

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

January 29, 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

Holly Hillgardner

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holly Hillgardner

L: God was making friends of all people through Christ.

God did not keep an account of their sins against them

**All: And God has given us the message how to make
them friends**

L: Let us continue our worship to God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #25 vv. 1,3 & 5**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

***INVOCATION**

Holly Hillgardner

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

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Holly Hillgardner

SCRIPTURE

Holly Hillgardner

Luke 5:1-11 (NRSVUE)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Brenda Hart & Vicki NeCastro

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Katie Hays

*"Thalassophobia: The Fear Of Deep Water
And Everything That's Down There"*

HYMN OF DEDICATION #609 vv. 1, 2 & 5

"Take My Life"

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Holly Hillgardner

***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 vv. 1 & 2

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

COMMUNION INVITATION Debra Hull
THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Debra Hull

FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Debra Hull

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN # 595 vv. 1, 2 & 4**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

BENEDICTION Holly Hillgardner

POSTLUDE Vicki NeCastro

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Guest Minister	Rev. Dr. Katie Hays
Liturgist	Holly Hillgardner
Elder	Debra Hull
Greeter	Penny Tittle
Music	Brenda Hart and Vicki NeCastro
Videographer	Abby Ayers / Connie McVicar

PRAYER LIST

Christian Love & Sympathy for family and friends of Sue DeVaul who passed away December 4, 2022.

The men, women, and children of Ukraine.

Pastor Janet Hellner-Burriss (co-Pastor of Wilkinsburg Christian Church)

Tom and Karen (friends of David George)

Sydma Hatzopoulos

Rev. Bill Allen

Jeanne Cobb

Carole Cook

John Cole

Paul (brother-in-law of Jan Forsty)

Elizabeth DeYoung

Rev. Erin James-Brown

Kerry Shaulis

May Tittle (Penny Tittle's mom)

Becky Ayers and Family

Helen Moren

Rick Ehrhart & Sharon Zacherl (cousins of Vicki NeCastro)

MaryAnn Eisenhauer

Larissa and Hannah Holland (friends of Vicki NeCastro)

Debbie Guillony Geisler (sister-in-law of Jim McMillan)

Madeline Wilson

David Gnatek (brother-in-law of Holly Hillgardner)

The Tennant Family (friends of MaryAnn Eisenhauer)

Cheri Schwertfeger Koscevic

Butch Brown

Vonnie Larson

Lynn, brother of Shirley Kemp

Eldon Beery (Debra Hull's father)

Mary Wilson (former mother-in-law Holly)

Nancy Pietrangelo (sister of Penny Tittle)

Perry "Jeff" Jones, Jr.

Sandy Stevenson (sister of Kim Stevenson)

Sharley Hillgardner

Our Guest Minister:

Rev. Dr. Katie Hays

Rev. Dr. Katie Hays is the founder and lead evangelist of Galileo Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on the outskirts of Fort Worth, Texas. She is the author of several books, including *God Gets Everything God Wants* (Eerdmans 2021). Galileo Church seeks and shelters spiritual refugees, especially LGBTQ+ folx and the people who love them.



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 below.



Weekly Bible Study – Monday, January 30, at 7:15 pm. The scripture to be discussed will be Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16. Connie will lead the discussion. If you need a Zoom link, email Connie at cmvicar@bethanywv.edu.

MidWeek Prayer Meeting – Thursdays at 6:30 pm via Zoom. If you are a new participant, contact the church office for the Zoom link. If you have a prayer concern, email Connie at cmvicar@bethanywv.edu

Pastor’s Parental Leave. Erin is on Parental Leave from **January 29-March 19**. Please contact Connie at cmvicar@bethanywv.edu for questions on any administrative needs; reach out to your Elder Care Provider during times of need.

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday – February 22. We are hosting an Ash Wednesday service outside Gresham Garden Fountain on the Bethany College campus and Rev. Dan Harry will help with an outdoor Ash Wednesday service. *Would you like to remind people that although God created people from dust, they are not nothing and that God loves them so dearly?* Join us outside Gresham Garden Fountain at **12:15 PM**. Have questions? Contact Connie at cmvicar@bethanywv.edu.

Poems for Lent. Looking for a practice or way to reflect during the 40 days of Lent? Never practiced something during Lent before? Try it. This year we have poems and reflections from Wendell Berry, an activist, farmer and poet, whose work celebrates the holiness of life. You can pick up a printout copy from the church lobby or office. Or get a [PDF emailed](#) to you by contacting Connie at cmvicar@bethanywv.edu.