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A Monthly Newsletter of
Bethel United Church of Christ

November 2018



PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

Generally speaking, at the polls on Election Day, people “vote their pocketbooks.” It doesn't matter so much what the pollsters say about the state of national affairs or partisan politics, if your personal finances are suffering, you cast a ballot against the incumbent leadership in hopes of a change for the better.

Well, this isn't a letter to solicit votes. But it is a letter about our pocketbooks. Because much like in the voting booth, our tendency is to measure church stewardship in comparison to our personal finances. This is both necessary and prudent. We cannot pledge to give what we don't have. On the other hand, we can pledge to give. No matter if you are a newly confirmed teenager, a young adult with a spouse and children, a middle-aged empty nester, or a retired senior – we all can give.

We don't give because we have to – stewardship is not an obligation. We give because we need to – stewardship is a privilege. Stewardship is a unique and blessed opportunity that reflects our faith, hope, and trust in God. Figuratively speaking, stewardship is *faith with legs*. It takes what we say we believe and makes it tangible, concrete.

Among our Old Testament readings this fall, we've considered 1 Kings 3:4-13. It is the account of young King Solomon's prayer. In this prayer Solomon doesn't ask for riches or fame, he simply and humbly asks for an understanding mind, *lev shome'a* – a Hebrew phrase which literally means, *a listening heart*. God was pleased to grant Solomon's request; King Solomon became forever known for his wisdom. The king wasn't wise because of an extraordinary I.Q. but because he was receptive to divine suggestion, he was aligned with holy intention.

The same can be true for you and me. We can ask for and receive from God *lev shome'a* – listening hearts. We can use our hearts to hear God's call to be good stewards – to manage our financial resources in a manner consistent with the faith that we espouse. Be part of our fall stewardship campaign; make your pledge today. Cast your ballot in favor of Bethel Church, in support of our ministry and mission, and in concert with God's grace and blessing in your life.

Faithfully,



Pastor Bucholtz

BETHEL CHURCH STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our 2018 - 2019 Stewardship campaign kicks off on Sunday, November 4th and will conclude with the dedication of our pledges on Sunday, November 18th. Please pick up your Stewardship packets here at church; if you're unable to do so, please call the office and one will be mailed to you. Take time to prayerfully consider your contribution to Bethel Church.

TO NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Congratulations to pastor and members on the erection of Bethel Church signage at the Schneider Road and Bethel Church Road corner.

I'm reminded of the Sunday morning when Dianne and I first attended worship at Bethel. It's described on pp. 122-123 of my volume, *Parish, the Thought*, now in the church library.

Stopping at the corner that December morning in 2003, Dianne mentioned she thought she saw a church through the trees. I had already attended Emanuel in Manchester one Sunday and I knew there existed another UCC church in the area. Indeed, at that moment we were as close as a hunting dog on the trail of a fox. We turned the corner and went in. The rest is history—for Dianne and me a fine history

How excellent it would have been to view a sign taking the uncertainty out of turning the corner. I pray for the years to come that many will turn the corner and find the true worship and welcome present there.

David B. Bowman (Rev.)

Advent By Candlelight Tuesday, December 4, 2018 - 6:30pm Reineck Fellowship Hall

ADVENT IS COMING FAST! START the Advent Season at Bethel.....meeting and mingling by candlelight, indulging in tasty food creations, and sharing delightful Christmas centerpieces, stories and music. Bethel members bring hors d'oeuvres, salads and/or desserts to share.

★ ALL Bethel women (Confirmands including 2019 class and older) are invited. SIGN-UP sheets to attend will be on the bulletin board outside the church office during the first three weeks in November.

★ SIGN-UP for Table Hostess will take place during the **first three weeks in November** (also on the bulletin board outside the church office).

★ Guests are welcome and because we want all Bethel women to have the opportunity to attend this distinctive celebration of Advent, we may limit outside guests at each table, **but only if necessary**.

If you have any questions concerning the evening, if you want to sign up by phone, or if you would like to help with the planning of this special event, contact Bonnie Mitchell, 665-3068. It is an extraordinary way for women to begin the Advent Season!

WOMEN OF BETHEL

Thanksgiving will soon be here. Our monthly Vesper date is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving on November 27th. It is a good time to show our gratitude by serving others. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, please help where you can.

Advent is coming soon. Mark your calendar for Advent by Candlelight on December 4th.

Kitchen steward for November is Darlene Kuebler.

Women of Bethel have donated a new Sears Shop Vac. It is stored in the janitor's room if you need to use it. Joann Finkbeiner has the old one at her shop, but it only sucks up water because the filter is broke. Call 734-429-5793 if you want it back.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY (TOTENFEST) – November 25

Totenfest is a day set aside to honor the memory of our departed saints, in particular, those who've passed away in the previous twelve months. During worship a memorial prayer will be read and their name(s) will be spoken aloud. A family member or friend of the family will light a candle on the altar in their memory. Then the church bell will toll. The candle is for the family to take home after the service. This year we will be honoring the memories of Mary Ann Boettner, Marie Herter, Gilbert Luckhardt, Evelyn Nelson, and Tom St. Charles. We will also remember our extended church family, the deceased whose names appeared in the Sunday bulletin's prayer requests.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you signed up to be part of the prayer chain this year, you have been placed on the e-mail list or telephone list, depending on what you requested. If you are not yet on either of these lists, your name can be added at any time. Call Renee at the office to arrange for this.

