

BETHANY MEMORIAL CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

September 20, 2026 10:45 am

*Here in Bethany, where paths cross and journeys begin,
we rejoice in God's love and grace and
our belief in Jesus Christ.*

BMC Vision Statement

Prelude

Michael Mihalyo

Welcome

Debra Hull

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD; call on their name; make known their deeds among the peoples.

All: We sing to the Lord, sing praises! Tell of all their wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in their holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

All: We remember the wonderful works the Lord has done, miracles, judgments, and mercy.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #718

"Come Ye Thankful People Come"

*INVOCATION

Debra Hull

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father/Mother 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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Debra Hull

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

All exchange words and signs of God's peace.

THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

SCRIPTURE

Debra Hull

Matthew 20:1-16

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Erin James-Brown

SPECIAL MUSIC

Michael Mihalyo

SERMON

Erin James-Brown

"You Have Made Them Equal"

HYMN OF DEDICATION #688 (vs. 1 and 4)

"When in Awe of God's Creation"

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Debra Hull

*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERING PRAYER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #429

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

COMMUNION INVITATION

Helen Moren

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Erin James-Brown

FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION

Please partake of the bread and cup – one in the Spirit.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Erin James-Brown

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN #714**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

BENEDICTION

Erin James-Brown

POSTLUDE

Michael Mihalyo

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Minister

Erin James-Brown

Liturgist

Debra Hull

Elder

Helen Moren

Greeter

Brenda Hart

Music

Michael Mihalyo

Special Music

Michael Mihalyo

AV/Tech

Connie McVicar/Ava Skolnik

Contact Erin at ejamesbrown@bethanywv.edu

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Online Giving. If you'd like to give online, you can use the QR code in your bulletin or visit PayPal.com. Thanks for your generous spirit in making worship to our God possible!



Halloween Parade. The town of Bethany transforms into a Halloween paradise for families on October 31. Games begin in the town square at 5 PM, parade at 5:45 PM and trick or treating starts at 6 PM. Wanna help? Come set up the square at 4 PM or pass out candy at the truck or treat. Email Erin ejamesbrown@bethanywv.edu.

Fall Learning Series. It is clear that human-caused climate change is reshaping our planet. But what can we do about it? Can the God who created the universe help us build a sustainable planet? The answer is "Yes!" and find out how in our Fall Learning Series reading *Climate Wayfinding: Healing Ourselves and the Planet We Call Home* by Katharine Wilkinson. Starts Monday, October 26 on Zoom.

House of Hagar Donations. House of Hagar is an intentional living community in Wheeling, serving with and among marginalized people, helping them achieve and maintain sobriety, find work, and secure housing. They are in particular need of the following items. Do you have some of these? Please drop them off at the church.

- Women's Underwear (small and medium)
- Men's Boxer Briefs (small, medium, and large.)
- Men's and Women's ankle socks
- Backpacks (new and gently used)

- Travel-size toiletries (ie toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash/soap)
- Combs
- Men's and Women's shoes (new and gently used)

Santa's Workshop. Mark your calendars now! Santa's Workshop, with our partners First Christian Church Wilkinsburg, will be **Saturday, December 12, from 12-4 PM.**

Handbell Choir and Choral Rehearsals. BMC starts a handbell choir and choral music. Join Michael Mihalyo for rehearsals on Wednesdays at the church. Contact Michael at

Pastoral Relations Committee. The pastoral relations committee acts as a mediator between the congregation and the pastor. If you have a concern or an idea, please speak to one of our lovely committee members who will maintain your confidence and relay your questions to Erin. Committee members and contacts include Deb Hull (dhull51@gmail.com).

PRAYER LIST

The men, women, and children of the Middle East
The men, women, and children of Ukraine

Ellyn and Bruce Plackowski (sister & brother-in-law of Debra Hull)
Paul Garey (father of Beverly Chambers)
Family of Becky Ayers
David (friend of Bob and Colleen)
Sam Hubbard
The family of Jackie Andrews
Yie (friend of Bob Brosh)
John Cole
Penny Tittle & Jan Forsty
Kerry Shaulis
Natalie Brosh Trahan (daughter of Bob & Kathy)
Boston Miller (grandson of Laura Cramblet)
Cathy Chambers
Jean Schwertzfeger
Karol Purkarich (sister of Helen Moren & Karen Bracey)
Sharley Hillgardner (sister of Holly Hillgardner)
Frank (friend of Paul James)
Kelly (friend of Brenda Hart)
Shaymaa Kullab and Family
John Burns
Jeanne Cobb
Eldon Beery (father of Debra Hull)
Darlene Eddy (mother of Wes Eddy)
Nancy and John Pietrangelo (family of Penny Tittle)
Hilary Miller
Vonnie Larson
Mary Wilson