

# Chester Bethel UMC

October 13, 2024 9:30 AM



## Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev Kelly Conner  
Organist: Carmella Lynch  
Bell choir Director: Pam Manochio  
Special Music: Bell Choir  
Worship Leader: Rich Kuc

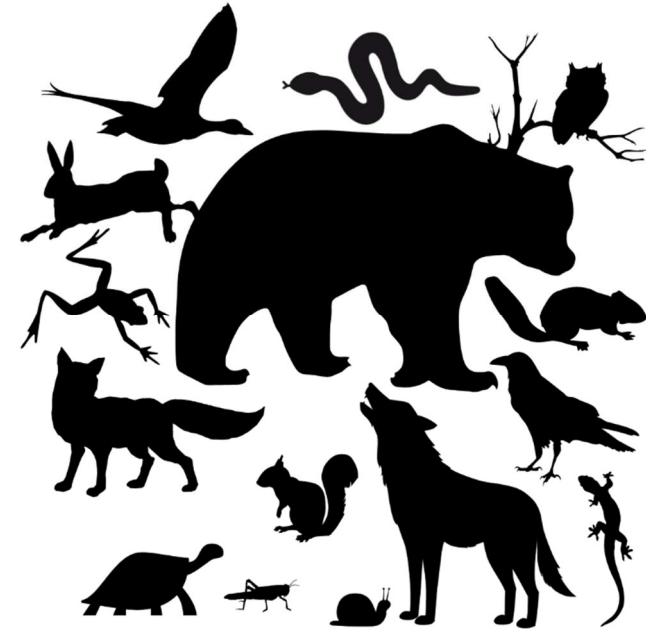
*Altar flowers are given  
to the glory of God*

## Prayer Joys and Concerns:

H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

Andrew R.(O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H);  
Darene Hazel (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Jane Dean (H); Lillian  
Williams (H); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock  
Family (O); Laura White (H); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (H);  
Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT);  
Nancy Walker (H); Mabel & Alan Ladd (H); MaryAnn Rumford  
(LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war.

*Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex*



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October 13, 2024  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Blessing of the Animals

9:30 AM

**Announcements**

- There is a Missions committee meeting in Room #1 after church today. Please attend if you can.
- It's time for the Joe Corbi Preschool fundraiser—if you are interested, flyers are in the Narthex.
- Our **book study** will continue every Tuesday evening (zoom) and Thursday morning and end the week before Thanksgiving, on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Tuesday nights at 7 on Zoom; Thursday mornings at 10 am in Room 1.
- Check out our Money for Missions fundraiser Linda Lyons is coordinating this fundraiser—it's easy and effective. Submit order forms to the office for processing; thank you!

**Dates to remember:**

- Sept. 15-Oct 27—Mission fundraiser Purchasing window
- Oct 13 – Blessing of the Animals at 9:30 AM
- Oct 26 – Trunk or Treat in our parking lot, 3-5 PM
- Nov 5 –Election Day

Music licensing CCLI #1642131, Streaming license CCLI #20705544

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

TIME OF GREETING WITH THE ADORABLE CREATURES

*\*Please note the communal water bowl available for pets.*

PRELUDE – *All Things Bright and Beautiful* – Bell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* OPENING HYMN – “For the Beauty of the Earth” vv. 1,2 & 6  
UMH #92

OPENING PRAYER – Episcopalian Collect for St. Francis<sup>1</sup>

**Most high and good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of St. Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfect joy. O God, you have made us and made all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE TO BOTH HUMANS AND ANIMALS

*\* Please ask before greeting any pet, as not all are comfortable with people and other animals.*

INTRODUCTION OF OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS

*You are invited to introduce your animal(s) to the congregation, sharing their names and any special information about them.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON – “Fur, Feathers, Fins, and Faith”<sup>2</sup>

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 28:1-14

<sup>2</sup> The idea for this song came from the title of an article found here:  
<https://www.hpumc.org/stories/blessing-of-the-animals-fur-feathers-fins-and-faith>.

