

# Beulah and Monterey eNewsletter

July 29, 2022



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We are still going to a monthly newsletter starting in August, which will be out next Friday, August 5. Since this is Pastor Rick Hill's last Sunday in the pulpit for both churches, there are a few announcements we felt needed to go out this week. Rick will be on vacation during August, but available if an emergency arises.

You may remember that Pastor Rick was retired when he signed a 2 year contract to serve Beulah and Monterey. He agreed to stay an additional year to help us through the pandemic, an unprecedented event that caused many churches to permanently close their doors. Instead, under his leadership we grew, creating an online presence we had not planned for, but got up and running as soon as our churches stopped meeting in person. Folks continue to worship with us online every week and we are grateful for the work that Rick and his team put into moving us in that direction.

Rick wasn't just a presence in our churches, he became a part of our community, sharing his music ministry all over Highland County, which often led to new faces in church on Sunday mornings.

Hopefully we will be able to tell Pastor Rick in person how much we appreciate his service to our 2 churches and to the Highland community, and that we wish him the best as he follows God's call to serve God's people in new and challenging ways. More on that in the newsletter next week.

Beulah and Monterey are each responsible for filling the pulpit 2 Sundays a month in August and September. The person leading worship will do so at both churches, with Beulah continuing to have worship at 9:30 and Monterey at 11:15.

We welcome Reverend Rockwell Ward to the pulpit on Sunday August 7. Reverend Ward is a retired Presbyterian minister living part-time in McDowell

August 14 - Jim Sherman

August 21 - Reverend Bronwen Boswell

## CELEBRATIONS for the 1<sup>st</sup> week in August

### Birthdays

July 29 – Julia Blanchard  
July 30 – Elizabeth Lohr-Myers  
August 3 – Sandie Stinnett  
August 4 -Patsy Simmons  
August 5 – Cappie Hull

### Anniversaries

August 5 – Bucky and Norma Reynolds

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**PRAYER LIST** – Corbin Swecker, Ardis and Jim Stephenson, Linda Frye, Mike Armstrong, Sandie Stinnett, Lola Sestrap, Mike Humphries, Garland and Lillian Dever, Ray Mueller, and Carol Roberts and Mike Gonzales in your prayers.

Many of you have reached out regularly and asked about baby Corbin. Chris reported this morning that he is currently stable and doing well. Chris and Jessa appreciate all of our prayers and concern and Jessa shared this evening that Corbin is scheduled to be released soon and should continue to improve without a lasting impact to his body. A larger update will be in the next newsletter.

**Beulah Sunday School** will meet in-person and via WebEx this Sunday at 10:30 using the link below, studying Lesson #9, “The Word Gives Peace. <https://pianotuning.my.webex.com/meet/rasimms2000>

**PC Adult Sunday School** meets at 10:00 am. The lesson this week will be from The Wired Word. “An article this month in a Christian publication gave us a reason to explore what is going on in churches of varying persuasions regarding the matter of conversion. It’s a good opportunity for us to consider what the Bible tells us about that subject and what it means for our faith journey.” Please contact Norma Reynolds if you would like to be on the list to receive the Wired Word lesson each week.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### STATED SESSION MEETING

**Wednesday, August 10**– Beulah’s Session will hold a Stated Meeting at Beulah PC at 7:00 p.m.

### ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Sunday, August 28** – The annual Ice Cream Social will be held at Monterey Presbyterian Church at 5:00 pm. Ice Cream and Hot Dogs will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.

### DEDICATION SUNDAY

**Sunday, September 18** – MPC will be dedicating the restored stained glass windows, pavilion, front garden and new roof during the worship service, followed by lunch. Reverend Bronwen Boswell, General Presbyter, Shenandoah Presbytery, will be leading worship that day. The congregations from both churches are invited to attend the worship service and stay for lunch. More details to come.

Please send me pictures, prayer concerns, calendar events, and any other information you want in the monthly newsletter by Thursday afternoon, 8/4. Email to: [tessie2255@yahoo.com](mailto:tessie2255@yahoo.com)

# Order of Worship

July 31, 2022

**Theme- God changes everything.**

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **TIME OF CENTERING**

## **OPENING SCRIPTURE – Psalm 96:1-6**

L: <sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**C: <sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

L: <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**C: <sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be revered above all gods.**

L: <sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.

**C: <sup>6</sup> Honor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

**All: <sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

**HYMN – “Morning Has Broken” #35, W&R; #362, WC**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - Isaiah 43:16-21**

**THOUGHTS – Doing a new thing**

**HYMN – “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” #24, W&R; #285, PH**

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**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 1:21-28**

**THOUGHTS – A new teaching**

**HYMN – “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord” #586, WC**

**THIRD SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

**THOUGHTS – A new creation**

**SONG – “Everything Changes” words and music by Richard Hill**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**SONG OF THANKSGIVING – “We Praise You, O God” #726, W&R; #376, WC**

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you

We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

**PRAYER OF THANKS**

**HYMN – “God of Grace and God of Glory” #569, W&R; #669, WC**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**