



A Beacon of Hope

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Romans 5 New International Version (NIV)

Peace and Hope

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

In the midst of the Coronavirus we can find bad news everywhere. We also experience sadness when we find out that people we know are suffering from the Virus or losing the battle. We at Bethel do send our prayers out to the families and friends that have been stricken with this illness. We also thank all of you for keeping your social distance and staying at home during this time.

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Staying at home can be difficult for people like me who want to get out and about and love to spend time in groups of people. As we try to connect through social media and video conferencing, many of us are developing skills we never knew we had and most of us wish we could avoid. It is easy to find bad news all around us but this month in our Beacon, we would like to share a Beacon of Hope with you.

I find hope when I see my grandchildren watching the live broadcast (even if their moms are staging the pictures and Hunter Ray is too young to understand the words), it does my heart good to see them watching, and knowing that all of my children are able to hear the word of God. I am also encouraged to see people I don't know tuning into the broadcast and even joining our Facebook page. We also find hope in the younger people from our church coming in to help with the food pantry and I pray they will continue to help in the weeks to come as we hold our drive through pantry.

I look forward to hearing of places you find hope in the midst of this tragic time in our history. Let us hold onto the hope that comes to us through our faith in Jesus Christ, the one that brings us together through the Resurrection that we will celebrate not only on April 12, 2020, but every time we gather as the church in the name of Jesus.

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Allen R. Kahler, pastor

We will learn new things around the world from this. Always remember to Thank God for what we have and prayers for those helping others and to keep us safe. Give someone a phone call because it is good to hear other's voices. In this new life we are living remember God is **ALWAYS** with us. Look for the good things in this "Stay at Home" life.

Wayne & Sandy Fieldhouse

*God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
Forever in the next.
Amen.*

Hi everyone!!!! HUGS and LOVE to my whole Bethel family!!! Boy, do I miss you guys!! Miss seeing all of your smiling faces!! Miss hearing the choir and the bell choir!! Miss seeing my awesome CAMPP Kids and families!! But until we can see each other again just know that one day at a time we will get through this trial. Working together, separately, we will get through this while staying connected in our “new normal” way of life. Thanks so much to Pastor Allen for all he has done!!! And remember.... every good thing AND every bad thing that happens in life is a way AND an opportunity to grow closer to God. Let God be the LIGHT and the WAY as we grow even stronger in our FAITH!! The CHURCH is not just a building....it is ALL OF US and we are strong and united. We will get through this and I so look forward to celebrating EASTER with all of you as soon as we are able. *“For God so loved the world He gave His only SON just for us.”* He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!! Love you all!!! 💖 Luanne Sanor

1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Living hope is what brings us together to celebrate Easter. Jesus’ resurrection is our promise of grace and forgiveness. Brian and I are blessed to have our Bethel family. As we celebrate together --- from a distance this year, we rejoice in each and every one of you. He is Risen, he is Risen INDEED.


Brian & Anne McKarns

As Dee & I reflect on this time of the self-distancing during time of crisis, we realize just how big our church family is a part of our daily lives. We miss you all very much and look forward with joy to the time when we will be able to worship and fellowship again with each other.

We want to thank Pastor Allen for keeping the church spirit alive in us all by leading us in video worship time and giving us updates and announcements on Sundays and during the week.

God bless you all and we will see you all very soon.


Lee & Dee Kornick

A person wearing a brown robe and a dark beanie sits on the edge of a large, light-colored rock formation. They are looking out over a vast, hazy landscape under a bright, overcast sky. The rock formation is jagged and layered. In the bottom left corner, there is a black rectangular box containing the text 'PSALMS 46:1'.

GOD IS OUR
MIGHTY FORTRESS,
ALWAYS READY TO
HELP IN TIMES
OF TROUBLE.

PSALMS 46:1

Submitted by Deb Cappa



Fear not. for I
am with you: be
not dismayed. for
I am your God: I
will strengthen
you. I will help
you. I will
uphold you with
my righteous
right hand

Isaiah 41:10

Sent by Jodie Briceland & Ann McDaniel

Hello to my church family! Sure do miss you all! I've been doing a lot of reading during this COVID-19 lockdown. I listened to a devotion by Max Lucado and he says "Be anxious for nothing. Meditate on good things." And the next devotion I read encourages us "to find and focus on the blessings in our lives." So that's what I'm trying to do. I have many blessings in my life and Bethel Church is one of them. So thankful for Pastor Allen's leadership, our new council, our staff, CAMPP, WINGS, choir, bell choir, food pantry and all the awesome people that are a part of these groups. I love the people in our congregation; you are like family to me. We are a people of hope and promise. Jesus the great physician is with us, healing and guiding us through the unknown wilderness. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon!

Stay safe and God Bless!

Linda Buttermore

Hello to all our Bethel friends,

We miss seeing all of you and hearing our wonderful choir! So thankful that Allan has been able to video our services and chats on line. I believe it keeps us in touch no matter where we are! I try to remember that even though I do not understand, I trust that the Lord is in control! This Easter season I am reminded that GOD is a loving, passionate, faithful God! Easter Blessings to you all!

Patty and Bob Brogan

Greetings to our Bethel family. Bill and I are doing fine and learning to watch old old TV shows, walking alot, and checking with our parents daily. I did my first try at grandma' reading rainbow' to post on the Marco Polo app, learned you can't stop smiling when listening to Disney music, and realized even more, how grateful we are for all the workers in the hospitals and neighbors serving others. stay safe!

