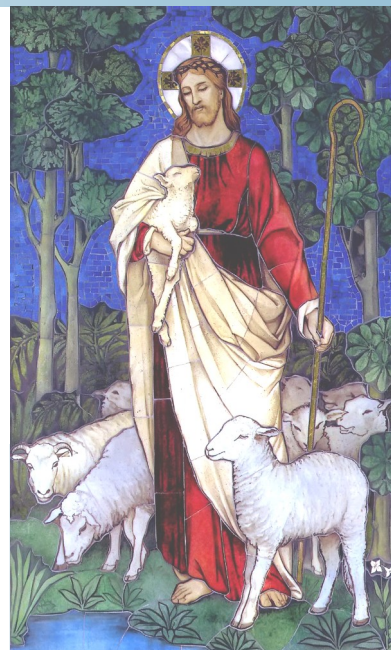


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# News of Bethany



## **Sunday, April 6 at 3 pm** **Chancel Choir Cantata**

The chancel singers present "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a sacred cantata for soloists, chorus, and orchestra by Theodore Dubois. Sunday, April at 3 pm in the sanctuary.

***Mission Statement:**  
Bethany Presbyterian  
Church is a church making  
an impact on the lives of  
all people through the  
love of Jesus Christ.*

## **Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm** **Maundy Thursday**

The Maundy Thursday Service will begin at 7 pm. on April 17. Join us for a time of worship in the sanctuary including Celebration of the Lord's Supper.



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## **Sunday, April 20 at 10 am** **Easter Sunday**

Join us for Worship on Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10 am for our Festival Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord.

# Bethany News & Notes

## Special Dates In April 2025

### Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 13



*Palm*  
SUNDAY

### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17

### Good Friday

Friday, April 18



### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20

### Administrative Professionals Day

Wednesday, April 23



take a  
moment  
to pray for  
someone  
today.

**Willa Pedrick  
Judy Maier  
Polly Snyder  
Michelle Atwater  
Will Campbell**

### Spring Basement Sale:

**Saturday, May 31**



It is time to start collecting for this year's Spring Basement Sales. The women are accepting things for future sales including Christmas items. Contact Pat Rineer with questions or to help: 717.898.8885.



04/01	Susan Piefer	04/23	Hanh Menger
04/02	Frederick Benson	04/26	Lenard Wood
04/18	Jacqueline Huber	04/27	Elaine Bornstein
04/23	Lori Pickell		





## FROM PASTOR KENT'S DESK

The journey to Jerusalem is almost over! It's hard to believe that Easter Sunday is only two weeks away, but the calendar doesn't lie. I believe that as I age the weeks get shorter and that makes me a little nervous! Each day takes on a new meaning. That's why celebrating the Liturgical Year is so important. It gives us the opportunity to focus our thoughts and live-into the works of God in our lives which are nurturing and life-enhancing. We come to realize that it's not always "about us." The others that inhabit our space are just as important as we are and that we are responsible for their well-being too.

Jesus' ministry was focused "outwardly, engaging those who needed his love and nurture. He was on a mission which encompassed the whole of humankind. The problem was that the larger community did not recognize or fully understand who he was. It was only after his Crucifixion and Resurrection that people understood the One he represented. Even those closest to him failed to grasp the full extent of his ministry and mission. They were clueless!

In many ways we are, too. We allow ourselves to be caught up in the world's dramas rather than focus on the word and work of the One who came to save the whole of humankind. We'd rather argue over incidentals than live fully into the life that is going on around us. The "what-if's" outweigh the reality that is.

Sounds simple when I say it! But it takes intentionality to act – to focus on the things which are life-giving/life enhancing. (Not just for us, mind you, but for our neighbors, too!) At the end of the day, we're all in this together. Jesus gave Himself up for the whole world! (Human and more-than-human alike!)

So, let's continue our Journey to Jerusalem, and plan to meet at the Empty Tomb on Easter Sunday morning. It will be empty, but that's what gives me the greatest joy!



