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News of Bethany

Troop 4 at Summer Camp at Camp Bashore in June 2025

We had a great week at summer camp this year!! A big thank you to the Women of Bethany, and especially Pat Rineer, for their generous donation to our Scouts, which helped contribute to the \$470 fee for a week at summer camp this year. The Women's contribution was a huge help, as many of our Scouts would have had more of a struggle sending their Scout to camp.

Thank you, Bethany Church, for your sponsorship of Troop 4 and Pack 4. A big thank you to Bob Waldeck, who serves as Bethany's chartered organization representative to the pack and the troop.



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

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Bethany News & Notes

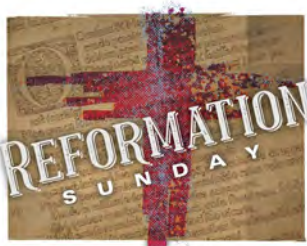


Special Dates In October 2025

**World
Communion
Sunday**
Sunday, October 5



**Reformation
Sunday**
Sunday, October 26



**Reformation Day
& Halloween**
Friday, October 31



Fall Basement Sale
Saturday, October 18
8 am-12 pm

The Women's Association have been diligently working to make this a great sale. Household goods and collectibles will all be reasonably priced. Please bring any items to the church for sale ASAP. The women also requesting homemade baked goods and help setting up for and cleaning up after the day of the sale. Please get in touch with Pat Rineer if you would like to help.



From Pastor Kent's Desk—Which is in the Pastor's Study



Erin and I are heading out to New Mexico and Colorado for a couple of weeks. We'll spend time at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, and ride the Toltec and Cumbres Narrow Gauge RR over the pass to Antonito, CO, and back. We want to spend some time in Santa Fe, as well. (One of my favorite cities in the U.S.!) We're stopping at Mesa Verde for a couple of days and then traveling up to Boulder, CO, where my cousin lives. This is a beautiful time of year in the mountains when the Aspen trees are turning color! (It looks like they're covered with a "crazy-quilt!") We're taking Amtrak (Santa Fe RR) out and then flying back from Denver. It should be a fun trip!

It'll be the middle of October by the time we return - time to begin thinking about our Advent/Christmas programming here at Bethany. It is also Stewardship Season, as well. Time to plan our Annual Budget for the year 2026! (I can't believe how fast the years go by! The older one gets, the faster they go, it seems! That I'm now 79 is unbelievable! But the calendar doesn't lie!)

As I've said before, the orderly flow of the Church Year is very comforting for me. It gives us a structure that belies the hectic nature of the world around us. We live in an unsettled time, one that seems to be in constant turmoil, especially lately. It's not always easy to preach into such a "season of upheaval." "Hope" can sometimes be erased by "despair."

But we know we worship a God who is a God of hope and not despair. Oftentimes, it is our own egos that get in our way. We think we can "fix things" by ourselves without having to rely on God. We're only kidding ourselves when we do. God both creates and sustains, which is good news for us! God sent God's Son to walk with us in all the seasons of our lives. And for that, we can but give thanks and praise to our Creator God! So, live into life fully! Celebrate every moment of it. It is a gift that keeps on giving throughout all our days!



Grace & Peace, *Kent*



A Matter of Survival

For the Rev. Dr. Angela Johnson, there came a moment when enough was enough. As the pastor of Louisville's Grace Hope Presbyterian Church in a historically African American neighborhood since Civil War times, she can still vividly remember a time when as many as four people in the congregation were affected by gun violence over the course of just one week.

Rev. Johnson's search for any tangible act of resistance that the 42-member congregation could muster led her to connect with Guns to Gardens Louisville.

The nonprofit Guns to Gardens' takes unwanted or decommissioned firearms and transforms them into something constructive and useful, like garden tools, art or jewelry. The program nurtures peace and growth instead of violence. It has drawn volunteers from Presbyterian, Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal and Methodist churches; a Unitarian Universalist congregation; and two synagogues. The group began some five years ago in an intergenerational Sunday school class at Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church.

Like many congregations who participate in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, Crescent Hill is committed to the work of peacemaking at all levels of church and society. The annual Offering is traditionally received on World Communion Sunday. Peace & Global Witness is unique in that half of the Offering is directed to efforts at the national church level for peacemaking and global witness work around the world, while 25% is retained by congregations for local peace and reconciliation work, and 25% goes to presbyteries for similar ministries on the regional level.

For Ruling Elder Eva Stimson, who currently serves both on Crescent Hill's Session and the Guns to Gardens Louisville board, the gun violence issue resonated with her most powerfully following the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012.