Bill & Joanne Meier

Blessed to have my mom my 4 children, my 5 grandchildren, my friends my husband and my church family. Also, blessed to have precious memories of my dad, grandpa and grandma Weizenecker and Bill. Smile



Prayers for our world as we get through this scary time ONE DAY AT A

TIME.



I believe PRAYERS are powerful. So let's do it together. Praise God Amen!

Sent by Tom & Jackie Sanor

Keep our Graduates in your prayers

Kat Harlan

Dillon Garlock

Colton Foos

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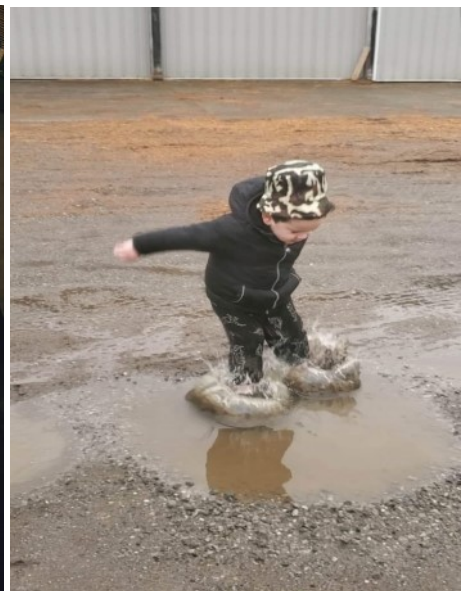
If you are wanting to vote you can call your county's Election Board to have them send you a ballot. Ballots must be returned by April 28,2020

During this difficult time and through many other challenging times, I have always held on strongly to this verse 'Be still and know that I am God. which has always brought me focus and comfort. Rich and I would like to thank all of you for your many kindnesses, and for welcoming us into your church. Happy Easter to each of you and your families and friends

Comfort & Blessings Rich & Sam Rice



Sending this from our bank on Bandy Road, planted years ago. "Jesus Lives" Dave & Deb Scott



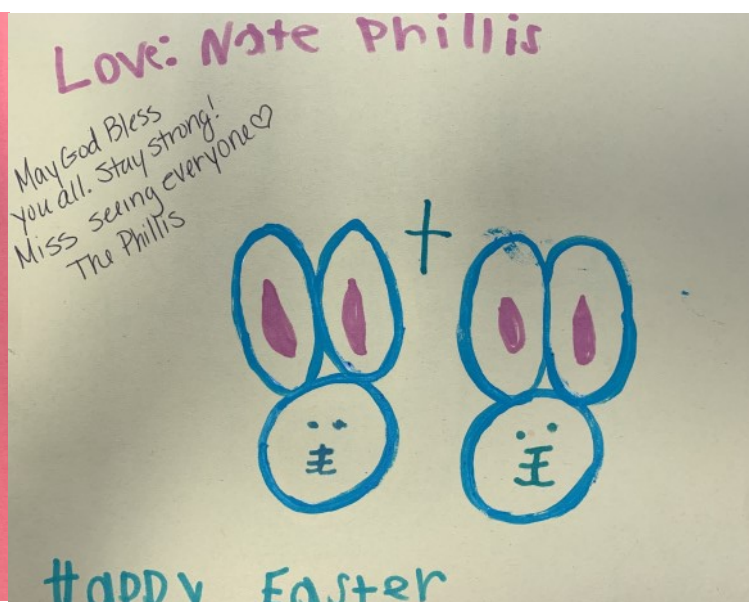
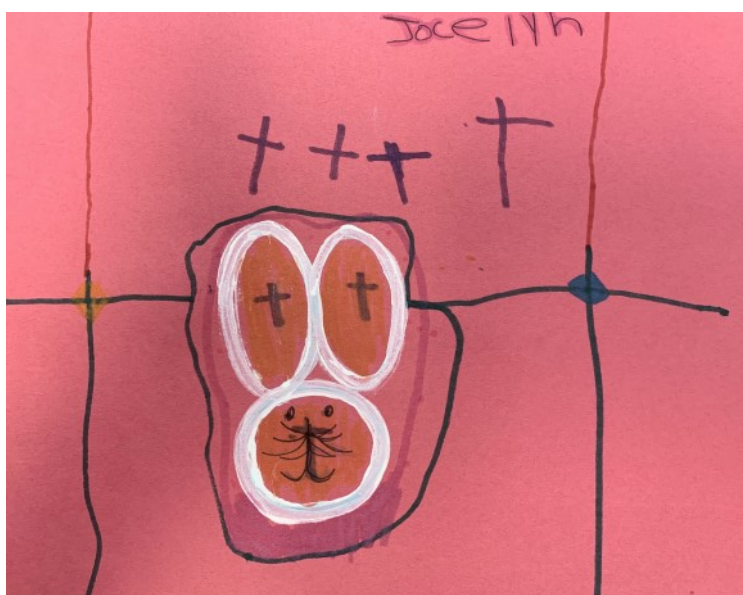
Sending love 💕 and prayers 🙏 to everyone, although my time with Jordan has been interrupted, these precious pics give me Hope for our future and we look forward to a glorious reunion with everyone! Let's remember the joy and innocence and Gods precious love for each of us!

Sent in by Cyndi Bullock

Happy Easter!



Stay Healthy & Safe!
Love Sarah, Addison, & Devon





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Happy Anniversary

George & Deborah Cappa

4/03/1976

Paul & Bonnie Finch

4/29/1967

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