**Welcome to New Bethel Baptist Church**

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

**Prelude** Dr. Christina-Romero Ivanova

\***Gathering Hymns**

 *We Bow Down* #154

 *Jesus, Name Above All Names* (sing one time) #86

 *Fairest Lord Jesus*  #87

**\*Call to Worship** Julianne Thomas

Leader: Show us your way, O God, our Shepherd.

**People: Open a right path and let us hear your call to**

**follow.**

Leader: Show us your way, O Christ, our Healer.

**People: Open our eyes to the needs of our world.**

Leader: Shepherd us, O God.

**People: Open our ears to hear your calling.**

Leader: Shepherd us, O God.

**People: Open our eyes to see your care.**

Leader: Shepherd us, O God.

**Unison: Prepare us to follow you.**

**\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer** (*using “sins”)*

**Scripture Reading** John 9:1-12 Julianne Thomas

**Lenten Meditation** Julianne Thomas

**Worship Prayer** Pastor Janet

**\*Hymn** *He Hideth My Soul* #611

**Mission Moment** Adrianne Hunter

**Children’s Story**

**Scripture Reflection**  1 Corinthians 13:8-13 Pastor Janet

**\*Hymns** *They’ll Know We Are Christians* #429

 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* #575

**Ministry Opportunities** Julianne Thomas

How to Give Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology #815

\*Prayer Julianne Thomas

**\*Benediction** Pastor Janet

**\*Postlude** Dr. Christina-Romero Ivanova

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**Thank You and Blessings!**

* Thank you to Julianne and Rob Thomas for all their help with live-streaming worship.
* Thank you to all our church leaders who are working hard to help us keep doing ministry during our time of separation.
* Thank you to all those who are helping their neighbors by running errands, sending cards, and other acts of kindness that help us while we are separated and trying to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

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**Lenten Worship Focus Is on the Cross**

*Again, this year, we have covered the picture of the resurrected Jesus that we may focus on the cross during the Lenten season to better appreciate what Jesus sacrificed to make us right with God.*

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**America for Christ Offering**

March is the month for our America for Christ Offering. This mission is what it says: America for Christ. They help those in America and Puerto Rico when disaster happens, help our neighbors in time of need, and spread the gospel to show Christian love for all, showing how to love your neighbor as yourself.

Pat Darland,

Mission Chair

**Welcome to New Bethel Baptist Church**

**We are blessed by your presence!**

 **Sunday, March 22, 2020**

**Guests and Members:** Please sign the attendance register in your pew. Remember to include your address, e-mail, and telephone number. Please leave the signed sheet in the register. If you have questions or would like more information about New Bethel, please feel free to

contact the church office. Thank you!

 *An American Baptist*

 *Congregation*

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**All Are Welcome**

**Weekly Activities**

9:15 a.m., Sunday School Wednesday Bible Study, 10 a.m.

10:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 2nd/3rd Wednesday Euchre, 1-3 p.m.

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Rev. Dr. Janet F. Hoover, Pastor

Jan Nagle, Secretary

Church Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:30-noon & 1-3 p.m.



*COVID-19 forces us to push back against the narrative of individualism and remember that we all depend on each other.*

— Tiffany Firebaugh

**New Phone Directory**

Church printed updated church phone directories will be available soon. In the meantime, if you are someone with an e-mail account, you should have received a copy via e-mail. If you have an e-mail account and have not received a copy of the updated directory, please contact me, and I will send you a copy.

If you would like to receive a new directory via snail mail, please let me know, and I will respond to your request ASAP.

Jan Nagle,

Church Secretary

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**Prayer Concerns and Joys**

Charlie Bass (see Barbara Fengya or Kevin Winton); Briner family (see Kevin Winton); Greg Clark (see Vicky Clark); Hailey Clark; Coronavirus victims, medical workers, first responders, & their families; Joann Hart (see Kevin Winton); the homeless; Bryce, John, & Roger Huddleston; Adrianne & Bob Hunter; immigrants and refugees; Kaylynn and Anita Land (see Sally Parks); Lebanon family (see Kevin Winton); Mattingly family (see Kevin Winton); NBBC; Michelle Rethmeyer family (see Steve Rethmeyer); Carol Royalty (see Theresa Royalty); Alan Seal (see John Huddleston); Sue Skelton; Gay Stone; Tennessee tornado victims; Harry Toon; Vernon Baptist Church (see Bonita Hopkins); victims of abuse, oppression, & violence; U.S. government public servants; Ainslie Winton; Laura Winton.

Our shut-ins and care facility residents: Margaret Barker; Betty Burton; Ethel Humphrey; Lee Joyce; Dick Morgan; Theresa Royalty; Helen Walker; Billie Whittle; Delcia Windsor.

Our military and missionaries:Capt. Matt Knox and Capt. Robert Shoemaker; the Borquists, Clemmers, Coats, and Clarissa Hunter.