Grace & Peace, *Kent*

*Janice Skivington Wood of the angel appearing to the women at the empty tomb.*



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

## From Disaster to Hope

High in the mountains of Nepal, hundreds of remote hill villages dot the landscape in a terrain that is as precarious and vulnerable as the people themselves. People like Dilliram Bhatta. The village of Gorkha, where Dilliram and his family live, has historically had no source of clean drinking water. He and the other villagers regularly walked 45 minutes down the hill to get water for their households and livestock and then carried it back up. Water scarcity became even worse for the village when a massive earthquake hit Nepal in April 2015.

The unprecedented disaster caused catastrophic damage, including the destruction of the village's closest water supply, leaving the families no choice but to travel even farther for water. Their appeals to the local government for a solution to their water crisis proved fruitless.

But Juneli Nepal — a small nonprofit run primarily by women — heard their cries. Under the leadership of its president, Anjila Khadka, the organization works to empower Nepalese communities and individuals by addressing such systemic issues as inadequate infrastructure and lack of access to education, skills training, health-care services, proper hygiene, basic human and women's rights and disaster preparedness.

To address the village of Gorkha's immediate needs, Juneli Nepal worked in collaboration with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and the local government to provide the village with its own water supply. By 2018, 75 households were provided with safe, clean drinking water. The humanitarian mission of Juneli Nepal is made possible, in part, through a grant from PDA, which is in turn supported by Presbyterians' generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Juneli Nepal aligns with PDA's values of compassion, collaboration and empowerment, working alongside communities to rebuild infrastructure, restore livelihoods and strengthen resilience against future disasters. The villagers appealed for the drinking water, and thanks to PDA, Juneli Nepal was "happy and lucky to solve the problem," Anjila said. And because of gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, life for the villagers has steadily begun to improve.

This is a very tangible example of how this Offering enables us to provide support in times of crisis as well as work toward long-term development. Anjila shares an important message with us all when she says, "Giving generously to One Great Hour of Sharing is a way to live out the Christian values of compassion and service. It reflects the call to love and support our neighbors, both locally and globally, without any discrimination, in line with Jesus' teachings." Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we extend God's love to the most vulnerable. Please give what you can — because when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



## April 6, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. - Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Message: "An Intimate Setting"

Scripture: John 12:1-8      Preaching: Rev. Holmes

## April 13, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. - Palm/Passion Sunday

Procession of the Palms

& Reading of the Passion Narrative

## April 17, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. - Maundy/Holy Thursday

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes

## April 20, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday

The Message: "A Private Affair"

Scripture: John 20:1-18 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

## April 27, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. - Second Sunday of Easter

The Message: "Behind Closed Doors"

Scripture: John 20:19-31      Preaching: Rev. Holmes



	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
<b>Greeter &amp; Fellowship</b>	Eckman Family	Elaine Bornstein	Eckman Family	Pat Rineer
<b>Ushers</b>	Eckman Family	Cam Baker & Emily Nicola	Eckman Family	Doug & Maureen Smith



# April 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>6</b> 10:00 A.M. Worship 3:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Cantata 11:30 A.M. Resurrection	 <b>7</b> 6:30 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall	<b>1</b> 7:00 P.M. Troop Committee Mtg.	<b>2</b> 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall	<b>3</b> 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall	<b>4</b> 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor	<b>5</b>
<b>13 Palm Sunday</b> 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection	<b>14</b> 6:30 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall 6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall	<b>17 Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 P.M. Worship Service	<b>18 Good Friday</b> 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor	<b>19</b> 7:00 P.M. White Deer Run Westminster Hall
<b>20 Easter Sunday</b> 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall	<b>24</b> 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall	<b>25</b> 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection	<b>28</b> 6:30 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall Sub Sale Pick Up	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00 A.M. The Wired Word 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall			