**Welcome to New Bethel Baptist Church**

**Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020**

**Prelude** Dr. Christina Romero-Ivanova

\***Gathering Hymn** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*  #431

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Call upon God’s gracious, just, and holy name.

**Church: For in calling, we are saved.**

Leader: Listen for the wind of the Spirit.

**Church: For in listening, we find new life.**

**L**eader: Respond to the promises of Christ.

**Church: For in responding, we bring hope to our world.**

Leader: There is no fear the Holy Spirit cannot overcome.

There is no door the Spirit of grace cannot breach.

**Unison: With rushing wind and holy fire, come, Holy**

**Spirit, come.**

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

**Scripture Reading** Acts 2:1-21 Julianne Thomas

**Worship Prayer**   Pastor Janet

**\*Hymn** *Spirit of the Living God*#389

**Children’s Message** Julianne Thomas

**Scripture Reflection**  Numbers 11:24-30 Pastor Janet

**\*Hymn** *Pentecostal Power* See Website

**Ministry Opportunities** Julianne Thomas

How to Give Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology #815

\*Prayer Julianne Thomas

**\*Benediction** Pastor Janet

**Postlude** Dr. Christina Romero-Ivanova

**Christian Condolences**

New Bethel offers Christian sympathy to Becky Day and family upon the death of Becky’s oldest daughter Lee Draga who died last week.

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**Update to the NBBC Website**

Pastor Janet’s e-mail messages, Daily Scripture Readings, Online Giving, Daily Thoughts, or other information about our “Online Ministry” is located on a new tab entitled *Weekly Online Ministry* on the church website, http://www.newbethelbapt.org

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**Thank You and Blessings to . . .**

* Those on the phone prayer chain.
* Kevin for *Today’s Thoughts.*
* Julianne and Rob for all their worship work.

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**Daily Scripture Readings for This Week**

Monday, June 1, 2020: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29;

Romans 8:18-24

Tuesday, June 2, 2020: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;

Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27

Wednesday, June 3, 2020: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;

Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39

Thursday, June 4, 2020: Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a

Friday, June 5, 2020: Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14

Saturday, June 6, 2020: Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17

Sunday, June 7, 2020, Trinity Sunday: Genesis 1:1-2:4a and

Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

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**We are blessed by your presence!**

**Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020**



**Guests and Members:**  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 Online Only**

Wednesdays online Bible Study 10 a.m.

Wednesdays online Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

Thursdays online Book Discussion, *If Grace Is True,* 1 p.m.

10:30 a.m., Sunday Worship, live-stream only

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*It seems there is no greater cauldron for change and transformation than some descent into darkness, a whale’s belly.*

*Then after time - a period of incubation - being spewed out onto new shores; or like a newborn, struggle from the womb.*

*Just when we think the end has come, a new day dawns.*

— Liz Milani

**Covid-19 Causes Changes**

The Center for Congregations is offering all of its workshops online and free-of-charge. To see what is being offered just go to the Center for Congregations website. Click on workshops at www.centerfor congregations.org to see your options.

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The Lions Club has officially canceled the Old Settlers Day street fair for this year.

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NBBC’s Strawberry Festival is cancelled for this year.

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The day of the ABC-GI Annual Gathering has been changed to Sunday, August 2nd. We will be hosted by Lebanon First. If you have already sent in your registration, it will be held for the new date.

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**Happening This Week**

May 31 Pentecost Sunday!

Live-stream worship only

June 3 10 a.m., Online Bible Study, contact Pastor for

connection information, weekly scriptures in

bulletin and on website

7 p.m., Online Prayer Meeting using Zoom, general

connection information on website and in Daily Thoughts; contact John Huddleston for the password

4 1 p.m., Online Book Discussion, *If Grace Is True,*

contact Pastor for connection information

June 7 Communion Sunday

Live-stream worship only

**Zoom Bible Study and Book Discussion Group**

To join Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. or the discussion of the book *If Grace Is True* on Thursdays at 1 p.m., please contact me for connection information.

Godspeed, Pastor Janet

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**Update from Clarissa Hunter**

Clarissa remains as a missionary in Hungary. Read her latest report:<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgxwHNWDpzjgDDHddFtnCkkJZLLbZ>

**Worship Music Copyright and Live-Streaming Permissions**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” text and music by Graham Kendrick;

“Spirit of the Living God: text by Daniel Iverson and Lowell Alexander

and music by Daniel Iverson;

“Pentecostal Power” text by Charlotte Home and music by Charles

Gabriel;

“Doxology” text by Thomas Ken and music by *Genevan Psalter.*

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“A Quiet Place” by Ralph Carmichael;

“All creatures of Our God and King” by William Draper;

“Fill my cup, Lord” by Richard Blanchard;

“It Is Well by Jim Brickman;

“Mountain Suite Overture” by Dino Kartsonakis;

“The Savior Is Waiting” by Ralph Carmichael;

“Angels Blessing” by Jim Brickman;

“Spirit Song” by John Wimber;

“Let’s All Things Now Living” by Katherine K. Davis.