Calls to the prayer chain go out several times each month. To start the prayer chain for a loved one, member of the church, friend or neighbor, you can call Pastor Dave (323-4129), Renee at the office (429-8530) or Mary Sue Moore (428-8687). Emailing Mary Sue works too. msjoe56@aol.com

Prayer Chain participants appreciate hearing that their prayers requesting "a good outcome," or "return to good health," etc. are answered. Please let us know when this happens. Whenever possible, this news is relayed to all involved.



BABY CRIB

Are you or anyone you know, in need of a baby crib? The Austin family would like to donate Jack's crib and will be happy to deliver and assemble it to anyone in the Manchester/Saline/Chelsea area. Please contact the church office or Mark and Debbie directly.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Advent Workshop is November 25th and the Board of Christian Education is looking for people willing to help out with the crafts. We can make the craft or you can bring your own. We would need at least 5 volunteers to help out. Please contact Stacey or Jill if you are willing to help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

This year the Sunday School leaders have decided to not take an offering every week. Instead we will focus more on mission based projects to help out others. Please watch for more info on the missions and needs in the upcoming months.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Jill Corwin and Stacey Neigebauer are stepping down from coordinating and running Vacation Bible School. We are in need of at least one, if not two, individuals to take over the Vacation Bible School program for Bethel Church. Please contact Jill or Stacey with any questions as they are happy to give you pointers and all of the documents that were created for the program.

RECYCLING AT BETHEL CHURCH

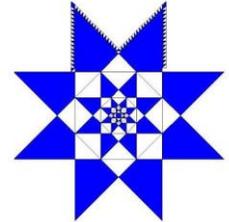
Our waste disposal company will recycle many items if they are left by the trash bins in back of the church. The list of items is posted in the kitchen above the three compartment sink under which there are cartons for them. Please check the list to be sure the item is acceptable before placing in the recycling cartons.

There is a tub, marked for recycling, for paper and cardboard in the Church Office under the counter next to the copier. AND, there will also be one in the Assembly Room in the basement for paper and cardboard. It's location is to be determined. All recycled items are frequently placed in bags provided for recycling and taken outside to the trash bins.

Our Sunday worship bulletins are **recycled**. If you don't wish to take yours home, please leave it on a pew in the back of the sanctuary or annex. THANKS!

BETHEL QUILTERS

Bethel Quilters meet from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. every Tuesday. Please join them!



ELVIRA M. VOGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Higher Education Scholarships: This scholarship fund, initially founded by Elvira and her family, was established to sustain Elvira's desire to support laypeople in their training for ministry and to further their faith journeys through a participatory level of church ministry and greater outreach into the worldwide community. The committee has now extended its reach to consider support for church members seeking post-high school assistance, such as colleges, universities, and trade schools on an annual basis. May 15, 2019 is the deadline for next year.

Other Scholarship Fund Activities: Other types of educational grants and scholarships, not including Higher Education Scholarships, will continue to be considered should funds be available. **If necessary we may need to limit grants/scholarships for non-church events to two per person.** In the past, these have included assistance for high school trips abroad for cultural awareness, youth leadership conferences, classroom supplies, workshops relating to a person's area of expertise, retreats, middle school & high school trips, etc. **Awarding of these grants/scholarships is based on, among other criteria, participation in the life of the church.** These applications can be submitted at any time of year. Any person who wishes to request assistance should do so in writing to a member of the committee, the members of which are: Darlene Kuebler, Joann Finkbeiner, Sula Horodeczny, Cathy Moore, Mary Sue Moore, and Lou & Elvira Vogel's daughters, Virginia, Valorie, and Sue Ellyn.

An Elvira Vogel Assistance Scholarship of \$171.37 was awarded to **JODY MUNSON** to purchase books for her library she uses to teach dyslexic children and also supplies for handwriting. Elvira was dedicated to teaching children skills that helped them in the real world. Congratulations, Jody!

As most of you know, the Elvira Vogel Scholarship Fund is supported by our **Sauerkraut Supper** held last month. Look for the report in December's Newsletter.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST IN BULLETIN

When listing a name on the pew pad for the Prayer Request list, please put your name next to the name you request. If several people sign the pew pad, it is difficult to figure out who requested a prayer. Thank you.

BETHEL CHURCH COOKBOOKS

Now is the time to begin thinking of Christmas gifting. A Bethel Cookbook makes a perfect gift. It is loaded with great, old recipes, lovingly submitted by Bethel members. The cookbooks are on the table across from the library. Cost, a bargain at \$10.00!

EVANGELISM

The **Ushers, Greeters, Lay Readers, Acolytes and Child Care** lists for November are included in this newsletter. Please mark your calendars where dates apply to you. Your help with these services is appreciated and a vital part of keeping the life of Bethel Church running smoothly.

