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A Monthly Newsletter of  
Bethel United Church of Christ

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# March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bethel Church					1 <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	2
3 <b>9:30a</b> Worship with Holy Communion & Material Aids Dedication <b>10:30a</b> Sunday School <b>11:30a</b> Confirmation Class	4 <b>6:30-7:15p</b> Children's Choir rehearsal <b>6:30-7:30p</b> Handbell Choir rehearsal <b>7:30p</b> Praise Choir & Women's Ensemble joint rehearsal	5 <b>9:00a-noon</b> Bethel Quilters	6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <b>7:30p</b> Ash Wednesday Ecumenical service at Bethel	7	8 	9
10 <b>9:30a</b> Worship <b>10:30a</b> Sunday School <b>11:00a</b> Board of Christian Education meeting <b>11:30a</b> Confirmation Class	11 <b>6:30-7:15p</b> Children's Choir rehearsal <b>6:30-7:30p</b> Handbell Choir rehearsal <b>7:30-9:00p</b> Senior Choir rehearsal	12 <b>9:00a-noon</b> Bethel Quilters	13 <b>6:45p</b> Church Board meeting	14	15 Newsletter articles are due	16 <b>8:00a</b> World Medical Relief trip
17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> <b>9:30a</b> Worship <b>10:30a</b> Lenten Fair & Bunny Cake Bake-off <b>11:30a</b> Confirmation Class	18 <b>6:30-7:15p</b> Children's Choir rehearsal <b>6:30-7:30p</b> Handbell Choir rehearsal <b>7:30-9:00p</b> Senior Choir rehearsal	19 <b>9:00a-noon</b> Bethel Quilters	20 	21	22	23
24 <b>9:30a</b> Worship <b>10:30a</b> Sunday School <b>11:30a</b> Confirmation Class	25 <b>No</b> Children's Choir rehearsal <b>6:30-7:30p</b> Handbell Choir rehearsal <b>7:30-9:00p</b> Senior Choir rehearsal	26 <b>9:00a-noon</b> Bethel Quilters <b>9:00a</b> Archives Committee meeting <b>5:00p</b> Vespers at First Baptist Church	27	28	29	30
31 <b>9:30a</b> Worship - Camp Talahi Sunday <b>10:30a</b> Sunday School <b>10:30a</b> Coffee Hour sponsored by Youth Ministry & Sunday School <b>11:30a</b> Confirmation Class	 <b>LENT</b>					

# PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

March 6 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. These forty-days leading up to Easter are a time set-aside for introspection; for renewing our personal relationship with God. It's a season well-suited for daily devotion (scripture, reflection, and prayer). With this in mind, we here at Bethel Church are going to observe Lent with a series of daily devotions composed and submitted by YOU, the Bethel congregation. Much the same as we did last year, these daily devotions will take the place of our Lenten Wednesday-evening gatherings. Persons and groups that in years past provided a Wednesday evening meal will instead be "cooking up" some inspirational thoughts. I would like two or three devotions from each group. You may do these together at a group meeting or you may appoint persons within your group to do them individually. If you're involved in multiple groups (as many of you are), you need only submit one devotion (unless you just can't resist doing more than one!). In addition, if you are a congregant not currently aligned with any committee or group within Bethel Church, I'm hopeful that many of you will consider submitting a devotion as well.

Here are our devotional writing groups (in no particular order):

Church Board	Senior Choir
Board of Christian Education	Youth Choir Plus
Mission Team	Bell Choir
Quilters	Confirmation Class
Endowment	Senior Youth
Hearts 'n Hands	Retirees Monday Bible Study
Women of Bethel	Cemetery Committee
Evangelism/Stewardship	Congregation at large

Each devotion will consist of a short scripture, a personal reflection, and a brief concluding prayer.

1. For example, think of a personal experience that has encouraged (or challenged) your faith. Or perhaps consider something more topical, such as a current event that's been in your daily thoughts and prayers.
2. Quote a verse or two of scripture that pertains to your topic, along with its citation (i.e., John 10:14-16).
3. Write a short paragraph (or two) that details your experience or explains your premise.
4. Conclude with a brief prayer that relates back to your theme and/or scripture passage
5. Lastly, sign off with your name and the name of the group you represent.

Please send your devotions on or before March 6 to [bucholtz@umich.edu](mailto:bucholtz@umich.edu). Don't worry if you're late – I'll welcome your devotion whenever you can manage. If you prefer, you may also drop off a hard (paper) copy at the church office. I'll compile your submissions and send them out to the congregation via e-mail, one each morning excluding Sundays, throughout the season of Lent – 40 devotions in all. There will also be hard (paper) copies made available in the back of the church.

