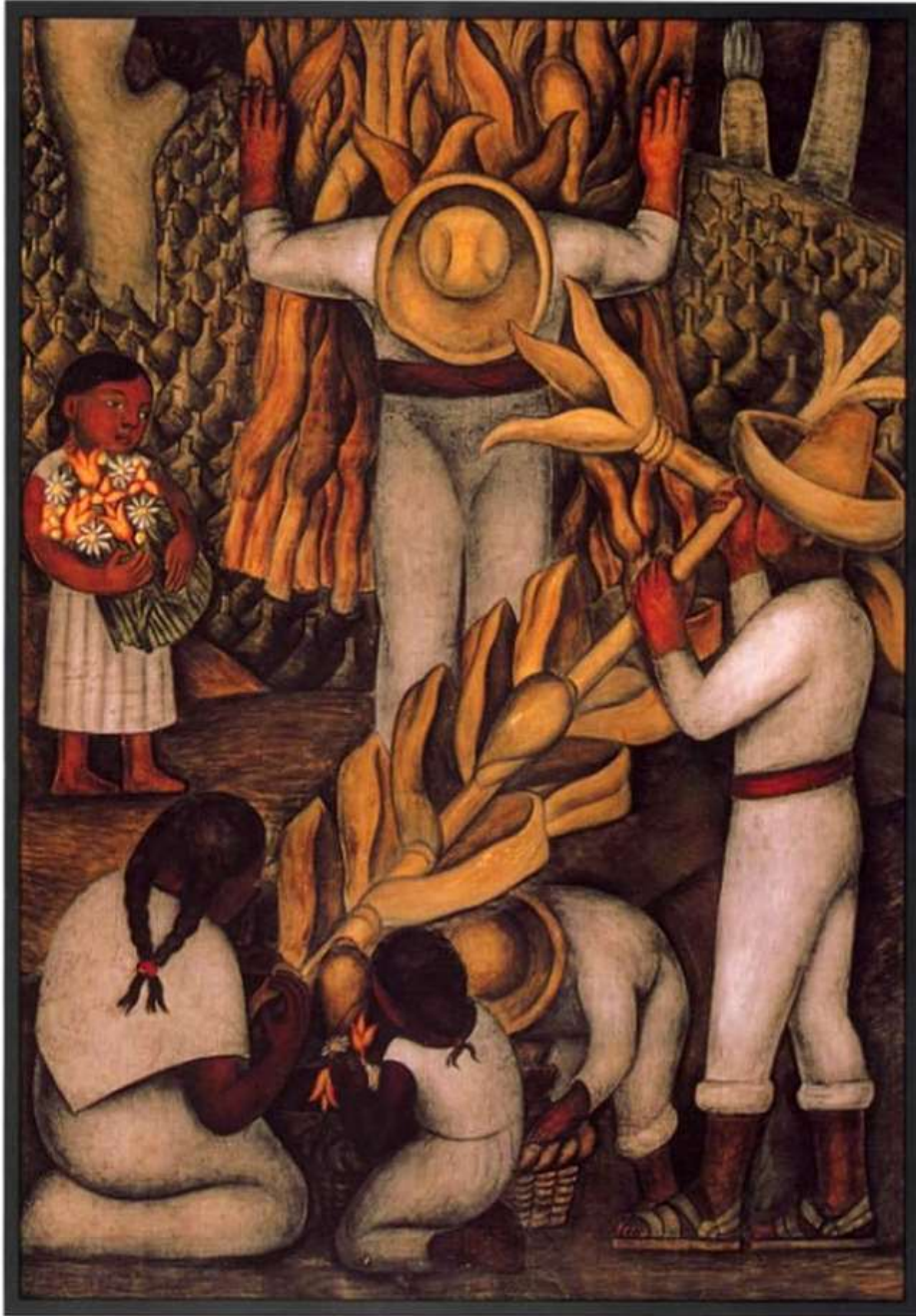




BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Corn Harvest” by Diego Rivera

September 10, 2023

Ordinary Time

Prelude

G. F. Handel

Andante allegro from Organ Concerto No. 6 in Bb

Bell Peal

Tone Chime Choir

Introit

African American Spiritual

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord, Standing in the Need of Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Sentences

Leader: Planet Earth, spinning silently through space:

People: Celebrate your beauty and your grace, your special place in our solar system.

Leader: Planet Earth, gleaming green and blue:

People: Rejoice in your ocean currents as they dance and swirl with hope.

Leader: Planet Earth, enveloped in the breath of God:

People: Bless all your creatures this day with the life-giving breath of God.

*Opening Hymn 455 *All Creatures of Our God and King* Verses 1 - 4

Confession

Creator God, we are sorry for the times when we view our planet as disposable. We confess that we have cut ourselves off from the Earth. We polluted our waters and air.

Help us to celebrate the Earth as our home and to revere the planet as your sanctuary. Amen.

(Silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response

There is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.

If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus
And say "He died for all." (Refrain)

***Passing of the Peace**

You may stand and greet one another.

Time with the Children

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

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Psalms 33:1-9

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.
Praise the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,
for he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

Anthem

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard

Offering

Offertory

With A Voice of Singing

M. Shaw

***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**

***Blessing of the Harvest**

***Procession to Nativity Farm** *Trumpet Tune*

Henry Purcell

***Prayer for the Earth and Harvest**

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.

