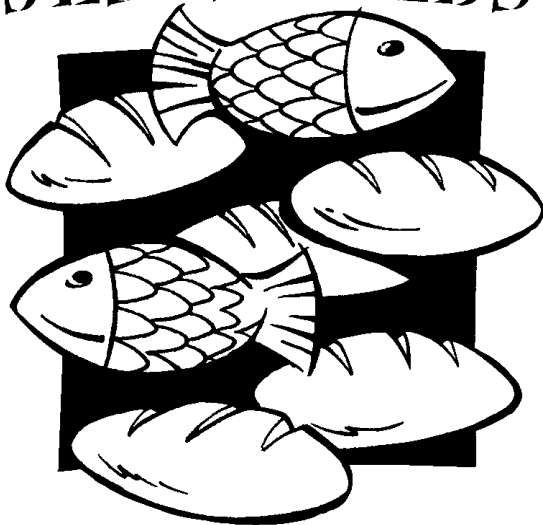


Bethlehem United Church of Christ

JESUS FEEDS



5,000

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Worship Leader:

Rev. Rebecca A. Johnston

Ministers: All the People

Organist: Kathy Bowe

We hope that you find a warm welcome at Bethlehem United Church of Christ and will worship with us again soon.

Mission Statement

We are a caring community of Christians living our faith through worship, study and service to others!

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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Sunday School - 8:00 a.m. (Sept. – May)

Worship time is 9:30 a.m.

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Please use the email address below to submit information, photos, etc. for the church website:

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Welcome to Bethlehem United Church of Christ! We trust that you will know God's presence here in worship. If you are visiting for the first time, please sign our guest registry outside the sanctuary doors.

A special note to families with young children:

We have a long tradition at Bethlehem of including children in worship, but we know sometimes their attention spans are not as long as ours. Children under about 6 years old are welcome to borrow a "Bethlehem Bag" from the main doors of the sanctuary, along with books or soft toys from the library, to help occupy them. If necessary, please feel free to accompany your child to the library during the service – you will be able to hear and observe the service from there.

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

*PLEASE STAND if you are able, where noted by an asterisk.

Please sign and pass the pew pads during worship. This will help us recognize those who might be visiting. There is one for each row. No need to pass across the aisles.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CHORAL TO WORSHIP #549 "As We Gather"

**AS WE GATHER MAY YOUR SPIRIT WORK WITHIN US
AS WE GATHER MAY WE GLORIFY YOUR NAME
KNOWING WELL THAT AS OUR HEARTS BEGIN TO WORSHIP
WE'LL BE BLEST BECAUSE WE CAME, WE'LL BE BLEST BECAUSE WE CAME**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We join together as hungry eaters
to be nourished by the food that you offer us.

Many: God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.

As you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread
and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine,
tend to our bodies by feeding us what we need for healthy growth.
God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.

The rich crops that you have prepared are now ready
to be harvested by our hands and our hearts.
Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

*INVOCATION

Feed us, O God, in this time we spend together, with bread that is eternal. Unite us in a faithful response to your saving activity through Jesus Christ. Open us now to hear and experience, deep within, the word you intend for each one of us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #41 "To God Be the Glory"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD,

“They shall eat and have some left.” ’ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

John 6: 1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?’ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’ Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

SERMON

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #531 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father 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.

RESPONSE

“Masithi”

Amen, we praise your name O God. Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Amen, amen, amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name or God.

OFFERTORY (Jingle Change goes to Bethlehem Ladies “Christmas in July)

++If using a pew envelope, please put your name on it so we can include it on your statement for tax purposes.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #282

“Give Thanks”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of wonders, who enabled Jesus and Elisha to feed the multitudes,
bless these gifts and use them to fill empty stomachs and empty hearts.
May our offerings be multiplied to abundantly nourish all the people.**

*HYMN #283

“Now Thank we All our God”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(Info. for next Sunday’s bulletin is due to Randy/Melissa Koppenhaver by Tuesday night. randynmel5@gmail.com or 286-2531.)*

- If you or a loved one is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please make sure to contact Rev. Johnston or Randy. We cannot always rely upon the hospitals to contact us. Thanks.

Bethlehem’s Annual Garage Sale & Bake Sale

Volunteers needed:

Set Up: Wednesday, August 8th starting at 4 pm.

Sell: Fri. August 10th starting at 8 am through 4 pm

Sell: Sat. August 11th starting at 8 am through noon

Clean Up: Saturday, August 11th starting at noon.

This year’s garage sale will be at the Brickbauer home as it has been in the past.

Donate - If you have household items, clothing, toys, seasonal decorations, etc which you can no longer use, consider donating these for the garage sale. Items can be dropped off at the Brickbauer’s during the week. If you do not a place to store such items until August, please contact a member of the Merry Christians so that we can make arrangements.

Bake – Plan to bake some items for the bake sale table that weekend.

Sign up sheets for work times are available at the church. Times are flexible. Every half hour can make a difference in sharing the workload.

Community Announcements:

*(Please check the bulletin board for more details. **Community events are published in our bulletin as space and time permits.** For best results, email or call the bulletin secretary)*

None at this time

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 7/29: 8:15 Adult Study; 9:30am Worship; 12:00pm Youth Volleyball Tournament @ BUCC; *Happy Birthday Allyson Jeanty, Mandy Voland, and Kendra Muehlbauer*

Monday 7/30:

Tuesday 7/31:

Wednesday 8/1: *Happy Anniversary DuWayne & Marcia Ninmer!*

Thursday 8/2:

Friday 8/3: *Happy Birthday Logan Tesch and Jaden Witkowski!*

Saturday 8/4: *Happy Birthday Lillie Brockway, Renee Freund and Amanda Lieffring!*

Sunday 8/5: 8:15 Adult Study; 9:30am Worship w/ Communion; *Happy Birthday Donna Truttman!*

Pantry item: Jar of Peanut Butter or Jelly