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**Twelve Ways to Love Your Neighbor During COVID-19**

by Molly Stillman

1. If you have the ability to sew, make masks for those who need them.
2. Coordinate a neighborhood “social distancing” gathering. . . . just bring out a chair at the end of [the] driveway and laugh and talk with each other.
3. Become a pen pal for a grand-friend. . . . [write] letters of encouragement to people who are in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, etc. just trying to brighten their day!
4. Send a random postcard or . . . snail mail to [someone] you know could use a pick-me-up. … sending a letter or note to someone telling them why you are grateful for them could be just the message they need to hear at that moment!
5. Call and check in on friends or family members.
6. Contact your local food bank or food distribution center to find out what immediate needs they have.
7. Reach out to your church and find out if there is a family (or two) [that has] any immediate needs.
8. Offer to go grocery shopping or pickup groceries for a neighbor who is elderly, disabled, immune-compromised, a single parent, [those] out of work, etc.
9. Send a gift card to a local restaurant or restaurant delivery service to someone you know could use a blessing of a meal. This is really a double blessing because not only are you supporting a local business that could be hurting right now, but you are also blessing a family!
10. Take some sidewalk chalk and walk . . . your neighborhood and write encouraging verses of scripture, quotes, etc. to encourage others as they go about their day!
11. Offer to cut your neighbor’s grass or do any yard work that might need to be done.
12. Sponsor a child in poverty. The health systems of even the highest-income nations . . . have been pushed to the limits by this pandemic. And lower-income nations are far less equipped to deal with the consequences. There has never been a better time to connect with a child through a sponsorship program.

**Audio/Visual Grant Project Update**

New Bethel will soon welcome new technology and equipment to improve and enhance your worship experience! After much discussion amongst your lay-leaders, we have decided to hire Designed Sound & Audio to make the updates to our system.

This means that NBBC will soon be the owner of new equipment: a camcorder, two wireless mics, a computer, needed internet and electrical components, and a fancy-dancy camera.

The new wireless mics are set such that there will be no interference from others using radio signals in our area, such as the police.

The new camcorder will replace our ten-year-old camera. The old camcorder is still usable, but the technology has advanced so much that the old one is nearly obsolete.

The computer is needed to keep Rob from having to use his personal computer to run the audio/visual equipment.

The camera will hang in the sanctuary. It will be *especially* helpful when we reopen our facility and have some of you live-streaming from home and some of you in the sanctuary for worship. Also, the camera has programmable settings, meaning that it will not have to be adjusted manually throughout worship. Additionally, it will be easier to train new folks to run the camera.

This project = ~$8,000. The Center for Congregations Grant is worth $5,000, making our expense about $3,000.

I did not mention replacing the broken speakers. We tested the one we want, and it was great — no squeals or squeaks! But we need about $4,000 more to replace the speakers, and your leaders decided to wait on that purchase. In the meantime, you will notice two Fellowship Hall “speakers” on the platform in the sanctuary. This will be our “look” and sound until new speakers are purchased.

Let me know if you have questions or if you have about $4,000 looking for a place to call home! 😊

Blessings, Pastor Janet

**From ABC-GI Executive Minister Joan Freisen**

***As You Look to Re-Open Your Building***

While things change, they still stay the same. At the end of the week the stay-at-home order will be lifted for all of Indiana. And while you will have the freedom to gather once again, we urge great caution in moving too quickly.

Protecting vulnerable groups (those over 60 and those with medical conditions) is a key factor in making your decisions. We are anxious and ready to be gathered together for worship. We miss seeing one another! At the same time at least five of our churches will face the grief of having had members die from COVID-19 and caring for others who are sick.

Take things slow. Take precautions. Keep your masks and social distancing guidelines. Keep using on-line worship. All these things will help us be safe and healthy. (See below for the re-opening discussion guide provided by ABC.)

We are learning many ways to still be the church without meeting in our buildings. Others are seeing the care we have for our neighbors in providing food and other resources. God is using this time in ways we don't yet see.

A big thank you to those who have been providing extra funding for your church's ministry and are contributing to our regional work. Together we can do this!

Rev. Joan Friesen

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**Here’s an Idea**

A positive need is an active want or replacement behavior — what you would like to happen, rather than what you would like to stop.

“I would like to have some quiet time to myself.” Instead of, “I need everybody to stop bothering me for just ONE second.”

“I would like you to help me do the dishes.” Instead of, “I want you to stop leaving dirty dishes in the sink.”

“I want a hug.” Instead of, “Don’t ignore me.”

Expressing a positive need helps take the guesswork out of exactly how your partner can shine for you. It’s also a great way to practice positivity and expressing wants.

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*Justice ceases to be just when it ceases to be human.*

* St. Katharine Drexel

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**ABC Camps**

Regular camp may be cancelled but leaders have come up with a new camp idea made to fit our current Covid-19 context. See the notice below for more information, and check the camp websites for more details.