Feel free to call or e-mail if you have any questions. I'm happy to help in any way that I can. God's grace and inspiration to you as you complete this important (and blessed) task. I look forward to reading and sharing your thoughts and prayers.

Faithfully,



Pastor Bucholtz

p.s. **There will be a community wide Ash Wednesday worship service March 6 at 7:30 p.m. here at Bethel Church.** Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. It's a wonderful way to begin the Lenten season.

## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!

We visited NorthRidge Church last month. Highlights for our youth were the praise band, the message and ice cream at Kilwins.

Please stay tuned for more events this Spring!

Youth Ministry (7th-12th grade) will now meet monthly on Sunday evenings instead of every Sunday evening. Expect a longer gathering including dinner, games and just time to hang out. Come in your sweats, this is casual! Our first meeting in March will be announced shortly.

For any questions please email Amanda Eisenmann at [alaberdee@gmail.com](mailto:alaberdee@gmail.com).

Follow us on IG @bethelchurch.god\_loves\_me

Thank you,  
The Youth Task Force



## NEW BABIES

Congratulations to Travis and Janette Hieber on the birth of their twins, Kayla Rose and Riley Elizabeth! Kayla was born weighing 4.3 pounds and 17 inches. Riley was born weighing 4.13 pounds and 18 inches. They were born on January 27, 2019 and are now home from the NICU in Imperial, NE! Proud grandparents are Ken & Bonnie Hieber and Roxie Davidson.



## BUNNY CAKE BAKE-OFF AND LENTEN FAIR

It's that time of year again to start thinking Spring. Board of Christian Education will be hosting the annual Bunny Cake Bake-Off and bake sale on Sunday, March 17th after church service. We invite the entire congregation to enter an Easter/Spring themed cake or treat for raffling off at the end of the morning. If competition isn't your thing, we need bake sale items to sell, as well. All proceeds go to our Bethel Youth and Sunday School. We will be having the Lenten Fair for the Sunday School kids immediately after service combined with a coffee hour of Hot Cross buns provided by our faithful 7th grade Sunday School class. During the Lenten Fair you can buy tickets to vote for your favorite cakes or Easter treats, and then we will be auctioning off the sweet treats to the highest bidders.

## COORDINATORS FOR 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.

Unfortunately, if we don't fill the needed positions, Bethel will not hold a Vacation Bible School this year.

## 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 this 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. **These awards are based on your participation in the activities, ministries, worship and mission of Bethel Church for the current year.** 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.

As most of you know, the Elvira Vogel Scholarship Fund is supported by our **Sauerkraut Supper** held last October. The tentative date for this year's supper is **October 25, 2019**. Please mark your calendars.

For more information, contact Mary Sue Moore 734-428-8687 or msjoe56@aol.com

## EVANGELISM

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

We count on you to fulfill 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 ♪ ♪

Rehearsal schedules may change in some instances to accommodate our musicians who participate in up to four ensembles, but who have limited time, which makes it difficult for them to attend all rehearsals needed. Until it is finalized, the schedule is as listed below.

**MARCH'S SPECIAL MUSIC** plans are as follows:

- 3rd PRAISE CHOIR *God of Wonders* Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong  
Ash Wed. 6th 7:30 p.m. at Bethel Church WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE *What a Beautiful Name*  
by B. Fielding & B. Ligertwood/Arr. by Joseph Martin  
10th CHILDREN'S CHOIR *We Praise Your Name* by Ruth Elaine Schram  
17th HANDBELL CHOIR, Susie Amrhein, Flute *Londonderry Air* Traditional Irish melody  
Incorporating quotes by Percy Granger/Arr. by Cathy Moklebus  
24th YOUTH CHOIR PLUS, Alison Robison, Soloist *The Wedding Banquet*  
by Sister Miriam Therese Winter  
31st SENIOR CHOIR *There's a Quiet Understanding* by Tedd Smith

## **CHOIR REHEARSALS**

- Mon. March 4 6:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Choir; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Praise Choir & Women's Ensemble  
Sun. March 10 11:45 a.m. Lunch & rehearsal to follow, Youth Choir Plus  
Mon. March 11 6:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Choir; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Handbells; 7:30-9:00 p.m. Senior Choir  
Mon. March 18 6:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Choir; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Handbells; 7:30-9:00 p.m. Senior Choir  
Mon. March 25 **No** Children's Choir; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Handbells; 7:30-9:00 p.m. Senior Choir

## LOCAL MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Join us on Saturday, March 16, 2019 for a volunteer visit to World Medical Relief in Southfield. We will leave church at 8:00 a.m. and carpool to Southfield and return by 1:00 p.m. We will stop for lunch at a nearby sandwich shop.