She said, "I knew this was an issue that we, as Christians, needed to get involved in. We're not trying to take guns away from people. It's just really hard to get rid of guns, and people who have children around don't want to have weapons in the house. Suicide is another big issue we can address by getting guns out of the home. That's what we're going for."

The work isn't easy, but Eva wants us all to remember that we are the Church, together. And together we can support peacemaking at the national, presbytery and congregational levels through the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Please give what you can to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. For when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

October 5, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

Preaching: Rev. Sarah Kneier
Celebration of The Lord's Supper

October 12, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Betty Angelini

October 19, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Here Comes the Judge" Luke 18:1-8

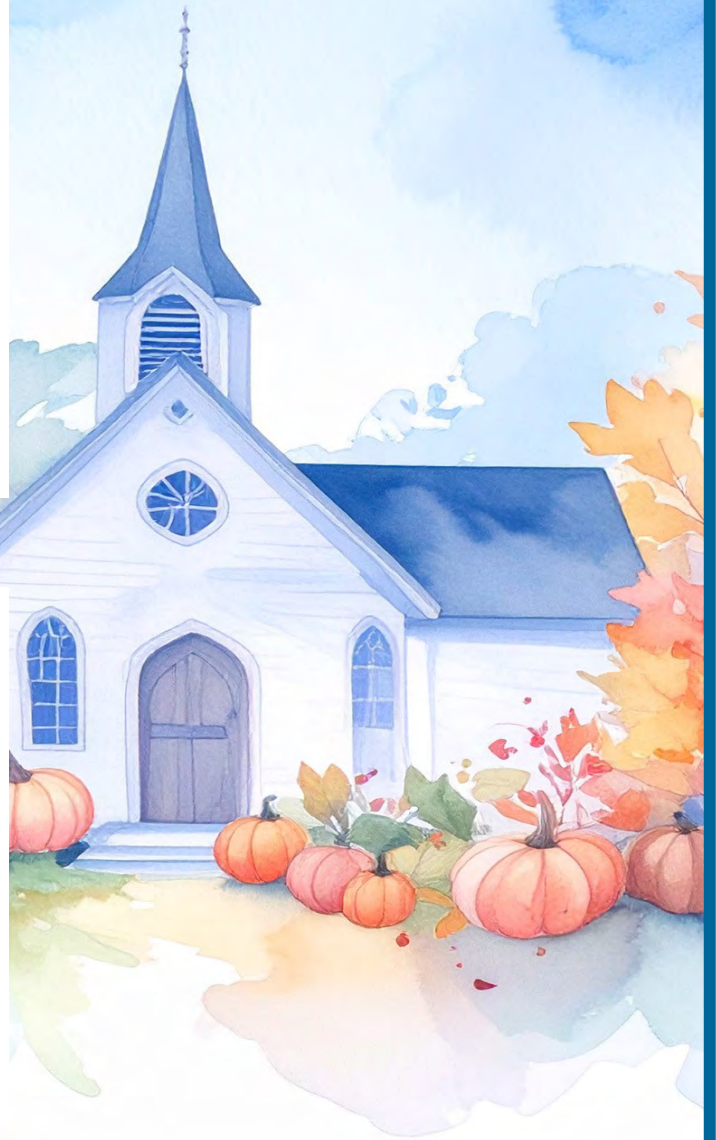
Preaching: Rev. Holmes

October 26, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

"A Humbling Experience" Luke 18:9-14

Preaching: Rev. Holmes



	October	October 12	October 19	October 26
Greeter & Fellowship	Jean Schwartz	Sylvia Doyle	Linda Eckman	Elaine Bornstein
Ushers	Pat Rineer Sylvia Doyle	Joyce Richards Diane Ashba	Fred & Sue Fetterman	Doug & Maurine Smith

October 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			October 1 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall	October 2 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall	October 3 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor	October 4
October 5 World Communion Sunday 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection	October 6 6:30 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall	October 7 7:00 P.M. Troop Committee Mtg.	October 8 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall	October 9 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall	October 10 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor	October 11
October 12 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection	October 13 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall	October 14	October 15 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall	October 16 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall	October 17 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor	October 18 8:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. Basement Sale 7:00 P.M. White Deer Run Westminster Hall
October 19 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection	October 20 6:30 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall	October 21	October 22 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall	October 23 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall	October 24 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor	October 25
October 26 Reformation Sunday 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection	October 27 6:30 P.M. Cub Scouts Westminster Hall 6:45 P.M. Boy Scouts Donegal Hall	October 28	October 29 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Donegal Hall	October 30 7:00 P.M. Sense of Direction Westminster Hall	October 31 Reformation Day & Halloween 7:00 P.M. AA Donegal Hall 8:00 P.M. Al Anon Parlor	