**Happening This Week**

March America for Christ Offering Month

 All NBBC face-to-face meetings cancelled until

further notice

22 Live-stream worship only

29 Pending decision about live-stream worship only

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**Looking Ahead**

Apr 5 Pending date for Deacons to meet after worship

9 Pending date for Maundy Thursday worship

10 No Good Friday Worship

May 2 Pending date for Third Annual Women’s Retreat

3 Pending date for ABC-GI Annual Gathering

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**Daily Scripture Readings for This Week**

Monday, March 23: Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20

Tuesday, March 24: Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14

Wednesday, March 25: Annunciation of the Lord; Psalm 146;

Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34

Thursday, March 26: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3;

Revelation 10:1-11

Friday, March 27: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16;

Revelation 11:15-19

Saturday, March 28: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53

Sunday, March 29, Fifth Sunday of Lent: Ezekiel 37:1-14;

Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-4

**How to Live-stream Worship**

Greetings,

As Pastor Janet's email dated March 18th mentioned, we have made a few changes to the livestream, including our ability to stream our hymns through the livestream feed. Part of the terms of the livestream include that we are to post the stream to our website as the primary platform for viewing.

What this means for you is, that this is actually much more simple to access, as there is only one link you will need to save. Each week you will just need to go to the church website

(www.newbethelbapt.org) and click on the Sermons tab at the top of the page. The most current week should be the first one you see. Click on the title (this week says "Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2020") and that will take you to the week's page.

Right now, you will see the video viewer shown there with our church sign. If you click on the play button prior to the start of our stream it will let you know when we plan to start and give you the option to set a reminder if you have a YouTube or Google account, if not just check back at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning and join our worship!

I will try to send out each week's individual link as well, but as long as you go to the church page and Sermons tab, you should be able to access the stream. This week's link is: http://www.newbethelbapt.org/sermons/fourth-sunday-of-lent-march-22-2020/

Once we have the links for online giving, we will post those somewhere easy to get to on the website as well so that the church's website can be your go-to for all of the weekly activities.

Please let us know if you have any questions!

Rob Thomas

**Meijer and God’s Bounty During COVID-19**

***Meijer is working with area Food Pantries to serve our neighbors***

Meijer is a family company focused on enriching lives in the communities we serve.

This philosophy has guided our company for more than eighty-five years, especially during difficult times like today.

As we all work to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), we wanted to do our part to help those in need and felt it was important to quickly engage with our community partners in anticipation of an increasing number of families relying on their services during this time.

We will be providing our Simply Give food pantry partners an additional gift of $2.2 million to help continue their mission of feeding hungry families.

The donation will be divided equally among the more than 400 food pantries that participated in the 2019 Simply Give program.

Please note the process has changed:

* Your food-only gift cards will be available to pick up at your partnering store location between 8-4:30 p.m., from Friday, March 20th through Friday, March 27th .
* Upon arrival at the store, please go directly to the Customer Service Desk and ask to speak with the Retail Administrative Assistant (RAA).
* The RAA will meet you at the Customer Service Desk and provide the food-only gift cards with a receipt to be signed.

Our company’s purpose is centered around enriching lives in the communities we serve. We are committed to the wellbeing of everyone in our communities, and thank you for your continued partnership and caring for our communities.

Sincerely,

Hank Meijer and Rick Keyes

**A Word from ABCGI**

***Church in a Time of Covid19 —***

 ***Care, Give, Serve***

Who better than the church to respond to the needs of people during this time of international pandemic?

While I encourage everyone to be diligent in healthy practices and social distancing, there are ways we can respond.

*Care* — People’s spiritual and physical needs cannot be ignored. While most gathered worship experiences will cancel, we can still support one another. Worship, sermons, devotionals, scripture, etc. can be e-mailed, texted, or sent via video. Phone calls to check on our most vulnerable will keep isolation at bay. Check on neighbors. Send notes of encouragement.

*Give* — Without gathered worship all our churches will suffer financially. It is increasingly important that on-line gifts be made, checks be sent, and over and above giving be poured out. Many benevolent funds will be used to help people pay for basic necessities. These gifts and more will be critical in responding to the needs of our communities.

*Serve* — While those most at risk need to take special precautions, what about those who cannot work or have extra time working from home? Who needs food deliveries or extra volunteers to help? Who needs to have their children watched or go for a walk?

Challenging times call for creative measures. The Spirit of God is already at work provoking our creative responses. May others see the Church alive and at our best!

Rev. Joan C. Friesen,

Executive Minister—Regional Missionary

American Baptist Churches of Great Indianapolis

all the prayer warriors at New Bethel Baptist Church: I want to thank you for helping me get through

this ordeal with my broken shoulder. I especially appreciate the prayers on the day of surgery. I was very

much in need that day. When the surgeon said the break was so bad that there was need of a plate and

screws, my bubble burst and I was really down that week. So, thank all of you for your prayers and many

thanks to Pastor Janet for her prayer the day of surgery. Don’t ever think your prayers aren’t needed;

because they are and they de(nitely help. Thank you also to my paent husband, who has been a rock

through all of this.

May God Bless you all, Sue