World Medical Relief has been in existence since the 1950's. They collect unused medical supplies and equipment from hospitals, clinics, individuals, etc. and sort and pack the items for distribution to areas in need, whether the areas are local, state, national or international. We help this effort by sorting. There is a never ending supply of donated items and the need to sort these items is never ending. Please come with us to this organization that is doing wonderful work. Let Cathy Moore or Pastor Dave know if you can join us.

# ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Members of our committee of five (Susan Layher, Millie Guenther, Carol Colby, Joyce Guenther, 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. **Next meeting:** TBD

## MATERIAL AIDS

- Our Blanket dedication took place on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Donations continue to be made towards Blankets. At the time of this writing we have collected over \$900.
- Dedication of our Material Aids will take place on Sunday, March 3. Our School Kit packing will take place during Sunday School with the children doing the packing.
- Check out all of the wonderful things that Bethel has contributed towards Material Aids. My guesstimate is that we will have over 30 Health Kits and 30 School Kits packed; hundreds of Little Dresses and many, many Quilts sewn or in the process of being sewn; bags of can tabs collected, etc.
- Our Material Aids projects continue year round as we:
  - sew quilts and Little Dresses
  - save no longer used eye glasses and hearing aids
  - collect Box Tops for Education
  - collect postage stamps, can tabs (Aluminum only please), greeting card fronts (no Hallmark or American Greeting cards please)
- Keep an eye out for bargains when buying School and Health Kit supplies.
- Keep bringing in plastic bags and paper bags that are used for Manchester Family Service
- Keep bringing in canned, non-perishable goods and toiletries for CRC & MFS.
- If you have medical equipment, supplies or medications (meds cannot be opened or expired) Faith in Action in Chelsea or World Medical Relief can make use of these. See Cathy Moore if you have questions.

The items needed for a School Kit are:

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new unsharpened pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- The cotton bag is provided through the generous donation of time and material by Jean Martin

The items needed for a Health/Hygiene Kit are:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28". **Manufacturers are making towels oversized, so watch out for ones that are too large.** (no fingertip, bath, kitchen or micro-fiber towels)
- One washcloth
- One **wide-tooth** comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Ten standard size Band-Aids®

Please do not buy toothpaste for Health/Hygiene Kits.

# SPAGHETTI SUPPER, CHOICE RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION REPORT

On Saturday, February 23, 2019 we held our Annual Spaghetti Supper in support of our mission projects. It was a wonderful evening filled with great food (thank you Susan Luckhardt), great Choice Raffle and Silent Auction items (thank you to everyone who donated items) and great & fun music (thank you to Voices in Harmony). We estimate that we fed 140+ people; raised over \$2600 towards Missions and made many people happy winners.

Plans are already being made for next year's Spaghetti Supper. We'd like to have Voices in Harmony return to sing for us again.

Thank you to all the helpers that helped put on a great event. We could not have done it without you.

## GIFTS/MEMORIALS ACKNOWLEDGED thru 11/10/18

Bethel Church gratefully acknowledges receipt of memorial donations given in memory of Rev. Roman Reineck and Russell Wilson.

## WOMEN OF BETHEL

March 3rd is Material Aids dedication. Catherine Roberts is the kitchen steward for March.

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Please call the church office if you move so we can update your address and telephone number. Please make sure we have your correct phone number if you are only using cell phones.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Date is July 11th. The Manchester Fair has moved into the week of July 9-14, but we will still hold our social on the 11th as planned.

## 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](mailto: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.

# ASH WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE



Ash Wednesday service will be at Bethel at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Pete Harris officiating.

## 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.

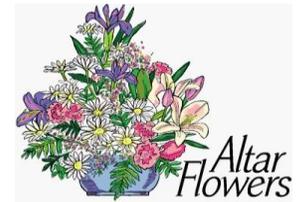
There is a tub, marked for recycling, for paper and cardboard in the Church Office under the counter next to the copier. AND, there will also be one in the Assembly Room in the basement for paper and cardboard. Its location is to be determined. All recycled items are frequently placed in bags provided 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 table in the back of the fellowship hall. THANKS!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to those who provided the beautiful altar flowers the month of January.

January 13 Armin Weidmayer families in honor of Irma Weidmayer's 98th birthday  
January 27 Jack, Debbie & Mark Austin, and Joyce Guenther in memory of Rollie



## JANUARY ATTENDANCE

January 6	Holy Communion	121
January 13		138
January 20	Snow/Cold weather	79
January 27		98

Newsletter articles are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Bulletin information is due on Wednesday of each week.

