

July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Sentences** from Psalm 89

Leader: We will sing of your love all our days, O God, your faithfulness,
from age to age.

People: The skies tell your wonders. The stars, your constant love.

Leader: For yours is the sky, yours is the earth, yours is the world of
creatures.

People: Oh God, your name is our joy, and your justice, our strength.

***Opening Hymn 455** *All Creatures of our God and King* Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Call to Confession

**God of grace, forgive us for all of the times when we have hurt another
life, a life that we loved. Comfort us when we become burnt out and
restless. Relieve us when despair overwhelms our joy. Have mercy on us,
when we have no patience, our anger ignites in an instant, and we have no
self-control.**

**Help us to know the grace that surrounds us. And may we hear your voice,
reminding us that we are loved.**

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Time with the Children

The children are welcome to stay for the service,
or they may leave for Sunday Spirit.

Epistle Lesson

Romans 6 :12-21

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.

Hymn 335

Though I May Speak

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Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:40-42

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Offering and Children's Offering

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We lift up our hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...

Breaking of the Bread

*Communion

Prayer after Communion

Joys and Concerns

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.

*Hymn 511

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
Verses 1, 3, and 5

Jesu Dulcis Memoria

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

*Please stand, if able

Announcements

Please fill out the pew pads and pass them to your neighbor.



Join us to celebrate with great joy the Ordination of

Courtney Steininger

To the office of Minister of the Word and Sacrament in
the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Saturday, July 22, 2023
at 2 pm**

Reception to Follow

All are invited to dress in Red, symbolizing the spirit's work in the
ordination.

1st Week















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7th Month

JULY 2 - 8, 2023

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Scattered Thunderstorms 77°	Scattered Thunderstorms 82°	Scattered Thunderstorms 84°	PM Showers 84°	Mostly Sunny 87°	Partly Cloudy 84°	Scattered Thunderstorms 80°

ON THE FARM

After an incredibly successful harvest during Sunday Spirit last week, we were able to donate kale, lettuce, beets, garlic, and peas to the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry. We have also put in more seeds for lettuces, squashes, and pumpkins in the places that we had harvested from! We continue to look forward to Sunday Spirit in the garden all summer long! Additionally, Jorge has cleared out much of the wooded area immediately surrounding the garden, and finished building our fence. We also now have a seating area in the learning garden!

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please follow our new Nativity Farm instagram: @nativityfarm_BPC

Our volunteer hours at the farm are Thursday evenings from 5pm to 7pm. Please join us! If you are unable to volunteer during that time, let Courtney know or volunteer at any of the other Westchester Local Food Project gardens in the area.

THIS WEEK'S TO DO LIST

Continue to water plants, harvest, and donate!

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

food swamp

WHAT WE ARE READING

July 2nd is the anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. As we think about racial justice on this anniversary, we also think about the intersection between racial justice and our food systems. Consider the following from Roots of Change:

Racism underlies the history of agriculture and food access in the United States. It began with the taking of land from Indigenous people to create farms. It continued with the enslavement of Indigenous and African peoples to work the farms. It continued with the exploitation of immigrant labor from Asia and then Latin America. During the period of Reconstruction former slaves began to gain access to land and achieve financial success. But the death of Reconstruction saw the stealing of most of this land by whites using unjust law and outright theft. In the 1940s when Japanese Americans were forced into concentration camps by a presidential executive order, farms were again taken by unethical and greedy whites, sometimes with no consequences. Racism can also be seen in the tolerance for, and in some places, imposition of food swamps or food apartheid.

