

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Animal in Decoration by Maurice Pillard Verneuil

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

-Matthew 6:19-20

July 31, 2022

Prelude

F. Couperin

Plein Jeu, Fugue for Trompette from Mass for the Convents

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship from Psalm 107

Leader: O give thanks to God, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: We were hungry and thirsty. Our souls fainted within us. We wandered in desert wastes.

Leader: Then God satisfied the thirsty and filled the hungry with good things.

People: Let us be wise and give heed to these things. Let us consider the steadfast love of God.

*Opening Hymn 339

Be Thou My Vision

Confession

Call to Confession

God of grace, Jesus came so that we might have abundant life. But too often, we grasp for things that do not satisfy us. We strive for accolades, instead of seeking contentment. We grasp for power, instead of practicing peace. We work harder for more, and do not stop to rest. We become greedy and hoard things we do not need. Forgive us and teach us gratitude for all the beauty and abundance that surrounds us.

(Silent confession)

Pardon

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Time with the Children

During the summer months, we do not have Sunday Spirit. Childcare is still provided. Children are always invited to stay and participate in the service.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.'

But Jesus said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Sermon

***Prayer of Dedication and the 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.

Offering

Minute for Mission

Rewarding Potential Scholarship

Organ Voluntary

Recit

F. Couperin

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 332

Live Into Hope

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

'Postlude'

Louis Vierne








**Please stand, if you are able.*

Announcements



1st Week **JULY 31- AUG 6, 2022** 8th Month

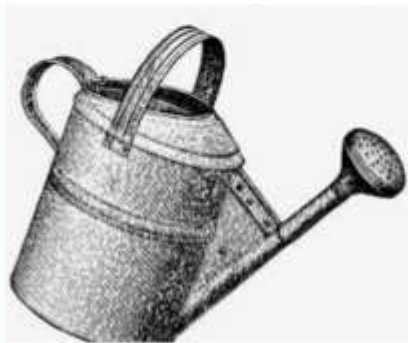
Weather: Bedford, NY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						
Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 87F.	Partly cloudy skies in the morning and cloudy skies in the afternoon. High 87F.	Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 89F.	Partly cloudy. High 88F.	Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms. High 88F.	Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 91F.	Partly cloudy skies early. Scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. High 93F.

SPIRITUAL LESSON... July 31 is the Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola for the Roman Catholic Church. St. Ignatius founded the Jesuit order to help others and seek God in all things. Some of his most famous quotes are:

- "Go forth and set the world on fire."
- "Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God."
- "Love is shown more in deeds than words."

PRACTICE... These quotes convey a certain call to participate in God's justice in our daily lives. How can you help enact God's justice in the world this week?



THIS WEEK AT NATIVITY FARM... While Westchester County is not considered to be under drought conditions at this time, the conditions are abnormally dry. Given that we just planted our all seeds, watering is the most important thing we can do for Nativity Farm at this time.

NATIVITY FARMERS' ALMANAC

A decorative poster for 'Summer Sundays' featuring a central green shield with white and orange text, surrounded by a yellow background with a floral border of red, green, and blue leaves and flowers.

SUMMER SUNDAYS

AUGUST 7 - SACRED ART
SUNDAY

28- SERVICE SUNDAY

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

RETURNS AUGUST 7TH

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP EVERY WEEK FOR
LEMONADE IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH.

rewarding
potential
COLLEGE WITHIN REACH

Celebrating 2022

High School & College Graduates

Wednesday, August 3rd - 7:00 pm

The reception will be held in the Hughart Courtyard and all BPC members and friends are invited to attend. RPS is grateful for the support of the Bedford Presbyterian Church that allows us to continue awarding scholarships to these deserving students.

For more information about RPS, please visit our website:

<https://rewardingpotentialscholarship.org/>

Thank you!

STAFF STRATEGY LISTENING SESSIONS

As the session continues their visioning and long-term planning, they want to hear from you about the structure of our staffing. Please join us on Wednesday, August 17th at 7 pm at the church. If that date or time does not work for you, Brian, Jeanne, or Carol would welcome setting up a conversation with you.

Yoga

Every Monday in Fellowship Hall

9 - 10 am ~ \$20 per class

Please email bobbestultz@gmail.com for information.

Nativity Farm



We have a variety of tasks for Nativity Farmers of all abilities to help with during the summer months. Shifts will take place:

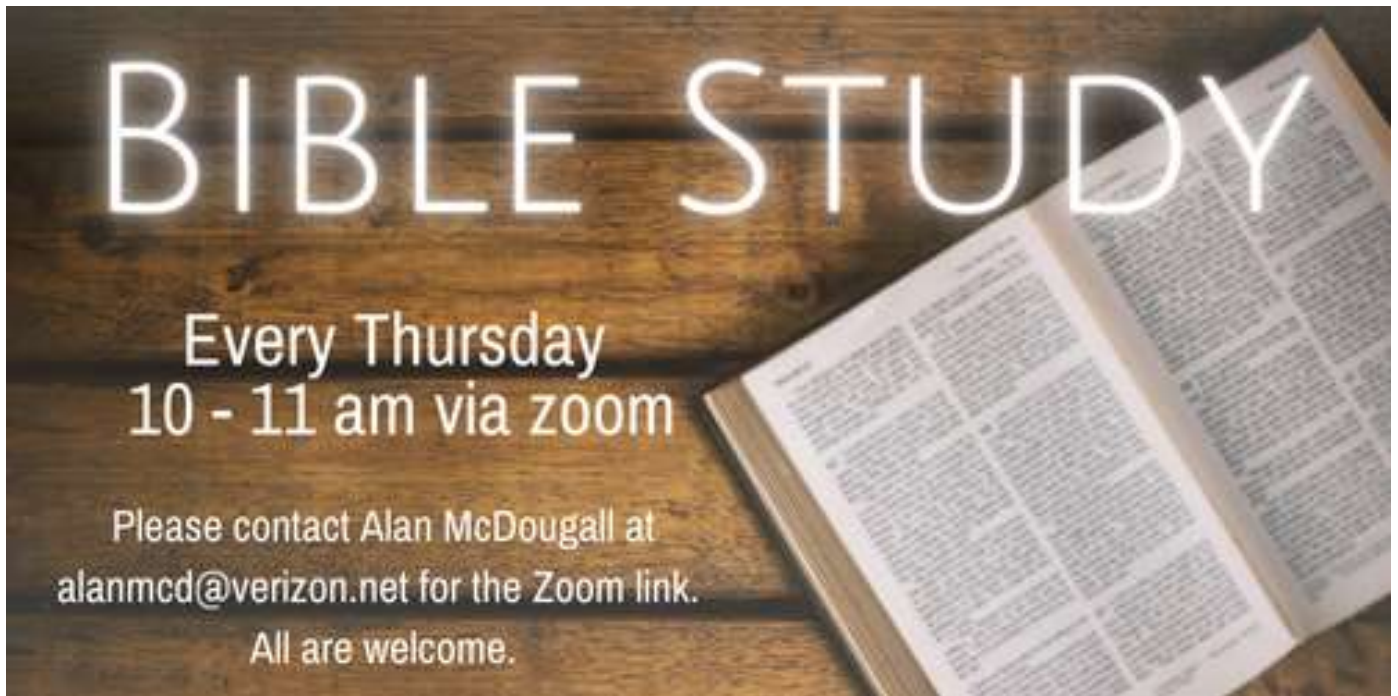
- Sundays from 1-3 pm
- Thursdays from 4-6 pm

Nativity Farm is also looking for the following gardening materials (new/used):

- Gardening gloves (children's and adult sizes)
- Shovels
- Spades
- Trowels
- Composting bins
- Hand-forks or claws
- Hoe
- Hand pruners
- Wheel barrows

Items can be dropped off at the learning garden.

As always, reach out to Courtney at courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org with any questions.



Upcoming Events at a Glance

Monday, August 1st - Yoga at 9 am

Thursday, August 4th - Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net.

Sunday, August 7th - Sunday Worship at 10 am and Sacred Art Sunday

Bulletin & Weekly E-NEWS Announcements

To sign up for our weekly E-NEWS that has live links to all of our announcements, please go to the BPC website at bedfordpreschurch.org and select either '**Contact**' at the top **or E-NEWS** just below it. To have information entered into the Bulletin and/or the E-NEWS, please email Elyssa (Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org) and Jessica (Office@bedfordpreschurch.org) by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.

Our Leadership

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Alison Cape, **President Jeanne Collins**,
Michelle Gosh, Alan McDougall, Suzanne Millette, Sarah Ryan,
& Bart Tyler
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Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson,
Kim Lapple, Natasha Mast, & Rebecca Rivard

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