

**BETHANY MEMORIAL CHURCH**

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**June 1, 2025 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**

Kathy Baker-Brosh

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

L: Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's salvation from day to day.

**All: We will declare God's glory among the nations,**

L: Tell of the Creator's marvelous works among all peoples.

**All: For great is our God, and greatly to be praised.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #570** (all verses)

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

**\*INVOCATION**

Kathy Baker-Brosh

**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**

Kathy Baker-Brosh

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**

*Acts 1:1-11*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Erin James-Brown

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Michael Mihalyo

**SERMON**

Rev. Erin James-Brown

*"You Will Receive Power"*

**HYMN OF DEDICATION #619** (vs 1,2&3)

*"My Life Flows On"*

**WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Kathy Baker-Brosh

**\*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 #393** (vs 1&2)

*"One Bread, One Body"*

**COMMUNION INVITATION**

Helen Moren

**THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Rev. Erin James-Brown

**FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION**

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

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Rev. Erin James-Brown

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #99** (all verses)

*"O, How I Love Jesus"*

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Erin Brown-James

**POSTLUDE**

Michael Mihalyo

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

Minister	Rev. Erin James-Brown
Liturgist	Kathy Baker-Brosh
Elder	Helen Moren
Greeter	Penny Tittle
Music	Michael Mihalyo
Special Music	Michael Mihalyo
Videographer	Connie McVicar/Helen Moren

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## PRAYER LIST

Nancy and John Pietrangelo (family of Penny Tittle)  
Tom (brother of Gerard NeCastro)  
Bob and Sandy (friends of Vicki NeCastro)  
Alan Clifford (brother-in-law of Connie McVicar)  
Hilary Miller  
Vonnie Larson  
Tammy Ritchea  
Mary Wilson  
Pastor Janet Hellner-Burris (co-Pastor of Wilkinsburg Christian Church)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Offering.** You may place your offering in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary, either upon entering the sanctuary or at the end of the service. You may also give online by clicking the "Donate" button at [www.bmcwv.org](http://www.bmcwv.org) or mail it in. Or use the QR code to the right.



**Pentecost Service.** We will partner with our siblings of faith from Beech Bottom for a joint service at the Old Meeting House on **Sunday, June 8** at **11 AM**. This will be the celebration of Pentecost, a day commemorating the coming of the Holy Spirit. Wear red to represent the fire and power of God's presence in our midst. Bring a dish to share at the potluck after at Bethany Park.

**Pride on the Plaza.** We will be in Wheeling to tell folks God is proud of them and share information about Bethany Memorial Church. Sign up to host at our church's table for 2 hour shifts on **June 14** between **2 PM - 9ish PM**. Contact Erin ([ejamesbrown@bethanywv.edu](mailto:ejamesbrown@bethanywv.edu)) if you are interested in volunteering.

**Summer Learning Series: White Christian Nationalism.** Why stand up against Christian Nationalism and extremism? How do we do this? Join us for a three-part series on White Christian Nationalism and how to actively work against hateful ideology. **DATE CHANGES! June 22, June 29, and July 6** at **1:30 PM (EST)** on Zoom. Link forthcoming.

**Online Membership Class.** Membership simply means you prioritize the church in your life and we prioritize you in ours. Does that sound good? We invite all people, especially those who join us regularly online, to consider checking out our upcoming membership class on Zoom. First class begins **Sunday, August 3** at **2 PM** EST. Zoom link forthcoming.

**Blessings to Vicki and Gerard.** Come prepared to bless them at a lunch to send them on their way scheduled **Sunday, September 14** after worship.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Save the Date: Miracle Day.** Bethany Memorial Church and First Christian Church of Huntsville, TX, are collaborating to restore the Campbell Mansion. Save the date for a work day on **September 20, 2025.**

**Office hours.** We created a sign-up sheet for folks interested in serving office hours. Are you available? Contact Erin if you'd like to volunteer to work office hours.

**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](mailto:dhull51@gmail.com)) and Vicki NeCastro ([vicki.necastro@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.necastro@gmail.com)).

**Weekly Bible Study.** Join us on **Tuesdays** at **6:30 PM.** Contact Connie McVicar ([conniemcvicar27@gmail.com](mailto:conniemcvicar27@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link.

**Church Board Meeting.** Church board meetings break for the summer. The next board meeting occurs on **Monday, September 8** on Zoom. The link can be found in the weekly church email. The meeting is open to all church members.

**Calling all Blanketeers.** Bethany crafters are partnering with the Linus Project to provide a sense of security and comfort to children who are seriously ill or otherwise in need. Please see the website for instructions and patterns (quilts, knit, crochet, no sew fleece) at [projectlinus.org](http://projectlinus.org). Drop off completed blankets at the church during business hours (M, Th, Fri 9 AM - 12 PM). Contact Debra Hull at [dhull51@gmail.com](mailto:dhull51@gmail.com) with questions.

## PRAYER LIST

The men, women, and children of Israel and Palestine  
The men, women, and children of Ukraine

Bonnie Goddin  
Abrego Garcia & Andry Hernandez Romero  
Helen Moren  
Sydma Hatzopoulos  
Kerry Shaulis  
Caroline Boettcher (niece of Helen Moren & Karen Bracey)  
Beverly Craft  
Jean Schwertzfeger  
Peanut VanHorn  
John Cole  
Karol Purkarich (sister of Helen Moren & Karen Bracey)  
Cathy Chambers  
Sharley Hillgardner (sister of Holly Hillgardner)  
Pam Clifford (sister of Connie McVicar)  
Frank (friend of Paul James)  
Kelly (friend of Brenda Hart)  
Kathleen Godina  
Shaymaa Kullab and Family  
Beverly Chambers  
Penny Tittle and Jan Forsty  
John Burns  
Norma Schoene  
Teddy Hatzopoulos (brother of Sydma Hatzopoulos)  
Becky Ayers and Family  
Jennifer (niece of Gerard NeCastro)  
Jeanne Cobb  
Eldon Beery (father of Debra Hull)  
Madeline Wilson  
Darlene Eddy (mother of Wes Eddy)  
Larissa and Hannah Holland (friends of Vicki NeCastro)  
Christina (sister of Gerard NeCastro)