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## Weekly Worship Schedule

Summer  
Worship Hours  
begin June 24<sup>th</sup>

Our First Church  
Family meets every  
Sunday to hear &  
study the Good News!

Sun., May 27<sup>th</sup> was the  
last Sunday School  
class until the Fall.

Sun., June 17<sup>th</sup>,  
Father's Day, is the last  
10:30 a.m. worship  
service in the Sanctu-  
ary until  
September.

Beginning Sun., June  
24<sup>th</sup>, our Summer  
worship hours will  
begin with services held  
at 9:30 a.m. in our air-  
conditioned Parlor.  
until Sept.

Please join us to  
worship the Lord in  
air-conditioned com-  
fort. Beat the heat in  
this world & the next!

Everyone is invited to  
all our worship  
services!  
(And bring a friend!)

## The Little Grass Hut

Submitted via e-mail by Barbara Dailey

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for GOD to rescue him, and everyday he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements and to store his few possessions.

One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames with smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened! Everything was lost! He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger. "GOD, how could you do this to me?" he cried.

Early the next day he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island. It had come to rescue him.

"How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers.

"We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

Moral of the story: It's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because GOD is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain, and suffering. Remember that, the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of GOD.

You may want to share this with someone because...  
**You Never Know Who Feels  
Like Their Hut Is On Fire  
Today.**



## Angel Food Ministries at St. John's on Morgan Hill

The order sign up dates at  
St. John's on Morgan Hill  
for the June 29<sup>th</sup> distribu-  
tion are:

Sun., June 10<sup>th</sup> from  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Wed., June 13<sup>th</sup> from  
4-6 p.m.  
Sat., June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9  
a.m. til noon

## New York Yankees Bus Trip Sat., July 21<sup>st</sup>

See "The House That  
Ruth Built" before it is  
taken down next year

- New York Yankees vs. Tampa Bay
- Price includes Bus, Game ticket, Tailgate food and beverages
- Leave Sam's Club, Northampton Crossings, parking lot at 8 a.m.
- First come/First serve - only 45 tickets/seats
- Price \$65

Tickets on sale every Sun.  
or call the church office at  
610-258-3361.

## 2007-2008 Consistory

This is our new Consistory as voted upon at our Annual Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> & installed on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Clergy

**Pastor** Rev. J. Michael Dowd  
**Pastoral Care** Rev. William Wightman  
**Youth Pastor** Pastor Michael Smith

### Officers

**President** Kim Kmetz 610-253-1149  
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Al Kuebler 610-258-7713  
Brian Lunger 908-454-5459

### Deacon Under 21

Melissa Lunger 908-454-5459  
Laura Arnold 610-252-2703

### Audit Committee

Denise Cardinalli 610-258-7810  
Fred Finken 610-253-0352  
Sue Roseberry 908-454-0771

## Reaching Out

Please remember our members who cannot get out or come & go as they used to, with a card, call or even a visit. It will surely brighten their day!

### Fran Bassett

Country Meadows, Bldg. 3, Apt.231  
4007 Green Pond Road,  
Bethlehem, PA 18020-9582  
610 882-9893

### Helen Bonstein

Old Orchard Manor Care, Rm. 155A  
4100 Freemansburg Ave.  
Easton, PA 18045

### Mary Crozier

Country Meadows, Bldg. 2, Apt. 138  
4009 Green Pond Rd.  
Bethlehem, PA 18020  
610 866-5558

### Robert Crozier

Country Meadows  
Bldg. 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., Room 53  
4005 Green Pond Rd.,  
Bethlehem, PA 18020

### Skip and Lou Crozier

Country Meadows, Bldg. 2, Apt. 144  
4009 Green Pond Rd.,  
Bethlehem, PA 18020  
610 868-1813