***Benediction and Song** *The Peace of the Earth*

John Bell

The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you;
God's peace growing in you. (Repeat)

*Please stand, if able

Announcements

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

Cooking for the food pantry

Ingredients

Wednesday,

Sep. 20

1 - 4 pm

BPC Kitchen



Instructions

1) Join Leslie Lampert from Ladles of Love

2) Cook for the Mount Kisco Interfaith

Food Pantry and the Community Center

of Northern Westchester

3) Socialize while we cook

Serves: Our community

join us after the service for

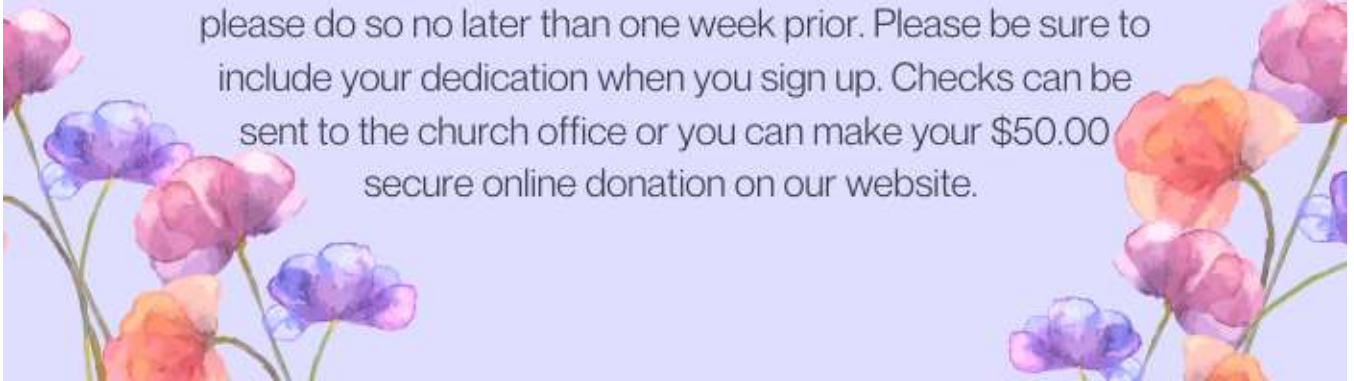
COFFEE HOUR



FLOWER DONATIONS

Every week the sanctuary is decorated with beautiful flower arrangements donated and dedicated by congregants.

If you would like to sign up to sponsor a week of flowers, please do so no later than one week prior. Please be sure to include your dedication when you sign up. Checks can be sent to the church office or you can make your \$50.00 secure online donation on our website.



JOYFUL NOISE

We would love to have kids of all ages join us to sing throughout the year. Songs will be posted online and then rehearsed the morning of the performance. Our first performance this fall will be September 17th.

Contact Don Hiller-Dupont for more information.



Answering Tough Questions About God

Training for Sunday Spirit Teachers &
Everyone Who Talks to Kids with Big Questions

Sunday, September 17th after church

Please RSVP to Courtney at
Courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org

Quilting

Tuesday, September 12th
10 am - 4 pm in the Chapel Room.

The quilters are looking for volunteers to baste the 2024 quilt. They will be basting together all three layers with temporary stitches. No need for experience or for the stitches to be straight or pretty! Come for a little or stay awhile! Any help is great!














Regular quilting begins September 19th,
every Tuesday between 1 - 4 pm.
Learn as you go from seasoned quilters.

SEP 10 - 16, 2023

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Thunderstorms 79°	Thunderstorms 77°	Partly Cloudy 79°	Showers 75°	Thunderstorms 71°	Showers 72°	Partly Cloudy 75°

ON THE FARM

Please join us for a tour of the garden during the Welcome Back Picnic! Appreciate the garden in all its glory while we still have about a month of harvesting to come! Additionally, Jorge and Edwin have been working hard on a trail to take you directly from the parking lot to the learning garden. Take a walk through the woods rather than going through the playgrounds in order to access the farm!

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

We will continue to hold cooking events every other Wednesday through the rest of the growing season. If you don't want to support Nativity Farm with labor in the garden, please come chop vegetables and help us prepare meals for the Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry!

THIS WEEK'S TO DO LIST

Continue to water plants and harvest!

WHAT WE ARE READING

The season of Creation continues for the global church to celebrate our Earth and continue to pray for its care. Enjoy this poem from Walter Rauschenbusch:

*O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;
 For the wide sky and the blessed sun,
 For the salt sea and the running water,
 For the everlasting hills
 And the never-resting winds,
 For trees and the common grass underfoot.
 We thank you for our senses
 By which we hear the songs of birds,
 And see the splendor of the summer fields,
 And taste of the autumn fruits,
 And rejoice in the feel of the snow,
 And smell the breath of the spring.
 Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
 And save our souls from being so blind
 That we pass unseeing
 When even the common thorn bush
 Is aflame with your glory,
 O God our creator,
 Who lives and reigns forever and ever.*



Join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month!

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS RETURNS!

Starting September 12th at 12:30 pm.



NATIVITY FARM HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 1st, 5 pm

Join us to celebrate a successful year at Nativity Farm!

Potluck Dinner! Live Music! Fellowship!

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.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, September 10th

10 am	Worship and Blessing of the Harvest
11 am	Welcome Back Picnic

Monday, September 11th

9 am	Yoga
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Tuesday, September 12th

10 am	Quilting
12:30 pm	Lunch with Friends
7:15 pm	Bells rehearsal

Thursday, September 14th

10 am	Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net
5 pm	Nativity Farm Work Session

Sunday, September 17th

10 am	Worship and Youth Collection. Joyful Noise and Bell Choir lead worship.
11 am	Coffee Hour, Session Meeting and training for Sunday School Teachers

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),
Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),
& Bart Tyler (Members & Friends and Stewardship)
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard

Deacons

Chair Kim Lapple, Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,
Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson &
Diane Palmento

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The Reverend Carol Howard, Pastor

The Reverend Courtney Steininger, Minister of Christian Education

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