We count on you to fulfil this obligation. If you are unable to perform the service at your scheduled time, please arrange for a substitute, and inform the church office at 429-8530 or Joe Moore (Ushers and Greeters) at 428-8687, Renee St. Charles (Lay Readers) at 429-8530, Kristi Campbell (Child Care) at 330-0029 and Bonnie Mitchell (Acolytes) at 665-3068 before the Wednesday of your scheduled Sunday. They can help you find substitutes if you are unable.

♪ ♪ TAKE NOTE ♪ ♪

The sanctuary has a fresh coat of paint. The organ will again be used for worship. After more than a month of inactivity, the blower motor warmed right up as soon as the switch was turned on. Choir rehearsals have returned to their normal times and places. Although it seems early, music for Advent and Christmas is already on the list of anthems to be practiced.

MONTHLY REHEASAL SCHEDULE for November

- SENIOR CHOIR: 7:30 p.m. on Mondays
- HANDBELL CHOIR: 6:30 p.m. on Mondays
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR: 6:30-7:15 p.m. on Mondays, **for children up through 4th grade**
- YOUTH CHOIR PLUS: **for youth in grades 5 & up, family members & any interested adults**
Next rehearsal is November 25 following the Advent Workshop.
- BETHEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA - TBA

SPECIAL MUSIC for November is:

- ♪ 4th - SENIOR CHOIR *Here I Am, Lord* by Daniel L. Schutte/Setting by Jack Schrader
- ♪ 11th - PRAISE CHOIR *Selection TBA*
- ♪ 18th - CHILDREN'S CHOIR *Selection TBA*
- ♪ 25th - **TOTENFEST**, when we remember those who have died during the past year
SENIOR CHOIR, *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You* by Jay Althouse

SPAGHETTI SUPPER AND CHOICE RAFFLE

It's not too soon to be thinking Spaghetti Supper and Choice Raffle. This Mission fundraising event takes place, Saturday, February 23, 2019. We are in the process of encouraging people to donate items or services, such as a kayak trip or babysitting evening for the Choice Raffle and Silent Auction. If you have an item or service, please contact: Amanda Eisenmann (alaberdee@gmail.com), Susan Luckhardt (sluckhardt@att.net), Cathy Moore (catherinemoore@att.net) or Tammy Wakevainen (tammywake@gmail.com). Thank you.

GERMAN COOKIES ARE BACK!

The Mission Team and friends are preparing for one of our favorite fundraisers, the German Cookie Baking. We will be baking at church on Saturdays, November 10, 17 and 24 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Come anytime for any amount of time and join in the fun of baking. An order form is included in the newsletter, plus there will be forms in the back of the church. So pre-order your cookies and don't be left without sweets. We will also have a table at Christmas in the Village at Sharon United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 1, where we will have cookies and other items for sale.



Bethel Church German Cookie Order Form

10425 Bethel Church Road, Manchester
(734) 429-8530

Customer Name: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

- _____dozen Lebkuchen, \$10.00 per dozen
- _____dozen Cinnamon Stars, \$8.00 per dozen
- _____dozen Almond Bars, \$7.00 per dozen
- _____dozen Nut Shortbread, \$7.00 per dozen
- _____dozen Cream Cheese Spritz, \$7.00 per dozen
- _____dozen, Zucker (Sugar), \$7.00 per dozen
- _____dozen Gingerbread, \$6.00 per dozen
- _____dozen Christmas Oatmeal, \$6.00 per dozen

Total \$ of order _____ (Make checks payable to Bethel Church Mission)

Date for pickup of cookies: _____(Specify November 25th or December 2nd)

THANK YOU

Dear Bethel UCC,

Thank you for your recent pop-tab donation. These tabs will be recycled for money that will directly impact the children and families we serve every day. We appreciate your support of the Ronald McDonald Houses.

Sincerely, Ronald McDonald House Charities

BETHEL SCRIP GIFT CARD MISSION FUNDRAISER

Low denomination gift cards will be available soon; perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift-giving! The \$10 cards are: Amazon.com; Applebee's; Barnes & Noble; CVS Pharmacy; Olive Garden; Red Lobster; Longhorn Steak; Home Depot; IHOP; Meijer; Outback Steakhouse; Target; Taco Bell; Walmart. \$5 denomination cards are also available: Panera & Starbucks'!

We still have over 90 SCRIP gift cards ON HAND and ON SALE after the Sunday services: \$10 Dominos, \$10 Goodrich Theaters, \$25 Amazon.com, \$10 GROUPON, \$10 & \$25 Bath&Body Works, \$25 Home Depot, \$25 JoAnn Fabrics, \$25 Lowe's, \$25 Shell, \$25 Speedway, \$25 Meijer, \$25 Target, \$10 Panera's, \$25 Ruby Tuesday, \$5 & \$10 Starbucks, \$10 Subway, \$10 Tim Hortons, \$10 & \$25 Walmart, and \$10 Wendy's. You may also order from the 7-page list of vendors at any time. CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!! Start your list today and remember SCRIP gift cards make great presents!