### Martin Duffy

Easton Nursing Center  
498 Washington Street  
Easton, PA 18042  
610-258-2985

### Naomi Duffy

Phoebe Home, 3 East, Room 372  
1925 West Turner Street  
Allentown, PA 18104

### Bessie Earnhardt

Alexandria Manor  
7 South New Street  
Nazareth, PA 18064

### Mildred Firth

Alexandria Manor  
7 South New Street  
Nazareth, PA 18064  
610 759-4060

### Mary Gardner

Moravian House #3, Apt. 311  
133 W. Union Blvd.  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
610 866-3935

### Elizabeth (Libby) Goth

Gracedale, 9<sup>th</sup> floor,  
Nazareth, PA 18064  
Husband: Bob- 610 258-1771

### Edith Johnson

Country Meadows, Bldg. 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl.,  
Room 6  
4025 Green Pond Road  
Bethlehem, PA 18020

### Frances Kromer

Country Meadows, Bldg. 3,  
Apt. 102B  
4007 Green Pond Road,  
Bethlehem, PA 18020-9582

### Mildred Reinert

671 Victoria Court  
Easton, PA 18045-5275  
610 253-8993

## Upcoming Special Events...

Sat., June 2<sup>nd</sup> ~**CLEAN-UP DAY**, inside & out 8 a.m.,  
free lunch!



Sun., June 3<sup>rd</sup>- **WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY** ~ 10:30 a.m.  
**FOOD BANK SUNDAY & MUSIC**  
**APPRECIATION SUNDAY with GUEST**  
**HANDBELL SOLOIST**  
Sunday School is in Summer recess

Mon., June 4<sup>th</sup> - **SPIRITUAL COUNCIL** ~ 7:30 p.m.

Sun., June 10<sup>th</sup>- **WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY 10:30 a.m.**  
**FIRST LADIES PICNIC** at the Wright's at 4 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome!



Mon., June 11<sup>th</sup> - **CONSISTORY** ~ 7:30 p.m.

Fri., June 15<sup>th</sup> - **JULY/AUG. STEEPLE NEWS ARTICLES DUE**

Sun., June 17<sup>th</sup> - **FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** - Offering for  
Bethany Home ~ 8:30 a.m.  
**WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY** ~ 10:30 a.m.  
(last 10:30 worship in Sanctuary until Sept.)

Sun., June 24<sup>th</sup> - **OUR FIRST SUMMER WORSHIP IN THE**  
**AIR-CONDITIONED PARLOR** ~ 9:30 a.m.

Sat., July 7<sup>th</sup> - **Jil Dailey & Travis Best Wedding**  
here at 2 p.m.  
All the First Church family is invited!



Sun., July 8<sup>th</sup> - **HERITAGE DAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP**  
**SERVICE ~ HERE! Time to be announced**



Sat., July 21<sup>st</sup> - **YANKEE BUS TRIP**



## June Flowers

3<sup>rd</sup>- Jackie Wogotz in memory of loved ones and in celebration of the church.

10<sup>th</sup> - Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Ritter in loving memory of Rae Lee Foose to commemorate her June 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

17<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day  
Beverly & Edward Lambert in memory of their fathers, George M. Lambert & William B. Leamon.

**Single Arrangement -**  
Carol Ann Stem in memory of her father George S. Stem.

24<sup>th</sup> - Shirley & Sam Krock in memory of loved ones.



If you would like to sponsor altar flowers for one of our Sunday services, please contact **Beverly Lambert** at **610-252-0109**.

## Keep Your "Wee Ones" Entertained!



In the back of the church, you will see a yellow wastebasket containing clipboards. These boards are available to keep children entertained during the sermon. They contain blank paper, pages and games to color, pencils & crayons. These have been given by First Ladies so parents can enjoy the sermon while their children (& grandchildren!) are kept busy.

## First Ladies Picnic Sun., June 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.

The First Ladies will be having a picnic for **all of the First Church Family** on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the home of James & Linda Wright in Nazareth. Please bring a generous dish to share...desserts, salads and appetizers are needed. Meat & soft drinks will be provided. Bring your own wine and beer if desired. We will meet at 4 p.m. and everyone is welcome!