## 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



## **The Gathering June 7, 8, 9 2019**

**Kettunen Center —  
Tustin, Michigan  
[www.kettunencenter.org](http://www.kettunencenter.org)**

### **“Strength of A Woman”**

#### ABOUT THE GATHERING

The GATHERING is a weekend of retreat, renewal, relaxation, and recharging. It is a time to greet old friends and make new ones. There will be Friday evening entertainment and vespers. Saturday’s activities give you many opportunities to either stay busy or simply enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Kettunen Center. Sunday offers a Sunday school class and a very meaningful worship service. Of course, we must add a business meeting somewhere in all the activity. Kettunen Center is located in the woods on a beautiful lake. The accommodations are “luxury in the woods” and the food is scrumptious and abundant. In short, it’s your weekend. Come and enjoy!!

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#### OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Our keynote speaker this weekend is Rev. Dr. Diane Baker. Before opening her private counseling practice in 2000 Diane worked in corporate America for 16 years. She holds a Mechanical Design Engineering Technology degree from Michigan Technological University; a Bachelors in Psychology and a Masters in Counseling from Oakland University with a Post-Masters specialization in Marriage and Family Counseling; She also earned her Masters of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degrees from Ecumenical Theological Seminary. Her DMin explored how church leaders can become more mindful through family systems-based conflict training. Diane also has trained extensively through the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center on how to work effectively with conflict in churches. She is currently the pastor at Bethel United Church of Christ in Waterford and has a heart for Interfaith relationships as well as for creating healthy churches. Diane enjoys travel, golf, scuba diving, landscaping and decorating. She and her husband Dean live in Clarkston.

### LOOK WHAT WE HAVE FOR YOU!

- \* There will be clergy women available all weekend if you have a care or concern you would like to discuss privately with one of them.
- \* The **Worship offering** is taken on Saturday afternoon. Half is donated to a cause yet to be determined and half is retained by the UCC Women
- \* We will offer a **50/50 raffle** for those who would like to participate. Tickets will be available for purchase at The Gathering. Tickets= 3/\$5, 6/\$10, 9/\$15
- \* Once again there will be a **SILENT AUCTION**. If you wish, please bring only one new or gently used item for the auction. Please do not bring anything perishable or needing refrigeration.
- \* We invite each association to bring a display highlighting mission and/or outreach projects their church is active in. Please contact Jan Dolland at [gretashouse@juno.com](mailto:gretashouse@juno.com) or 586-291-4212 to reserve table space for your display.
- \* Some of you have talents and treasures that you would like to share with others. If you have a cool collection and/or craft you would like to exhibit, you are encouraged to bring it to The Gathering. Please label it with your name.
- \* **Used Book etc. Sale.** If you wish, you may donate no more than five (5) gently used books, CDs or DVDs.
- \* **SERRV** items will be available for sale. SERRV is an organization that works to eradicate poverty through direct connections with low-income artisans and farmers. There will be crafts made by artisans and various foods for sale. SERRV is one of the first alternative trade organizations in the world. SERRV is a founding member of the World Fair Trade Organization and a founding member of the Fair Trade Federation. Malinda and James Waltz will have SERRV items in the Gerber Room.

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE – May 20, 2019.

Please see the attached registration form for fees etc.. The entire/full amount must be sent with your registration form. The Registrar cannot accept any registrations after May 20th, 2019 (Camp Kettunen requires a definite count of participants before the event). If you register before May 20th, but you cannot attend due to an emergency only, please contact Registrar Janet Frank directly at 248-200-8149 OR [jfrank39@aol.com](mailto:jfrank39@aol.com) about any possible refund.

*\*Financial aid is available (see registration form for contact information).*

## AM Workshops

### Keynote Chat -- Rev. Dr. Diane Baker

### Bible study — TBD

### How Long Should We Grieve After a Loss? — Linda Smith

.....Whether you are grieving the loss of a loved one, loss of a job, a divorce or something else, there is no "right amount of time" to grieve. In this workshop we'll offer each other helpful suggestions on how to cope as we share our own journeys of grief.

### Card Making — Jan Mengel with Sue Newcome

.....Assorted cards, all occasion--with embellishments. Different from last years. Max Participants=10 Supply fee \$2.00 per card

### Why Don't They Just Get in Line? — Rev. Sue Greenwood

.....This is a simulation of what it takes to be eligible for a USA visa. Participants will receive an information card describing the details of a person (some are actual people and some are a compilation of several people). They must decide which of the four visa types they might be eligible for and then complete the application. We will see if they made it. Additionally, we will review the historical timeline of American immigration.