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call Bonnie Mitchell (734-665-3068) or Cathy Moore (734-649-7431); and please visit the Great Lakes website: shopwithscrip.com. This is a great way to support Bethel Missions!

RE-MEMBER 2019, PINE RIDGE RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA

Our 2019 Re-Member trip is scheduled for June 15 - 21, 2019. We have reserved 8 spots. Six of those spots are already spoken for by Bethel members. Two spots still remain. Let either Cathy Moore or Pastor Dave know you'll be willing to participate. Don't miss out on this life-changing experience. Find out more online at: <http://www.re-member.org/> Volunteer Programs - Our volunteer experience is a unique combination of giving and learning. Due to the nature of the volunteer work projects and topics, the minimum age to participate in a Regular Program is 12. If you are interested in one of the two Kids' Weeks offered ask Cathy for information.

The total cost for a week long service-learning trip (Saturday to Friday) is \$575.00 for volunteers age 12 and over, and \$287.50 for children aged 8-11 during Kids' Week. This fee includes a 4.5% tax. Trip participants will most likely pay a portion of the trip fee. The Mission Team has helped in the past with the trip costs. Trip participants are expected to help with the Mission fundraisers during the year. These fundraisers help raise the necessary money needed for this trip.

Please consider joining us next year for an eye-opening Mission trip.

RE-MEMBER'S ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH - Please consider joining us at this year's Re-Member Annual meeting & dinner. Bethel Church is sponsoring a table and we have spots available at our table. If you are interested or curious about Re-Member come and find out more. Plus be a part of the celebration for Re-Member's twenty-year anniversary and to thank Ted and Kristin Skantze for their dedication and leadership to Re-Member. Please let Julie Roberts or Cathy Moore know if you would like to join us. The dinner takes place in Grand Rapids beginning with a silent auction at 5:00 p.m. Carpooling is available too.

MATERIAL AIDS

We continue to collect items for our Material Aids' School Kits and Health Kits. Below is a list of the items that we need more of in the next couple of months. Health Kits especially will be in high demand in the wake of Hurricane Florence and the Typhoon in the Philippines.

- Hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip, bath, kitchen or micro-fiber towels) Note: We do not need washcloths
- Standard size Band-Aids®
- Wide-tooth combs
- **70-count** spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)

You can leave the items on the coat rack by the Fellowship Hall or in the office. Thank you.

If you have questions see Cathy Moore.

Please continue to bring non-perishable food and toiletry items to church – leave them by the coat rack by the Fellowship Hall. We take these items to Manchester's CRC or Family Service.

Please also remember to continue to save:

- Postage stamps – we can collect them again as we have a group that wants them.
- No longer used eyeglasses/lenses
- Pop can tabs
- Box Tops for Education
- Hearing aids and hearing aid batteries
- Fronts of greeting cards. Please do not include any Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting card fronts.
- Paper & plastic grocery bags, which will be used by Manchester Family Service and The Sharing House.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Members of our committee of five (Susan Layher, Millie Guenther, Carol Colby and Mary Sue Moore and Church Board Rep., Karen Weidmayer) invite you to join them if you would like to help maintain the record of Bethel's rich history and heritage.

Please contact either Susan at 428-9128 or Mary Sue at 428-8687 if you would like to serve on this committee. Remember, we are always happy to receive church history photos, documents and other items that we can add to the archives. We can copy most everything and return them to you if you wish.

Their schedule has them meeting from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on the 4th Tuesday of the month. **Exception, no meeting on December 25.**

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours for Pastor Bucholtz:

Tuesday 10:00a-1:00p

Friday 10:00a-1:00p

Other times by appointment: (734) 323-4129

Office hours for Renee:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00a-1:00p

Please call ahead (734-429-8530) before coming to the church to make sure Renee is in the office. Office hours are subject to change. If you need pastoral assistance during non-office hours, please call or e-mail Pastor Bucholtz. (734) 323-4129 or bucholtz@umich.edu

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY

Lance Aiken
413 Anderson Dr.
Wayland, MI 49348-9503



So we can keep our directory accurate, please contact the church office if you have a new address, phone number, or email. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

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| September 2 | Labor Day Weekend | 94 |
| September 9 | Sunday School Open House | 115 |
| September 16 | Bible Sunday | 111 |
| September 23 | | 121 |
| September 30 | Worship in fellowship hall | 115 |



ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to those who provided the beautiful altar flowers.

September 2 Jean Martin in memory of Holly Martin and Paul & Marie Herter
September 16 Irma Weidmayer in memory of Armin Weidmayer and in honor of Gary Weidmayer's birthday



Available dates to provide altar flowers are: **November 25, December 16 & 30**

Please sign-up for altar flowers on the flower chart or call Darlene Kuebler at 734-429-4239.

You may also contact the church office at 734-429-8530.

ALPHA HOUSE

There is one more opportunity to volunteer at IHN-Alpha House this year! Bethel will be providing dinner and activity time on Saturday, December 15th. Please consider volunteering to cook and/or play with the children. Signup sheet is available in church.

Our Mission: The mission of Interfaith Hospitality Network @ Alpha House is to provide temporary shelter, food and support services in a caring atmosphere of dignity and safety. More than providing just a bed and a roof for families, our goal is to support the families in securing and maintaining their own home. To learn more about IHN and our shelter Alpha House please visit www.alphahouse-ihn.org

Current Needs:

We have plenty of children's bedding at the moment, but we are in need of adult bedding:

- Comforters
- Blankets
- Flannel sheets

We are still in need of:

- Pillows
- Towels
- Mattress pads (quilted OR plastic)

Holiday Wishes 2018

Below is an overview of the different ways that you can help families this holiday season.



Gifts & Gift Cards for Shelter Families

Based on feedback we have received from shelter families, we have reduced the number of gifts to be purchased by donors and added a request for gift cards.

This year, each family member will receive 2 gifts along with \$50 in gift cards per person so parents can shop for their family.

Over the years, parents have made us aware that they would like to do their own shopping for their children. We are honoring their request by also asking for gift cards that will allow them to do some shopping for themselves. Meijer gift cards are best since families can purchase food and gift items at one location.

Parents will complete a "wish list" for each family member indicating the 2 gifts each person wants. Wish Lists will be distributed among donors in the community on a first come, first served basis. Lists will be created as close to Thanksgiving as possible. Availability of wish lists depends on the families that will be in shelter during the holiday. Please keep in mind that families in shelter now may not be here during the holiday season. Because of the work we do to help families find permanent housing, shelter stays are much shorter.

Gift Cards for Home-Based Families

We like to provide gift cards for our home-based families because this is often their first holiday back in stable housing. Gift cards give parents the opportunity to shop for their own children and celebrate the holidays in their own way. A place where families can buy food, clothing, gift items and gas is best. For this reason, Meijer gift cards in increments of \$25, \$50 or \$100 are ideal. Gift cards will be distributed to families by our staff and each family will receive \$150 per family member that will allow parents to purchase gifts and food for a holiday meal. Leftover gift cards are put to good use by providing supplies and clothing for families throughout the year.

Holiday Stockings for the children

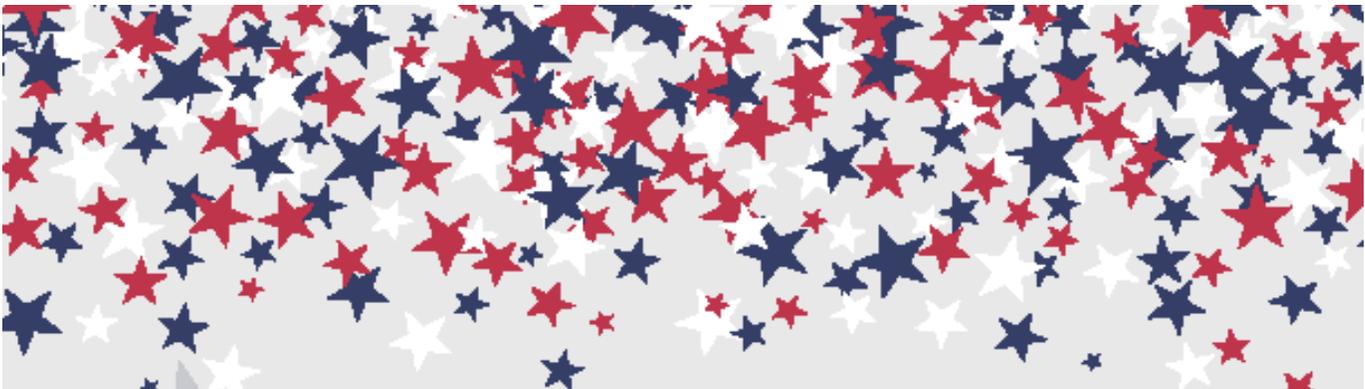
Holiday Stockings are provided for both in-house and home-based families. We provide a holiday stocking for each child age 17 and younger. Stockings are a small gift but they can make the biggest difference during the holidays. We are asking for donations of ONLY stocking stuffers since we have a supply of stockings. We estimate that all items for one stocking would be about \$25.

Blessing Basket items for those now in permanent housing

Blessing Baskets are provided to in-house families who are moving into their own homes throughout the year. These baskets are given when families leave Alpha House and include essential household items like new dishes and glasses, new pots and pans, shower curtains, towels, cleaning supplies and paper products. These items are invaluable to a family settling into new housing.

If you are interested in participating, please let us know which effort you'd like to help with.

Email or call Operations Specialist, Susan Mefford, at smefford@alphahouse-ihn.org or 734-249-5005 if you would be willing to help this season or if you need additional information.



DIUBLE FAMILY VISION FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL BENEFIT EVENT

WHEN: NOVEMBER 17, 2018
TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: WASHTENAW FARM COUNCIL GROUNDS
5055 SALINE-ANN ARBOR ROAD • ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN



COME & ENJOY A FUN NIGHT FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

- SILENT & LIVE AUCTION, RAFFLES & DFV SWAG
- FOOD, DRINKS, HOMEMADE PRETZELS, DJ/DANCING AND MORE!!
- DJ SERVICES BY THROW YO HANDS UP ENTERTAINMENT
- DONATIONS MADE TO THE DIUBLE FAMILY VISION FOUNDATION



TICKETS
PER FAMILY: \$65
PER PERSON: \$25

WWW.DIUBLEFAMILYVISION.ORG



IN THE COMMUNITY

Thurs., November 1 **5:00-6:30 p.m.** Turkey Dinner and Bake Sale at St. Andrew's UCC, Dexter. \$10/Adults, \$5/5-12 yrs. Dine-in or carry-out.

STORYPOINT ANN ARBOR PRESENTS

MEMORY MATTERS SYMPOSIUM

Learning, Loving, and Living With Memory Loss

November 15th, 2018 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Registration begins at 8:15 am

Held at The Kensington Hotel, 3500 South State St., Ann Arbor, MI

We are proud to offer the invaluable insights of renowned speaker Teepa Snow

Reserve your seat today at (734)944-6600. RSVPs must be received by November 9th. Complimentary lunch included. Free for caregivers & families. For professional or educational groups larger than 5 people, a \$20 per person fee will apply.

TOPICS (including dementia fundamentals):

Behaviors and Communication:

Reality Orientation, Lying, Go With the Flow, Redirection, Distraction, Validation, Empathy: Confrontational vs. Supportive Communication * Why Do They Do THAT? - Understanding Symptoms & Behaviors in Dementia

Caregiving:

Baby Boomers as Caregivers...And Who Will Care for the Boomers * Creative and Practical Tips For Getting Through the Day * Managing Behavior - Start With Yourself * Learning the Difference between Letting Go and Giving Up * Making Visits Valuable and Positive * Humor and Caregiving - Learning How to Laugh



Teepa Snow

Today's Voice for Dementia, Teepa Snow is one of the world's leading advocates and educators for anyone living with dementia.



Teepa's philosophy is reflective of her education, work experience, medical research, and first hand caregiving experiences. Her advocacy efforts led her to the development of the GEMS® dementia classification model and the Positive Approach® to Care training strategies.

Teepa Snow is an occupational therapist with 40 years of rich and varied clinical and academic experience. She presents with extraordinary expertise and humor to audiences large and small throughout the world.

Co-Sponsored by:

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CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:55pm by President K. Weidmayer

Present: K. Weidmayer, E. Roehm, J. Roberts, J. Laberdee, S. Diuble,
S. Neigebauer, J. Fiegel, Pastor Bucholtz

Devotions – Led by Pastor Bucholtz

Agenda: Motion to accept with change to move Youth to Committee reports
Motion to accept – S. Diuble; Second - S. Neigebauer
Approved – All. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Bucholtz
Discussion on basement clean-up

Reports:

Secretary's Minutes – J. Laberdee
Correction – J. Fiegel and S. Diuble absent
Motion to accept with corrections – E. Roehm; second - S. Neigebauer
Approved – all. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary – J. Fiegel
Renee send out mid-year financial reports; one person did not like them emailed

Treasurer's Report – J. Roberts
Statements Reviews.
Motion to approve report – J. Fiegel; second – S. Diuble
Approved – all. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Archives – K. Weidmayer. Work is continuing.

Stewardship – J. Roberts/E. Roehm. Envelopes are in
Evangelism – J. Roberts/E. Roehm. On going.

Elders – S. Neigebauer. Will be meeting the end of the month.

Endowment – J. Roberts. Meeting October 24, 2018

Cemetery – J. Laberdee. Work will be done to repair some of the monuments.

Mission – Meeting Tuesday, September 18, 2018. October 21 Mission Speaker – special offering will be taken this date.

Communion – S. Diuble. No problems to report

Cabinet – J. Fiegel. Meet again in February 2019.

Board of Christian Education – J. Fiegel - Meeting 9/16/18 at 11am.

Suggestion made that perhaps BCE could share basement updates.

Outdoor Sign – J. Laberde. It is up – will be running soon.

Memorial Committee - J. Laberde. Paraments were ordered. Quilt of church was framed and hung up.

Youth Task Force - J. Laberde. Moving along. Will need to get safe church forms for youth.

Maintenance (S. Diuble)

- Water - no sign of water since August
- Lights were replaced in basement and some switched to LED
- Blinds were purchased and hung in Pre-K/K room; nursery also needs blinds
- Plug in Sunday School/Choir room office is needed
- Water testing – 3rd quarter testing was completed.
- Elevator Testing –Shindler’s conducting. S. Diuble indicated there is new requirement from State.

Old Business

- Conference Room – Pastor Bucholtz indicated that a parishioner is interested in purchasing and donating conference table and chairs with Board approval. The Board expressed their appreciation of this generous offer.
- Website Update – Everything was cleaned and working with Blue Host and Word Press. Every update needed to be done. Karen will continue to work on this with Renee and Jennifer Bucholtz. J. Fiegel also volunteered to assist.
- Sanctuary Painting- Has begun. Discussion on possible sanctuary color changes. Board will need to see any proposed changes.
- Bat removal is complete.
- Outside water system – still complaints that there is no pressure. Hoses were put on timers. K. Weidmayer will review with Ann Arbor Well Drilling.