## UCC Prayer Devotional

The UCC offers a daily devotional/prayer book "In Prayer". It is available for \$7 by calling 1-800-537-3394.

## Musical Notes



### Sun., June 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ is Music Appreciation Sunday!

We will celebrate & give thanks for our choirs, musicians & our Music Director, Sheila Cooke, for the musical blessings they share with us each Sunday. **Guest Hand Bell Soloist**, Melinda Gum, from St. John's U.C.C. of Nazareth's Bell Choir will play solo handbells. Please join us for this wonderful music & to celebrate our own First UCC musicians!

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## God Sent Me an Angel

A few weeks ago, I went to my little local post office on Easton Avenue in Bethlehem Township to mail two packages to the Donaldson boys serving in Iraq. They are the sons of Sue Donaldson, one of our new members.

After filling out all the necessary forms in triplicate, I handed over the two boxes, which were then weighed and stamped for shipment. I told the lady behind the counter that they were for two of our servicemen in Iraq, which she acknowledged with a shake of her head, and proceeded to charge the first Ladies \$20 for the two boxes. As I was leaving the post office, a lady was waiting for me in the tiny lobby, and I thought "here it comes, some kind of a sales pitch." I couldn't have been more wrong. The woman was about my age...you know...young! Seriously, she was a decade younger than me, and she walked toward me cautiously, and said, "excuse me, but I couldn't help but overhear that you are sending those packages to servicemen in Iraq. I have a son in Iraq, and there is a much cheaper way to send your packages, which the post office doesn't tell you. In the window areas, there are red, white and blue flat boxes in a rack. They come in two sizes, \$5, and \$8, and no matter how heavy they are, that's all you pay to mail them to servicemen." She then told me that the clerks and postal workers don't volunteer this information most of the time, but she then said, "us military Moms have to stick together!", gave me a hug and walked slowly to her car. I called out my thanks to her and she waved and drove away, but as she left, I realized I had truly been touched by an angel. God bless her, and all other "military Moms" and families, and God be with all our servicemen & women as they serve our country and keep us safe.

*Nancy Amore*

## Supplies for our Soldiers

Two boxes have been sent to Kyle & Eric Donaldson and we are now collecting items for Tommy Parry who was deployed to Iraq in April. These young men are serving our country in Iraq, and need our cards, letters and prayers so please keep them in mind. The box for our troops has been placed in the back of the church, and we are asking for the following items...

hard candy	packaged cookies	crackers
snacks	deodorant	disposable razors
paperback books	small games	game magazines
moisturizers	soap	chapstick with sunscreen
sunscreen with bug repellent		shave cream in tubes.

Please think of these brave men when you shop, and buy an item for them each week to send. They do really appreciate your thoughtfulness.



## In Service to Our Country...

We have several of our members & family members of members who are serving in the military.

**KCPL Donaldson, Kyle, M.**  
**India BTRY 3/14**  
**Unit 43571st Plt.**  
**FPO AP 96426-3575**

**Eric Donaldson**  
**543rd MP Co.**  
**Camp Taji, Iraq**  
**APO AE 09378**

**SPC DAILEY, Joshua J**  
**PO BOX 13386**  
**FORT CARSON, CO**  
**80913**

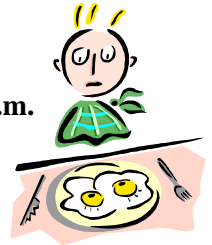
**LCPL Thomas B. Parry**  
**2DAA BN A Co.**  
**Unit 73565**  
**FPO-AE09509-3375**

Please keep these young men & their families in your prayers & drop them a note to let them know they are appreciated & supported.