### Chair Yoga — Rev. Penny Lowes

.....Gentle Yoga for everyone. One hour of stretches and yoga moves to enhance your strength and vitality. Wear comfortable clothing that allows for easy movement. For the novice or one experienced in yoga.  
Max Participants = 15-20

### What's New in Nature — Judy Lopus

.....We will discuss recent articles pertaining to nature. You may also bring your own article

### Star Gazing with Children — Amy Buse

.....Looking for an activity to do with your children or grandchildren? Going outside and finding constellations in the night sky is a great activity for children of all ages. This workshop will give you constellations to find across the seasons including a handout with the stars that create the constellation and the constellations history. If desired, and weather permitting, we can go out after dark to practice finding some constellations (Might want to bring a flashlight for walking outside).

### Time alone with God

## PM Workshops

### Bible Study -- TBD

#### Pysanky; Ukrainian inspired Easter Eggs — Kate Stacy

.....Using wax resistance, dying and a duck or chicken egg with lines marked. A kristka, flame, bee's wax, and four dyes. You will have your own Pysanka Easter Egg to take home with you. Max Participants=12 Supply Fee: \$5.00

#### Amazing Washer Jewelry — Marcia Austreng

.....Description: Make lovely jewelry from pre-colored metal washers. Add charm embellishments and cords to assemble your own unique jewelry. In the interest of time, washers will be pre-colored, but instructions will be provided for coloring your own washers at home. All materials will be provided.

Max Participants=12 Supply Fee: \$10.00

#### Crochet 101 — Janet Frank

.....Whether you would like to learn to crochet or would just like to spend time crocheting with your Gathering Friend, Please join us. If you crochet please bring your project to work on. If you wish to learn please bring a size H hook and 300-400 yards of worsted weight yarn (size 4). Please do not bring black or very dark colored yarn. We will hopefully start a simple project.

#### Women in the Military — Colleen Smith

.....Slideshow with questions and answers about women in the military. (mostly Army)

#### Active Shooter Training — Michael White

.....As the world around us changes this session will help empower the attendees to take charge of their own safety in an active shooting incident. This workshop is taught by Mike White a retired State Police Officer and Pastor. The program will help you identify a potential threat and act quickly by preparing for a threat and identifying the best course of action if confronted.

#### Internet Safety After Death — Amy Buse

.....As we all know safety while using the Internet, your phone, or any electronic services that collect data about your is a concern. We have all heard about security breaches and people having their identity stolen. But what happens to your accounts after your passing. How do you loved ones make sure your estate is secure? This session will talk about what should be done with your electronic identity after your death.

#### Too Much Stuff? I can help! — Cindy Ryman

.....As we go through life our circumstances change. As we grow older we find that we have many possessions we no longer need. This session will teach you how to downsize by letting go of the past and keeping the present.

#### Time alone with God

The following is a link to the registration form:

[http://michucc.org/images/The\\_Gathering\\_2019\\_Registration\\_Form.pdf](http://michucc.org/images/The_Gathering_2019_Registration_Form.pdf)

or you may let Renee know in the church office if you'd like one.

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2019

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

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

**Devotions** – Led by Pastor Bucholtz

**Agenda** - Motion to accept – S. Diuble; Second - S. Neigebauer  
Approved – All. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor Bucholtz

**Reports**

Secretary's Minutes – J. Laberde  
Motion to accept – S. Diuble; Second - S. Neigebauer  
Approved – all. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary – J. Fiegel  
Year end statements will be prepared and available and/or mailed.

Treasurer's Report – J. Roberts  
Accrued cash balance - \$7953.26  
Motion to approve report – S. Diuble; second - J. Laberde  
Approved – all. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

Archives – K. Weidmayer. On-going.

Stewardship/Evangelism – J. Roberts/E. Roehm. Membership lapses will be reported over the next couple months.

Elders – S. Neigebauer. Will be at joint meeting on January 19, 2019, 9am-noon.

Communion – S. Diuble. Brief discussion on intinction and communion with children.

Memorial Committee – J. Laberde. Meeting in February.

Endowment – J. Roberts. Meeting January 16, 2019

Cemetery – J. Laberde. Meeting on January 20, 2019

Mission – S. Neigebauer. Working on donations from businesses for Spaghetti Dinner and Choice Raffle on February 23, 2019. Chili Cook-Off will be January 27, 2019. Some discussion on where benevolence/OCWM funds will be donated.

Cabinet – J. Fiegel. Meet again February 6, 2019.

Board of Christian Education – K. Weidmayer. Will be looking for another member at Annual meeting.

Youth Task Force - J. Laberdee. Will be holding parent meeting to get feedback on where Youth Ministry is headed and ideas to improve attendance.

### **Maintenance (S. Diuble)**

- Main floor Women's bathroom door – S. Diuble will be repairing
- Elevator – officially moved over to MEI
- Pew racks/cup holders need repair
- Boiler problem was fixed
- Water testing – needs to be paid at time of test. Will work with J. Mann on how he prefers to handle.