New Business

- Church cleaning company – need to find new cleaner/company. Discussion on hours. J. Roberts and K. Weidmayer will explore further
- Downstairs kitchen – sink and changes okayed
- Manchester CRC - nomination made by the Board. Banquet is November 3, 2018.
- Re-member Annual meeting will be November 10 in Grand Rapids

Motion to adjourn: S. Diuble; second – J. Fiegel

Approved – all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. All joined in Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting is October 10, 2018 @ 6:45 pm.

PASTOR'S SEPTEMBER REPORT TO THE BETHEL CHURCH BOARD

Summary/Reflection

What makes for a blessed church? High attendance? Fiscal soundness? Spirited fellowship? Certainly. These are all good and important factors, but not necessary at the root of blessedness. This past week's scripture reading from the book of Genesis may provide the answer. Abram is called by God to leave his home and venture off to an unknown destination (Genesis 12:1-9). He does so without the aid of GPS or a Google map to guide him. Abram ventures forth guided only by the promise of God which assures him that he will be blessed – so that he in turn can be a blessing. This basic concept remains central to the faith we profess. A blessed church is a church that is a blessing. Said another way, Bethel's blessedness is not measured by what we have, but instead, by what we give away. Trustees, in this time of property improvement (sanctuary painting, digital sign construction, and the like), let us remember the lesson of Abram. As first-priority, let us strive to be the blessed church that God has called us to be – measured only and forever by our generosity and enthusiasm to bless the Other, whomever and wherever the Other may be.

Worship

Weekly study and sermon preparation, staff meetings, various internal meetings

Many thanks to Rev. Jahnke for filling in during my vacation and my medical absence

Committee Work

Elders (cancelled August 30; reschedule in September)

Monthly submissions, editing, and publication of our church newsletter, Bethels Kirche (August 31)

Pastoral Care

1 EHM/Senior Solutions visit; 2 home visits; 3 office visits; no hospital visits

Christian Education

2018 Bethel Youth Initiative Task Force (Basement preparation)

SS Open House (September 9)

Confirmation (2 students – set to begin on September 16)

Mission Work

Denominational Work

Ecumenical Work

Facilities Management

General assistance for basement renovation and sanctuary painting

Personal

Bucholtz family vacation (August 13 – 27); Medical absence (September 2)

Miles Accumulated in travel: ~95 miles

TREASURER'S REPORT

Month Ending
9/30/18

Receipts:

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Offering | \$ | 12,071.00 |
| Loose Offering | \$ | 219.25 |
| Initial offering | | |
| Music | | |
| Sunday School | \$ | 200.00 |
| Benevolences (OCWM) | \$ | 701.00 |
| Local benevolences/OGHS | \$ | 146.00 |
| Hall Rental | | |
| Mission | | |
| Neighbors in Need | <u>\$</u> | <u>100.00</u> |
| Total Receipts | \$ | 13,437.25 |

Disbursements:

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------------|
| Personnel (salaries & related expenses) | \$ | 10,064.40 |
| Building costs (custodian, utilities & propane) | \$ | 6,826.68 |
| Operations (phone, office & worship supplies) | \$ | 2,192.82 |
| CWS - Blankets | <u>\$</u> | <u>1,250.00</u> |
| Total Disbursements | \$ | 20,333.90 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Beginning Cash September 1 | \$ | 16,226.13 |
| Ending Balance September 30 | \$ | 9,329.48 |

Ending Balance Less:

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|-------------|
| Endowment | \$ | (900.00) |
| OCWM/Local | \$ | (6,812.00) |
| Neighbors in Need | \$ | (100.00) |
| Strengthen the Church | \$ | (110.00) |
| Sunday School | \$ | (365.00) |
| Christmas | \$ | (100.00) |
| Mission/Memorial | \$ | (761.00) |
| Cemetery | \$ | (25.00) |
| Total | | -\$9,173.00 |

Ending Cash Balance

9/30/18 **\$156.48**

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Here's an update on what's been done with our building fund monies through September of this year -

Deposits: \$16,907.61

Expenses:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Stove/Refrigerator repair | \$646.75 |
| Painting of office | 481.93 |
| Cabinets in Library | 5,065.00 |
| Carpeting in office | 921.59 |
| Electric | 410.90 |
| Plumbing | 141.08 |
| Tree Service | 1,040.00 |
| Pressure Washing - House | 650.00 |
| Playground maintenance | 850.00 |
| Lighting | 402.08 |
| Sign work | 324.60 |
| Painting classrooms | 2,039.60 |
| Carpeting classrooms | <u>4,007.61</u> |

