go to charities in the Wheeling area.

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, Wednesdays at noon. All are welcome! Find the link in the weekly email.

Weekly Bible Study. Please join us to discuss scripture and wonder what it's all about. Contact Connie McVicar (conniemcvicar27@gmail.com) for the Zoom link. Meetings scheduled for Tuesdays at 6:30 PM.

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.

The men, women and children of Israel and Palestine

The men, women, and children of Ukraine

Teddy Hatzopoulos (Sydma's brother)

Darlene Eddy (Wes Eddy's Mother)

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

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)

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)

Joe Lovano

Sarah Hunsberger (Anita Weaver's Mother)

Jennifer (niece of Gerard NeCastro)

Jeanne Cobb