## A Father's Day Celebration & Bethany Children's Home Collection

Sun., June 17<sup>th</sup>

**The First Ladies Group will be cooking & serving breakfast for all church men & their families at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>,** in the Parlor. All ladies are welcome to come and cook, serve and clean up that morning. Please check the bulletin board in Memorial Hall to sign up to cook, and/or eat on this special day.



**A love offering will be taken at the breakfast to benefit Bethany Children's Home Day. Please give generously.**



## Rummage Sale Thanks ~

Our Annual Spring Rummage Sale was a big success due to the HELPERS!! In each and every capacity, donors, bakers, pricers, sellers, shoppers, etc., etc., etc.

Thanks to all the helping hands who started the week with the un-pizza party and all those who showed up for clean-up. I think this was the fastest clean-up ever!

Totals were:	Rummage	\$ 1658.55
	Bake Sale	328.70
	New Table	242.40
	Kitchen	<u>211.95</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2438.60</b>

## Any Graduates Out There?

Please let us know so we can offer our congratulations for a job well done! Whether you have graduated from high school or college please let us, your Church Family, know. We'd love to share your future plans & offer prayers for your success. Please e-mail or call the church office.



# The Rite of Confirmation

On Pentecost Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the Rite of Confirmation.

**Our Confirmands and Mentors for this year are Julie Ashton (Nancy Amore), Rebecca Heller (Nancy Amore), Melissa Lunger (Barbara Dailey), Tyler Roseberry (Sue Roseberry), and Carl Wandersee (Jerry Strohl).** A beautiful service was held, their banner was displayed (thanks to Brian Lunger) & a reception was held in their honor.

Following are the poems & prayers they wrote to commemorate the occasion & to express their faith.

## *Poem by Julie Ashton*

In one way or another, the Holy Spirit is always with you,  
A counselor, a comforter, there to help you,  
Equal to the Father and the Son.  
Whether in need or not, the Holy Spirit is there.

## *Poem by mentor, Nancy Amore for her confirmands, Julie Ashton & Rebecca Heller*

Holy Spirit, Breath of God,  
Shown in water and fire,  
Be my guide, my comforter friend,  
In times when I desire,  
Forever there, never alone,  
Your hand upon my head,  
Loving you always, feeling you near,  
Freeing me from all dread.

*May you feel the love of God in your heart always,  
Nancy Amore*

## *Poem by Rebecca Heller*

The Holy Spirit is here to stay.  
It comes to us in many ways.  
Smoke and fire, ice and blood,  
With its faith our bodies flood.  
  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
With this love our spirit hosts.  
With its goodness all around,  
We rise above, our hope is found.

## *Faith Poem by Carl Wandersee*

My faith of people isn't abundant,  
Nor is it plentiful.  
My faith of some worldly circumstances is quite shaky,  
And it isn't there at all on rare occasions.  
  
But my faith in God is tall and strong,  
And will never die.  
My church faith is proudly Protestant, Nor will that fall.  
  
My faith is good.  
I love my God.

## *Poem by mentor, Barbara Dailey for Melissa Lunger*

### *You Are Never Alone*

You are never alone.  
Like the wind, He's always there.  
You may not see Him with your eyes, but open your heart and realize.  
Feel His power in your soul.  
Open up and reach out to meet His goal.  
Step by step and prayer by prayer, you will know HE is always there.

# May Greeters, Readers & Ushers

## **June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Music Sunday & Food Bank Sunday**

**Greeters** - Janice & Keith Hilsenbeck

**Ushers** - Janice & Keith Hilsenbeck, Melissa Lunger & Brian Lunger

**Reader** - Mary Ann Barrett  
**Acolyte** - Kelsie Hilsenbeck

## **June 10<sup>th</sup> -**

**Greeters** - Bill & Linda Arnold

**Ushers** - Bill & Linda Arnold and Bob & Doreen Arnold

**Reader** - Dan Redington  
**Acolyte** - Lauren Skillinge

## **June 17<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day**

**Greeters** - Helena Rapp and Al Kuebler

**Ushers** - Agnes Carhart, Carol Stem and Gary & Mae Rapp

**Reader** - David Kmetz  
**Acolyte** - Christian Kmetz

## **June 24<sup>th</sup> -**

**Greeters** - Irene Stotz & Molly Parry

**Ushers** - Irene Stotz, Molly Parry, Beverly Lambert & Janet Caka

**Reader** - Beverly Lambert  
**Acolyte** - Megan McGinley

## June Birthdays

- 2 - Christian Kmetz
- 9 - Evelyn Ritter
- 15 - Raymond Roseberry III  
Melissa Moritz
- 19 - Carol Riffert
- 23 - William Turner
- 25 - Clarence B. Rutt  
Theodore Protyniak
- 26 - William Richebacher
- 28 - Barbara Dailey  
David Wandersee  
Tammy Champagne
- 29 - Barrie Fournier
- 30 - Fred Finken  
Kelsie Hilsenbeck

## June Anniversaries

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1956**

Robert & Elizabeth Goth

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1989**

Richard & Shara Heller

**June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1955**

Robert & Dolores Thomas

**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1995**

Robert & Doreen Arnold

**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1966**

Nancy & Ken Amore

(Confirmation poems continued)

### *Poem by Tyler Roseberry*

When it seems like things are going  
wrong  
And you don't feel very strong  
Just Believe, Trust, and Love God too  
For he is always there with you.

### *Haiku by Melissa Lunger*

Our Lord is mighty  
He was sent from up above  
Always staying by our side  
Our Lord is strong

### *Prayer by Barbara Dailey & Melissa Lunger*

Dear Lord  
Thank You for always being  
there and helping me, when I  
need you most,  
Please forgive me for falling  
short of the goals you and I  
have set for me.  
Help me to always do my best  
and to love others just like you  
do me.  
Please Lord guide me in all I say  
and do.  
Let others know of you and your  
love through me.  
Help me to understand.  
Thank you Lord for loving me.  
Thank you for your protection  
and guidance.  
Thru Jesus Christ your son, we pray.  
Amen

### *Poem by mentor, Jerry Strohl for Carl Wandersee*

Oh dear Lord for them to see, a slight  
reflection of you in me.  
I would have to love them now, as  
only You could vow.  
To do by them what is best you see,  
And not what is going to make them  
like me.

To show them how they can trust in  
you,  
To change in their life what they  
ought to.  
To show them that we all have desires,  
To do what is wrong and light bad  
fires.

To know that we all want to sin,  
But to know that can change if we let  
you in.

So Dear Lord, help me pass along  
The message that through You, we  
can all be strong.

And love one another, when impos-  
sible it seems,  
But through Jesus, it is not just a  
dream.  
So look to the Father, who loves us so  
dear,  
And to the Son who gave his life for  
us here.

And to the Holy Spirit, who will live  
in you,  
And give you compassion so you can  
LOVE too.

*May Christ Richly Bless You,  
Jerry Strohl*

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## June Bulletins

**3<sup>rd</sup>**- Albert Kuebler in loving  
memory of his wife Janice  
and in remembrance of  
their wedding day fifty-  
one years ago on June 2,  
1956.

**10<sup>th</sup>** - Mildred Firth in loving  
memory of her sister,  
Florence Firth.

**17<sup>th</sup>** - The Father's Day  
bulletins are sponsored by  
Ray, Sue, Dan and Tyler  
Roseberry in loving  
memory of Ray's father,  
Raymond T. Roseberry,  
Jr., his grandfather,  
Raymond T. Roseberry,  
and Sue's father, Richard  
McNamee.

**24<sup>th</sup>** - Bev and Ed Lambert in  
loving memory of Bev's  
father, William B. Leamon  
and her brother, William  
C. Leamon.

If you would like to sponsor  
the bulletins for one of our  
services, please contact Doris  
Fowler at **908-859-1765**.