Total Expenses \$16,981.14

Deposits from Endowment Fund
for sanctuary painting \$60,700.00

Disbursements to Smith Renovations, LLC \$60,700.00

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Julie Roberts
Treasurer

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| 1 Norma Brees Larry Egeler | 10 Francis DeWander Mark Turk | 23 Sue Brus Herbert Roehm Lora Wiedmayer |
| 2 Lou Ann Preston | 12 Karen Miller | 25 David Guenther |
| 3 Matthew Guenther James Meyer Lauren Riley Oakley Roehm | 14 Steven Merz Jr. Ronald Wild | 27 Trace Buter |
| 5 Jackson Brus | 16 Roger Luckhardt | 28 Mildred Haeussler Sarah Heuser Wendy Payne Luke Perkins |
| 6 Kari Nicewander | 17 Laura Finkbeiner John Heuser Brian Holder | 29 Paul Heimerdinger |
| 7 Joel DeJong | 18 Jody Feldkamp Matthew Munson | |
| 8 Eric Creech | Beverly Reimold | |
| 9 Emma Shankland Paige Shankland | 22 Larry Helber | |



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 Elizabeth and Gary Baron | 21 Derald and Amanda Bauer |
| 7 Patrick and Judy Laberde | 25 Dean and Karen Shuey |
| 7 Darryl and Kolleen Kuebler | 25 Bruce and Julie Greene |
| 12 Todd and Lynette Buter | 28 Sue and Matthew Brus |



Newsletter articles are due on the 15th of each month.

Bulletin information is due on Wednesday of each week.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 4

*Turn your clocks back one hour
Saturday night before you go to bed.*

NOVEMBER 2018 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

GREETERS

- 4 Vic and Susan Mann
- 11 Mike Meranuck, Hayleigh Weatherholt & Kimberly Mulkey
- 18 Jeff and Becky Mann, Jessica & Jacob
- 25 Tom Golka and Phyllis Meranuck



USHERS

- 4 Jeff Mann, Gage Drake, Jacob Mann, Stacy Sheets, and Lyle Wahl
- 11 Lori Tursak, Jeff Elliott, Debbie Hibbard, John Heuser, and Joe Roberts
- 18 Rick Jones, Diana Haft, Larry Helber, Beverly Nelson, and Lou Ann Preston
- 25 Larry Egeler, Fred Jahnke, Judy Jahnke, Phil Miller, and Vicki Miller



ACOLYTES

- 4 Elizabeth Diuble
- 11 Garret Corwin
- 18 Serenity Spinks
- 25 Paige Shankland



LAY READERS

- 4 Catherine Roberts
- 11 Jill Corwin
- 18 Jody Munson
- 25 Jackie Martin



CHILD CARE

- 4 Paula Wagenschutz and Peyton Klein
- 11 Renee St. Charles and Olivia Diuble
- 18 Jill Corwin and Abigail Diuble
- 25 Kristi Campbell and Garrett Corwin



November 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|----------------------------------|---|--------|--|
| Bethel Church |  | | | 1 <i>All Saints' Day</i> | 2 | 3 |
| 4 <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i> 9:30a Worship with Communion 10:30a Stewardship Kick-off 10:30-11:45a Sunday School 10:30a Youth Ministry 11:30a Confirmation Class | 5 6:30-7:15p Children's Choir rehearsal 6:30-7:30p Handbell Choir rehearsal 7:00-9:00p Senior Choir rehearsal | 6 <i>Election Day</i> 9:00a-12:00p Bethel Quilters | 7 | 8 6:30p Memorial Committee meeting | 9 | 10 9:00a-3:00p Cookie Bake 9:30a-3:30p Covenant Association Fall meeting |
| 11 9:30a Worship 10:30-11:45a Sunday School 11:00a BCE meeting 11:30a Confirmation Class 5:00p Youth Ministry | 12 6:30-7:15p Children's Choir rehearsal 6:30-7:30p Handbell Choir rehearsal 7:00-9:00p Senior Choir rehearsal | 13 9:00a-12:00p Bethel Quilters | 14 6:45p Church Board meeting | 15 Newsletter articles are due | 16 | 17 9:00a-3:00p Cookie Bake 6:00p Diuble Family Vision Fundraiser at Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds |
| 18 <i>Thanksgiving Sunday</i> 9:30a Worship - Stewardship Dedication 10:30-11:45a Sunday School 10:30a Youth Ministry 11:30a Confirmation Class 11:45a Praise Choir rehearsal | 19 6:30-7:15p Children's Choir rehearsal 6:30-7:30p Handbell Choir rehearsal 7:00-9:00p Senior Choir rehearsal | 20 9:00a-12:00p Bethel Quilters | 21 | 22  | 23 | 24 9:00a-3:00p Cookie Bake |
| 25 9:30a Worship - Totenfest & Memorial Dedications 10:30a Advent Workshop & lunch 11:30a Confirmation Class 11:45a Youth Choir Plus rehearsal 5:00p Youth Ministry | 26 6:30-7:15p Children's Choir rehearsal 6:30-7:30p Handbell Choir rehearsal 7:00-9:00p Senior Choir rehearsal | 27 9:00a-12:00p Bethel Quilters 9:00a Archives Committee meeting 5:00p Vespers at First Baptist Church | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |