

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

"...she... put in
everything -
all she had..."

Mark 12:44



Sunday, November 11, 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

11608 Lax Chapel Road - Kiel, WI 53042

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

Worship time is 9:30 a.m.

Office hours Tuesdays 9a-12p, Wednesdays 9a-3p

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2018 Consistory:

Elder /President: Bob Radder

Elder: Traci Rabe

Elder : Jennifer Friend

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Deacon/Secretary : Natasha Verhulst

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Treasurer : Rick Rabe

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.

Twenty-Fifth 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/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
(Acolytes Trevor Muehlbauer and Dylan Jeanty)

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

Leader: Unless our GOD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. (*Psalm 127*)

**People: We have come into this house, built by the Holy One,
to worship the God of Creation.**

Leader: Unless our GOD watches over the city, those who watch stand guard in vain.

**People: We have come to listen to the stories of people
who throughout the generations have shown us the way
by their trust in the promises of God,
who is always watching over us.**

Leader: The widow who gives her last coin and
Naomi and Ruth who are lifelong companions for each other
remind us of the risks we are free to take
with confidence that God will take care of us
through times of plenty and times of want,
all along our journey through life.

**ALL: So let us celebrate this gathering which can bind us together.
Give thanks that we are no longer strangers with God's people
here or throughout the nations.**

*INVOCATION

**Ever living God, instill in us, we pray,
the trust and self-giving that your Word imparts to us.
Teach us again during this time together
that you are always with us.**

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**Remind us that all that we have is a gift from you
and is meant to be shared.
The Holy Spirit calls and empowers us
to live beyond our own desires.
So, send your Holy Spirit, we pray,
that we might be overcome
with its liberating courage and sustenance. Amen**

*OPENING HYMN: #444 "The Wise May Bring Their Learning"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.' She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.'

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

*HYMN #438

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

A LITURGY FOR VETERANS

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties.
For all the wonder of our country's story:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

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 The Christmas Fund)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #282

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (Sing verse twice)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
 Let the poor say, "I am rich
 Because of what the Lord has done for us" (Sing verse twice)
 Give thanks, Give thanks

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We lift up these offerings as a sign of our gratitude for your love and care, O God. We pledge ourselves, time, talent, and treasure. We pray that we may follow in the spirit of the poor woman who gave her all without hesitation. We dedicate our lives to you and seek to grow in our faithfulness to your Word. Amen.

*HYMN #439 "If Our God Had Only Called Us"

BENEDICTION...POSTLUDE

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

- *MISSION TRIP 2019- Henderson, Kentucky. July 14-20, 2019 \$50. Non-refundable reservation fee due January 15. Make check out to Bethlehem Missions and give to Rev. Becky.*
- *Join us for Coffee Hour **TODAY** sponsored by Mission Committee. We will be selling Seroogys chocolate to raise funds for our mission trip!*
- **A PARADE!!** Bethlehem United Church of Christ has entered into the 2018 Kiel Annual Christmas Parade sponsored by the Kiel Riverwalk District and Drexel Building Supply! The date is set for November 24th at 6:30pm!
 While our plans are still materializing, our mission/intent is to not only show Kiel who we are but also to bring our Blue Christmas service to the attention of the community. We will festively decorate the church model and pull it behind a four-wheeler while playing Christmas music and handing out BUCC specific flyers and/or Blue Christmas service flyers.
 If you have ideas or lessons learned to share, or would like to participate in any part of this event, please contact Steve Deignan at 645.7711. We only have 19 days to put this together!
- *The Bethlehem Ladies are sending Christmas cards to all college students and those who are actively serving in the military. Please give names to Heidi Konen or one of the pastors. We don't want to miss anyone!*
- *The Bethlehem Ladies are taking orders for Poinsettias. They are \$8.50 each and the colors available are red, white and pink. The last Sunday to order Poinsettias is December 2nd. The Poinsettias can be taken home on Christmas Day after worship service. The sign up is on the table in the fellowship hall. Cash or checks to "Bethlehem Ladies" can be given to Polly Jeanty or Jeanette Wriedt. Thank you!!!*

- If you or a loved one is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please make sure to contact Rev. Johnston or Randy.
- **Wood for Sale** - The building and grounds committee cut down a tree at the parsonage. The wood next to the old garage is for sale with the proceeds going to the Bldg Repair Fund. See Louie Bowe for more details.

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)*

- Heartland Hospice Services are looking for folks to visit some of their patients in our area. Training is provided. If you would like more information check the bulletin board.

The Bethlehem Blurb email comes out each Thursday. If you signed up and you are not receiving it, please check your "junk" mail or "spam" folder. If you'd like to receive it, you may sign up on our webpage:
www.bethlehemkiel.org



**WE
HONOR
OUR VETERANS**

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 11/11: 8am Sunday School; 8:15a Adult Study; 9:30am Worship; Youth Fellowship following worship; *Happy Birthday Tom Schnell!*
Happy Anniversary Arlyn & Donna Truttman-Retlich

Monday 11/12:

Tuesday 11/13: 6:30pm Consistory;

Wednesday 11/14: 6pm Confirmation; 6:30pm Choir;

Thursday 11/15: *Happy Birthday Julie Meyer!*

Friday 11/16:

Saturday 11/17: 9-9:30am Wreath pick up;
Happy Birthday Darlean Rumpff!

Sunday 11/18: 8am Sunday School; 8:15a Adult Study; 8:30am Bethlehem Ladies; 9:30am Worship; *Happy Anniversary Pat & Bonnie Hoban!*

Pantry item: Box of Cake Mix or Frosting