### **Old Business**

Joint meeting with Elders – to be held January 19, 2019. Bring snacks and ideas.

### **New Business**

-2019 Budget recommendations were reviewed.

Motion to approve budget presentation #2 (with \$12,000 suggested repairs noted in building fund) – S. Diuble; second – J. Roberts. Approved – all. Motion carried.

-OCWM/Local Benevolence funds distribution- recommendations from Mission Team were reviewed. Local Funds to be distributed to: St. Louis School, Manchester Community Resource Center, Saline Social Service, I-92 Ministries, Alpha House.

OCWM Funds – Home of New Vision, Re-Member, Christian Veterinary Mission, OCWM-Basic Support.

-New Church Board nominees were discussed

Motion to adjourn: J. Roberts; second – S. Neigebauer  
Approved – all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06pm. All joined in the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting is February 13, 2019.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Month Ending 1/31/19

Receipts:		
Offering	\$	10,018.00
Loose Offering	\$	108.00
Initial offering	\$	60.00
Music		
Sunday School	\$	1,100.00
Benevolences (OCWM)	\$	533.00
Local benevolences/OGHS	\$	124.00
Thanksgiving		
Christmas		
Mission	\$	100.00
Veterans of the Cross		
Total Receipts	\$	12,043.00
Disbursements:		
Personnel (salaries & related expenses)	\$	11,022.67
Building costs (custodian, utilities & propane	\$	6,847.90
Operations (phone, office & worship supplies)	\$	505.31
Discretionary	\$	1,000.00
Total Disbursements	\$	19,375.88
Beginning Cash Balance Dec. 1, 2018	\$	8,794.09
Ending Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2018	\$	1,461.21
Ending balance plus/minus		
Discretionary Fund	\$	1,450.00
Endowment	\$	(900.00)
<b>Accrued Cash Balance 1/31/19</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,011.21</b>

Thank you to all for your continued support of the General Fund as well as the additional accounts and special offerings. We used quite a bit of the GF cushion in January. Please continue to give generously during these winter months.

# PASTOR'S JANUARY REPORT TO THE BETHEL CHURCH BOARD

## **Summary/Reflection**

What is a spiritually vital congregation? In a study of American churches in 2018, it was determined that spiritually vital congregations are places where people come together for a common purpose, specifically a purpose of divine origin. In addition, in spiritually vital congregations, people experience the divine in ways that are both personally and corporately transformative. In high vitality congregations, people are drawn so deeply into their faith that when they re-enter the world they see things from God's perspective, becoming agents of change in their homes, schools, workplace, etc. By these definitions, is Bethel a spiritually vital church? Maybe the correct answer isn't yes or no, but *not yet*. Vitality is a *process*, a process of becoming, fueled by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Trustees, in this new year of 2019, let's rededicate ourselves to helping Bethel Church increase her spiritual vitality, remembering not only *who* we are, but more importantly, *whose* we are – children of God and followers of Christ.

## **Worship**

Weekly study and sermon preparation, staff meetings, various internal meetings  
Senior Choir – rehearsals and anthems  
Children's Christmas Program (December 16)  
Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion (December 24)  
Communion (January 6)  
Rev. Judy Jahnke substitute (December 30)

## **Committee Work**

Church Board (December 12)  
Monthly submissions, editing, and publication of our church newsletter, Bethels Kirche (January 3)

## **Pastoral Care**

1 EHM-Senior Solutions visit; 7 home visits; 9 office visits; 1 UofM Hospital visit

## **Christian Education**

Confirmation (weekly meetings at 11:30 a.m.)  
Youth Lock-In (December 27)

## **Mission Work**

Vespers mission for the homeless - devotion leader and kitchen worker (December 25)  
Discretionary Fund Request

## **Denominational Work**

Forthcoming – Covenant South Clergy Meeting hosted by Bethel Church (January 17)

## **Ecumenical Work**

Senior Bible Study Leader at Emanuel Church (December 13)

## **Facilities Management**

Conference Room table and chairs via memorial donation – update

**Miles Accumulated in travel:** ~275 miles

# MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## GREETERS

- 3 Mary Girbach and Elaine Creech
- 6 Ash Wednesday: Phil and Vicki Miller
- 10 Ron and Peggy Diuble
- 17 Shane and Stacey Neigebauer & Dillon
- 24 Rudy and Susan Layher
- 31 Ray and Ava Goff