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Sundae SUNDAY



July 9 after worship

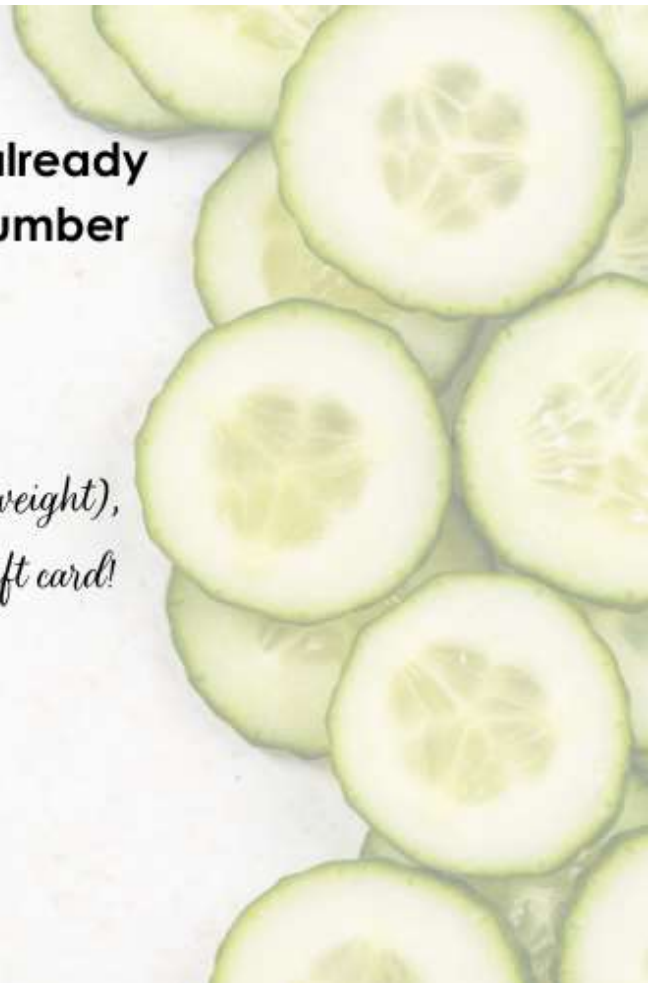
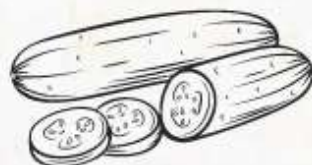
**Thank you to those who have already
adopted a Nativity Farm cucumber**

There are still a few left to be sponsored!!

*If your plant produces the largest cuke (by weight),
you will receive that cucumber and a \$75 gift card!*

\$20 to sponsor a cucumber

Proceeds go to Nativity Farm.



rewarding potential

COLLEGE WITHIN REACH



The Rewarding Potential Scholarship June 25th celebration kicked off our fundraising efforts.

For more information, visit our website at
rewardingpotentialscholarship.org



Hi! My name is Olive Cape and I'm going back to the Dominican Republic in July to help build another house with Bridges to Community! The cost to build the house has been covered, but we are hoping to refurbish two more houses that need repairs (new windows, doors and roofs). If you are able to donate to this cause I, it would be greatly appreciated and help ensure three families have safe places to live. Nothing is too small.



Donations can be made to the website below (entering the address or scanning the code) or by cash or checks made out to Bridges to Community. Thank you so much!!



<https://bridgestocommunity.networkforgood.com/projects/197042-olive-cape-s-fundraiser>



Summer at BPC

July 9 Sundae Sunday
July 22 Courtney's Ordination
Aug 13 Super Soaker Sunday



FALL 2023 COFFEE HOUR

Everyone loves a good BPC coffee hour! It provides us all with a time to socialize, connect, and strengthen our ties as a community. In order to have coffee hour on a consistent basis, Bedford Presbyterian Church will be asking each family to co-host a coffee hour once a year. The deacons will organize the Sunday assignments for our families in August and then we will send all members the information, including the date that we are asking for their help, via email.

Some members would prefer to choose their Sunday. Great! If you would like to choose the Sunday to host, please let Kim Lapple know via email (kjlapple@gmail.com) asap. We'd ask that all requests be sent to Kim by August 1st.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, July 2nd

10 am

Worship, Communion and Youth Collection

11 am

Coffee Hour

Monday, July 3rd

9 am

No Yoga

Tuesday, July 4th

OFFICE CLOSED – Fourth of July

Thursday, July 6th

10 am

Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at **alanmcd@verizon.net**

5 pm

Nativity Farm Work Session

Sunday, July 9th

10 am

Worship

11 am

Coffee Hour and Sundae 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

Jessica at **Office@bedfordpreschurch.org**

& Elyssa at **Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org**

by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week’s media.

Our Leadership Session

Clerk of Session Brian Hiller-Dupont, President Michelle Gosh,
Linda Burpee (Mission),
Jessica Cunningham (Personnel and Stewardship),
Danielle Gamar (Christian Education),
Maria Andrea Laverde (Nativity Farm),
Suzanne Millette (Finance), Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),
& Bart Tyler (Members & Friends and Stewardship)
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard Merritt

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Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson, & Diane Palmento

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