



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Ancient of Days" by William Blake

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Jean-Francois Dandrieu

O Sons and Daughters

Ringling of the Bells

Introit

Introit for Easter

Joseph Noyon

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Sentences from Psalm 19**

Leader: The heavens tell the glory of God. The skies reflect God's handiwork. Day carries news to day, night brings the message to night.

People: Without a work, without a sound, without a voice being heard, their message fills the world. It springs from the edge of the earth, suns course across the sky to win the race at heaven's end.

Leader: Keep us, thought and word, in your good grace. God, you are my savior, you are my rock.

***Hymn 487**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Confession

God of glory, nature calls out to proclaim your work, and yet we ignore the beauty that surrounds us. We turn our backs when those around us abuse our good earth. We poison the air, pollute the waters, and taint the soil. We ignore the calls to care for your creation.

Forgive us, O God. And help us to hear the messages that the skies, the waters, and the earth tell us. Through your Spirit, we pray.

[Silent confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response 577 *Glory Be to the Father*

***Passing of the Peace**

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

People: And also with you.

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.

History Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you."

Anthem

Eastertide Carol Traditional arr. R. Proulx

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:4-8

When a large crowd was gathering, as people were coming to him from town after town, Jesus said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed some fell on a path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on rock, and as it grew up it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "If you have ears to hear, then hear!"

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard

Offering

Minute for Mission

Allison Turcan

Anthem *How Lovely Are the Messengers* F. Mendelssohn

***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**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

***Hymn 108**

Christ Is Alive

***Charge and Blessing**

Benediction Response *May the Lord, Mighty God* Chinese Folk Tune

***Postlude**

Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bonds

J. S. Bach

*Please stand, if you are able.

Announcements

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

Child Care Available

In addition to Sunday Spirit for elementary school kids, childcare is provided during worship for kids not yet in kindergarten. Please contact Courtney for more information.

Happy 10th Birthday Brady!
-Dedicated by Michelle Gosh &
Kim Lapple



May Day Celebration

Sunday, May 5

**After worship join us on the front lawn to
celebrate May Day!**

IN REMEMBRANCE OF



DIANA RICHTER

THE FAMILY OF DIANA RICHTER WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE
CONGREGATION TO THE MEMORIAL AND RECEPTION ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH.

MEMORIAL - 11 AM
RECEPTION - 12 - 2 PM

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THE MOUNT KISCO
INTERFAITH
FOOD PANTRY

BPC supports the mission of the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry to provide fresh, nutritious food to our neighbors in need. On average, 630 households rely on the Pantry each week, a staggering 31% increase since 2022.

Volunteers are needed from BPC to help distribute food at the Pantry on Tuesday, April 30th from 5-7pm. If you have any questions please contact Cecilia Rosenblum at rosenblumclr12@gmail.com or Sharon Seidell at sps1256s@gmail.com.

Check the enews or the website to sign up.

Save the Date

THE MOUNT KISCO INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

Community Table

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 • 6-9pm • Bedford Historical Hall

A drinks and hors d'oeuvres reception featuring music by DogBone

"The Community Table," our new signature event, is about savoring the connections forged around the dining table where deep and meaningful relationships are fostered while sharing a meal. The Community Table concept acknowledges that while food is a basic human necessity, it can improve not only the physical health of the community, but the emotional and social well being of those eating together. By supporting MKIFP, you are ensuring that there will always be food on the tables of those we serve.

Head to their website to purchase tickets.

Seed Starting

NATIVITY FARM

Sunday, April 14th

After the Service

Fellowship Hall

Free to Read Book Group

Sunday, April 28 at 12:15pm

Antioch Baptist Church

3 Church Street, Bedford Hills



King and the Dragonflies
by Kacen Callender
Senior, Adult & Teen Program

Join us for discussions offered by **Free to Read**, a new book group that focuses on fiction and nonfiction books that have been targeted or restricted in libraries and schools and that may close off readers to people, places and perspectives.

Books are available at the Bedford Hills Library, ready for check out.

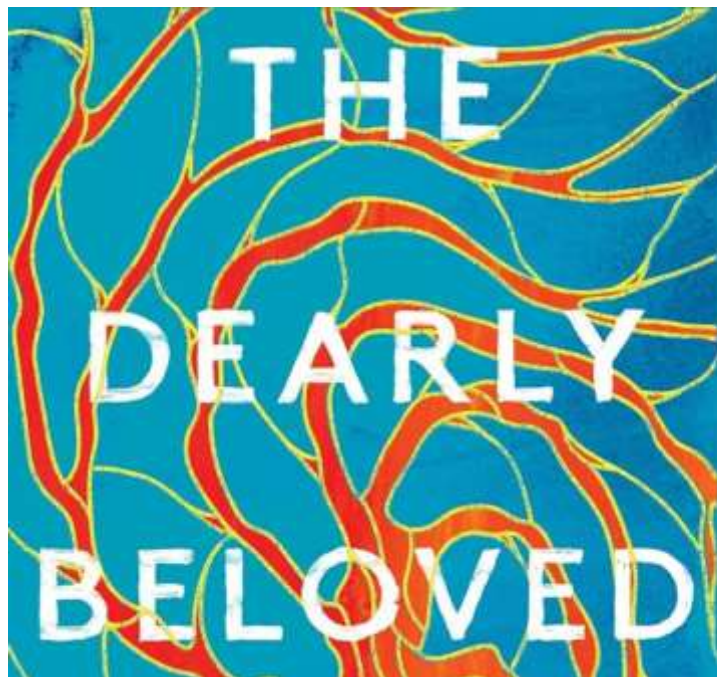


Register at:
bit.ly/KingDragon24

In a small but turbulent Louisiana town, one boy's grief takes him beyond the bayous of his backyard, to learn that there is no right way to be yourself.

King and the Dragonflies is a young adult novel that explores the intersection between race, gender roles and sexuality.

Published in 2020, it received the National Book Award for Young People's Literature, Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for Fiction and Poetry, and was a 2021 Coretta Scott King Honor Book!



Book Club with Carol

After the Service
Pastor's Office

We will discuss
The Dearly Beloved
by Cara Wall
Chapters 1-3



Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month!

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

12:30 pm - Chapel Room

Quilting



Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm
Chapel Room

Learn as you go
from other quilters.

The results of the BPC survey are in! We had very strong participation with more than 90 participants from across the congregation completing the survey and providing comments and suggestions about current challenges and priorities for change. The Vision and Friends & Membership Committees have met to discuss the results and identify next steps recommendations to Session.

Based on the survey results and comments, we have identified four categories for action planning and change:

- Engaging leadership
- Compelling BPC experience
- Membership diversity and rejuvenation
- Community presence and outreach

Sub-committees will begin soon. If you'd be interested in participating in one of these committees please reach out and let us know.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the survey and provided thoughtful comments. The results reflect the passion and pride we all feel for our church and each other, as well as the desire to launch a new era for the church.

We will be planning preview sessions or perhaps focus groups inviting the congregation to share highlights and gather additional feedback.

Stay tuned for more to come!

Anne Bentzen - Vision
Bart Tyler - Friends & Members
Rev. Carol Howard



BEDFORD BELLRINGERS



Looking for a new challenge?



Learn to play English handbells with the Bedford Bellringers. You must know how to read music. Prior experience is not needed but is helpful. Reach out to Heidi Michaels, (hmichaels425@gmail.com) handbell director for more information.

HELP LOCAL TEENS HAVE AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

CCNW'S ANNUAL PROM DRIVE

Each year, CCNW helps our students offset the financial burden of attending Prom by offering them access to formal wear for Prom night. Thanks to the generous donations of dresses, tuxedos, shoes and accessories from our community, our students can confidently attend their Prom in style.



ITEMS WE ARE COLLECTING NOW:

- 👗 Long and short dresses
- 👔 Tuxedos and navy/black suits
- 👞 Men's/women's dress shoes
- 👛 Purses, clutches, jewelry
- 👔 Bowties/neck ties/cummerbunds
- 👕 Men's white dress shirts

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER:

Tues, Weds, Fri: 10am - 4pm, Thurs: 12pm - 6pm and Sat: 10am - 1pm

Do you know someone who needs help with Prom clothing?

Call us at 914-232-6572 ext. 105

All calls will be kept confidential.

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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 and 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, April 14th

10 am

Worship

11 am

Coffee Hour, Seed Starting, and
Rev. Carol's Book Club

Monday, April 15th

9 am

Yoga

Tuesday, April 16th

1 pm

Quilting

7:15 pm

Bells Rehearse

Thursday, April 18th

10 am

Bible Study. Please contact Alan

McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net

7 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 20th

Diana Richter Memorial

Sunday, April 21st

10 am

Worship and Youth Collection

11 am

Coffee Hour and Session Meeting

Our Leadership

Session

Clerk of Session Michelle Gosh, President Brian Hiller-Dupont (Worship),
Anne Bentzen (Vision), Linda Burpee (Mission),
Jessica Cunningham (Personnel),
Amy Drabek (Nominating Committee & Nativity Farm),
Danielle Gamar (Christian Education),
Ashley Glod-Hayes (Friends & Members),
Maria Andrea Laverde (Nativity Farm),
Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),
& Bart Tyler (Finance)
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard

Deacons

Chair Kim Lapple, Sarah Alley,
Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson, Andres Mejía,
Diane Palmento, and Lisa Sayre

Staff

The Reverend Carol Howard, Pastor

The Reverend Courtney Steininger, Minister of Christian Education

John Lettieri, Director of Music

Jessica DeAlto, Administrative and Financial Manager

Elyssa Michaels, Director of Congregational Life & Digital Ministries

The Reverend Thomas A. Hughart, Pastor Emeritus

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