## USHERS

- 3 Larry Aiken, Patsy Aiken, Kristi Campbell, Shane Neigebauer, and Stacey Neigebauer
- 6 Ash Wednesday: Scott Diuble, Larry Egeler, Rick Jones, Vic Mann, and Joe Moore
- 10 David Seeger, Mike Meranuck, Diane Seeger, Tim Seeger, and Jeff Shankland
- 17 Jean Martin, Amanda Eisenmann, Mary Girbach, Betty Jean Harper, and Cathy Koefoed-Smith
- 24 David Haeussler, Derald Bauer, Bruce Lobbestael, Eric Lobbestael, and Ethan Lobbestael
- 31 Jeff Mann, Bob DeVol, Jacob Mann, Vic Mann, and Stacy Sheets



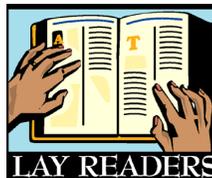
## ACOLYTES

- 3 Sydney Jedele
- 10 Ryan Amrhein
- 17 Serenity Spinks
- 24 Paige Shankland
- 31 Emma Shankland



## LAY READERS

- 3 Catherine Roberts
- 10 Amanda Eisenmann
- 17 Jody Munson
- 24 Jill Corwin
- 31 Fred Munson



## CHILD CARE

- 3 Victoria St. Charles & Lillian Diuble
- 10 Lili St. Charles & Sydney Jedele
- 17 Stacy Sheets & Collin Campbell
- 24 Renee St. Charles & Jordan Campbell
- 31 Michelle Jedele & Abigail Diuble



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bryan Diuble
- 2 Anna Guenther
- 4 Madelyn Harris  
Fred Jahnke  
Eva Reineck
- 5 Lynette Buter  
Katie Fiegel  
Matt Layher  
Nancy Loudin  
Cooper Payne
- 6 Collin Campbell
- 8 Susie Amrhein
- 9 Heather Feldkamp  
Larry Henes  
Gail Merz  
Hailey Tursak
- 10 Cassidy Horodeczny  
Michael Meranuck
- 11 Phyllis Golka
- 12 Brandon Henes  
Amy Preston
- 13 Cody Turk
- 14 Berlin Atsalakis  
Stacey Gingras  
Judy Laberde  
Colleen Roberts
- 15 Julie Greene  
Joyce Paulsen  
Owen St. Charles
- 16 Steven Merz
- 17 Ben Heuser  
Carter Haeussler
- 18 Alena Weidmayer
- 20 Sue Andrews  
Joshua Bunn
- 23 Jordan Campbell  
Alexis Colby  
Margaret Egeler  
Brienna Scott
- 24 Andrew Feldkamp  
Elliott Seeger

- 25 Lila Alfred  
Michael Diuble  
Ron Finkbeiner
- 26 Rhonda Holbrook
- 27 Aaron Carson  
Anthony Colby  
Susan Mann  
Bonnie Mitchell  
Jeff Shankland
- 28 Richard Hardy
- 29 Randy Baker  
Tom Matson  
Betty Suhre  
Tammy Turk
- 31 Ashton Drake  
Jeffrey Horodeczny



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- March 20 Russell & Sheri Hieber
- March 20 Jim & Lora Wiedmayer
- March 29 Bryan & Kelly Diuble



*Please contact the church office if your birthday or anniversary is in March and your name(s) were not listed. Thank you.*

**Daylight Saving Time**  
**March 10th**

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### MANCHESTER SENIOR MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY ...

Volunteers are needed each Tuesday to ride the senior bus with Pam Miller to deliver meals to our Manchester shut-ins. You need to arrive at Emanuel UCC by 10:15 a.m. and you'll be back by noon. Volunteers are welcome to a free meal. Interested?? – please contact Sandy Smith at 428-7813 or 734-680-6223. Thanks for considering. The only job requirement is 'delivery with a smile!'

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# ***NEED FOOD?***

***Contact the CRC  
Food Pantry to  
find out how  
we can help.***

# **734-428-7722**

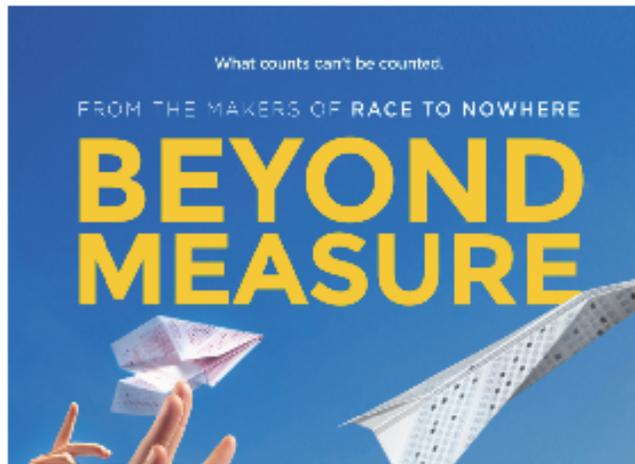
***If you use a Bridge Card you are  
eligible to shop the food pantry.  
If not, you may still qualify.  
Please call us to find out.***

710 E. Main St. • Manchester, MI 48158  
(east side Riverside Intermediate School building)  
Email [info@manchestercrc.org](mailto:info@manchestercrc.org)

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

# FILM SCREENINGS

ANGST MARCH 5TH 6:30PM  
BEYOND MEASURE MARCH 12TH 6:30PM



As a school district, we strive to prepare our students to be successful adults. The key to this preparation is their social-emotional well-being. Last year, we surveyed our students in grades 5-12 regarding their engagement in school along with questions about how happy, safe, and healthy they feel. (The MiPHY survey results can be found on our website: [www.dexterschools.org/boepresentations](http://www.dexterschools.org/boepresentations)). Some of the results were what we anticipated and others were fairly alarming. **One theme that we believe we must address, as a school district and community, is the mental health of our students.**

Our opening conversation for this very important subject was a community book study of **At What Cost: Defending Adolescent Development** by Dr. David Gleason on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Gleason returned to Dexter to lead an interactive workshop that built on that conversation. On Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, Mill Creek Middle School hosted its first **Mental Health Matters conference** for students during the school day. On March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Mill Creek's **Peer-to-Peer** team will host a Community Education Night about Anxiety and Depression at the CPA. More details about this presentation will be posted on our website.

Our next events in this series are two film screenings and discussions. The first will be **Angst**, which will be shown Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Dexter High School CPA. On Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, we will screen **Beyond Measure**, also at the CPA. Whether you have been part of this important conversation all along or are just tuning in, all are welcome. **We hope you will join us.**



## NAMI Washtenaw County Family-to-Family Educational Program

For families, friends and caregivers of individuals diagnosed with a mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and posttraumatic stress disorder.

The Family-to-Family program is one of several signature programs developed by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and is an evidenced-based program; it has quantitative research to support its effectiveness. Family-to-Family consists of a series of 12 weekly classes structured to help parents, friends, and care givers understand and support individuals with serious mental illness while maintaining their own well being. A team of trained NAMI family member volunteers who understand what it is like to have a loved one struggling with a chronic psychiatric condition teaches the classes.



### Family-to-Family Curriculum

- Class 1: Introduction to Family Education
- Class 2: Symptoms of Major Mental Illnesses and Getting Through a Crisis.
- Class 3: Co-occurring Brain and Addictive Disorders, Telling Our Stories.
- Class 4: Basics About the Brain
- Class 5: Problem Solving Workshop
- Class 6: Medication Review
- Class 7: Empathy
- Class 8: Communication Skills Workshop
- Class 9: Self-care
- Class 10: Rehabilitation
- Class 11: Fighting Stigma, Advocacy
- Class 12: Evaluation, Certification and Celebration

This course teaches the basics about serious brain disorders and treatments, helps connect people to community resources and teaches important skills and coping techniques for their difficult journey.

### Enrollment Information

Program begins March 14.  
Time: 6 – 8:30 p.m.  
Location: St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea  
775 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI

Please call to register and speak to  
Kathy Walz, Behavioral Health Navigator  
at St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea  
734-680-5312

*Registration is required. There is no cost to participate in this program. Light refreshments will be served.*



For more information, visit [StJoesChelsea.org](http://StJoesChelsea.org)

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## Peer-to-Peer NAMI Washtenaw County Educational Program



### Do you live with a mental illness?

Peer-to-Peer is a mental health education course for individuals living with mental illness who want to:

- Understand mental illness
- Discover new coping strategies
- Reduce stigma
- Gain knowledge to help empower
- Connect with others who share a similar experience
- Find volunteer and advocacy opportunities

#### Enrollment Information

Program begins March 21.

Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

Location: St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea  
775 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI



Peer-to-Peer is led by trained NAMI peer mentors who also live with mental illness. This is not a support group, but a supportive, safe and confidential program.

There is no cost for this class but registration is required. Please call Kathy Walz, Behavioral Health Navigator at 734-680-5312 to register.

*Light refreshments will be served following the program.*

For more information, visit [StJoeseChelsea.org](http://StJoeseChelsea.org)

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## STARTING MARCH 4

## REGISTER NOW AT [REBOOTRECOVERY.COM](http://REBOOTRECOVERY.COM)

MEETING DAY/TIME:

**MONDAYS**  
**6:00–8:00 PM**

MEETING LOCATION:

**Community Bible Church**  
8400 Sharon Hollow Rd  
Manchester, MI 48158

CONTACT FOR INFO:

**Melissa Lawhorn**  
firelocks@gmail.com  
(734) 417-6813

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