

Bethel United Church of Christ
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Bethel United Church of Christ April 2010 Newsletter

Our Mission Statement:

We are seeking the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit,
and the faithful response of our congregation to:

- Spread God's Word,
- Reach out to the community and world by imitating Christ's service,
- Share the comfort of knowing Jesus Christ, and
- Grow in the knowledge and love of God in Christ.

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Bethel Office Hours:
Monday 9:00—12:00p.m.
Tuesday 9:00—12:00p.m.
Thurs 9:00—12:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 — 12:00 p.m.

Pastor: Charles Shields
Organist: Teri Lynn Barnaby
Secretary:
Custodian: Renee Inglsbee

Ushers

Jane Ellen Bussard, Shirley Milligan,
Greeter

Be sure to attend to see who the
Greeter is ! ☺

Communion Servers

Gary Bussard, Paul Crook,
Shirley Milligan, Lance Shew

Council Members

Lance Shew
President
Gary Bussard
Financial Sec.
Jane Ellen Bussard
Treasurer
Nola Shew
Recording Secretary

Council Liaisons

Paul Crook
Property
Shirley Milligan & Dorothy Sherrit
Missions / Christian Education
Rita Milner
Finance
Council at Large
Fellowship / Membership / Worship

Mission of the Month

Grace Center of Hope



Military Prayer Requests

Sr. Airman Medic Penny Barker,
Sr. Airman Crew Chief Nicholas Barker,
Sgt. Paul Bussard (S. Iraq),
SPC Christian Pressley,
PV2 Eric Stewart,
HM1 Michelle Teschner,
CPL Adam Vantreuren,
SSG. Brandon Yarbrough,
SPC Robert Yarbrough

Bethel Ministry of Prayer
Here at Bethel

Peggy Austin, Lillian Bailey,
Iris Davis,
Ian Dryer and family,
Mary Lou Gabler, Howard Mose,
Bettie Kluenser,
Linda Teschner

Bethel's Search Committee

Gary Bussard
Lee Collins
Shirley Milligan
Rita Milner
Dorothy Sherrit
Nola Shew

Bethel Friends

Todd Hensel,
Jill & Andrea Kleve,
Ryan Morrissey,
Betty Jean Mulanix,
Carol Miracle,
Bonnie Purroll
Carol Shew



Life At Bethel United Church of Christ



APRIL 2010

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter.

Right after the calendar turns to the month of April, we recognize that Spring is really with us now!

After more than our share of snow, and a fairly good hint of spring-time, it is time to look around for buds, birds, grass and other really strong signs of spring.

Some of the best signs of spring, are the uplifting feelings of joy at the freshness and newness that are within us, and around us.

Easter Sunday—or Resurrection Sunday as some traditions call it. Pulls at our heart-strings.

We hear again the story of Jesus' Resurrection, which reminds us of Jesus' presence with us always, and what Jesus has brought to human life: hope, renewal, purpose, joy and a message of love to share as disciples, as well as a world in need of healing and hearing of this love, that is meant for all humankind.

It is time to feel the warm presence of Jesus love and of this congregation. And the whole world-wide church: a church that embraces us as we embrace the church.

With Easter comes a sense of renewal that we witness around us and that we, in turn, are witnesses of to a needy world, a thirsty world, a struggling world.

Wishing you a blessed Easter time,

Pastor Charlie



Council News, April 2010

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Charlie had his first cataract surgery March 1. He will be having the other eye done March 29. In the meantime, he is keeping up with sermons, visits, meetings and all other pastoral duties. Let us keep him in our prayers.

Finance:

The treasurer asked that the first \$15,000 installment of the authorized Legacy Fund monies be moved to the general fund in late March.

The council approved extending Pastor Charlie's contract for another month. His contract will be on a month to month basis for the next few months. Hopefully, the Search Committee will identify a candidate in the near future.

Mission / Christian Ed:

The focus for February was Open door. Bethel donated \$125 to help defray Open Door's expenses as well as a number of items that are in constant need.

Open door is struggling because one of their large financial donors is no longer able to help.

The focus for March is One Great Hour of Sharing.

The mission committee is planning support these organizations this spring:

April:	Grace Center of Hope
May:	Camp Talahi
June:	Julie K Run

Fellowship / Membership / Worship:

Greeter for April:	Various ones
Ushers for April:	Shirley Milligan & Jane Bussard
Communion servers April 4, Easter:	Gary Bussard, Shirley Milligan Paul Crook, Lance Shew

Dot Sherrit has ordered Easter Flowers. A large variety was available in large or small sizes. Rita Milner ordered palm fronds for Palm Sunday.

By the time you read this, Bethel will have hosted the Wednesday Lenten Luncheon on March 24. This year the services have 55 to 60 worshipers attending.

Property:

The spring clean-up is scheduled for May 22. If you notice anything in or around the church that needs attention, please let Lance Shew know so it will be put on a list of chores for clean-up day.

We expect the companies that will be cutting the lawn and putting in the sprinkler pump to contact us in late April.

Kyle Rich, the young man who has been helping Paul with maintenance will have keys to the church so he will be available to help when need.

Paul will compile a list of various persons he has contacted when needs arise. Lee Collins, Pastor Charlie, Lance Shew and the office will have copies of the list.

Other items discussed:

The Search Committee is still reading profiles and discussing potential candidates.

Teri Barnaby is still working out the details for her Music Workshops. Currently, she is planning workshops that would meet two days each week for about five hours each day. She will need use of the kitchen for snacks and lunches.

Teri is also contemplating doing a “Christian Musical” for children during the summer months.

Craig Barnaby asked permission to hold “Blood Pressure Clinics” at the church. He would be available to take blood pressures one Sunday each month, keep records so each person could track his/her pressure. The council was happy to approve his request. The first BP clinic will be September 12.

Our secretary, Tammie Fenn, officially submitted her letter of resignation. A committee, Rita Milner, Karen Crook and Nola Shew, was appointed to review our secretary job description and advertise for a new secretary.

Kathy Barker, our volunteer Sunday school teacher has requested some children’s music and plans to start Sunday school at 9:30 with the class meeting in the classroom. She will have a longer time with the children and less distractions.

On a sad note, two of our long time members passed away in March. Frieda Parkinson passed away March 16 at 93 years of age. Vernice Kneisel died on March 17 at 98 years. Our sympathy goes out to their families.

Lance Shew, Council President

p.s. Just a reminder that all are welcome to attend the Council meetings.

Missions

We donated loads of canned and packed food items to Open Door, along with 125.00, during our February drive. Thanks for your generosity.

For April, we will concentrated on the Grace Center of Hope, located in Pontiac. They offer shelter, food, clothing to the homeless and abused. Please continue your generosity to this wonderful charity, as they are in need of funds.

Employment Opportunity

Bethel Church is looking for a Church Secretary and if anyone is interested please call: Nola Shew 248-363-8031, Between 12pm and 3pm, Monday through Friday.

Coming Soon to Bethel Church...

SPLASH KINGDOM

A Christian Musical Watch for details!



Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Children's Ministry is now underway at Bethel UCC.

Children's Ministry is one hour of Sunday School and one hour of Children's Fellowship including Arts and Crafts ~ Games ~ Movies ~ Fun!

Sunday School begins at 9:30am until 10:30am.

Immediately after Sunday School is over we will have a snack break .

If you are interested in donating a snack please see me before or after church.

Children's Fellowship is from 10:30am - 11:30am

The children will be in the Worship Service until after the Pastor delivers the children's sermon. The children will return to their classroom until service is over at 11:30.

At that time ..the children will be released to their parents or guardian.

I am very excited about Children's Ministry and having the opportunity to continue to teach:)

I really do appreciate you all for allowing me to minister to the children:)

I have years of experience in ministry - my focus however has always been on the ministry for children.

I believe the years from birth to 12 yrs is crucial toward their development into adult years. Thank God for parents who care about their children to be concerned about their spiritual growth and development! When I see a parent bringing their child to Sunday School it shows me how precious their love is for that child - there is no greater love or act of compassion toward a child to care not only for their physical health and well being but also to care for their spiritual health and well being - that is loving a child completely!

I am so moved inside when children come to learn of Christ! When they want to come learn instead of staying home on the nintendo or computer or watch tv - that WOWs me!!

The desire to learn of God came because their parent or parents reflected to them their own love for Christ. Everything begins at home first. I commend parents for this!

Every one of you that were able to attend Sunday School as children can thank their parents or their guardian that allowed you to go. There are many memories that we lose as we grow older but one thing you will never forget is Sunday School:)

The bible stories that came alive as the teacher read them to you or taught you .We may not recall all of the stories but some stand out to this day.. and the songs you learned ...*"Jesus loves me this I know ..for the bible tells me so .. little ones to Him belong .. they are weak but He is strong ... Yes Jesus loves me .. Yes Jesus love me .. Yes Jesus loves me .. the bible tells me so ..."* Thank God someone loved us enough to take us to Sunday School:)

I am looking forward to laying a Christian Spiritual foundation in the lives of every child that God Himself sends our way:~) My prayer is that they never forget the lessons they learn so that when they are old they will not depart from it.

In His Love, Kathy Barker

Romans 10:14

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Memorials

In Remembrance

Frieda Parkinson
Born: December 20, 1916
Died: March 16, 2010

By

Nola and Lance Shew
Lee and Betty Collins

In Remembrance

Vernice Kneisel
Born: June 8, 1911
Died: March 17, 2010

By

Nola and Lance Shew
Karen and Paul Crook
Doris and George Edwards

In Remembrance

Bob Wellemeyer
Passed March 27, 2000

Gone but not forgotten

By

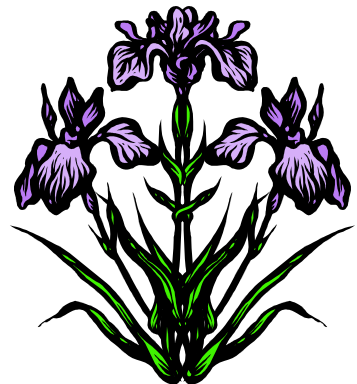
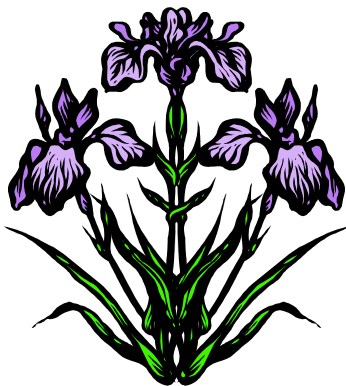
Mary Marsh
Friend and Neighbor

In Remembrance

Harold Stickley

By

Penny Grandominico



Benevolent Contributions thru February

Altar Flowers	
Baldwin Center	120.00
Open Door	125.00
Haiti Relief	100.00

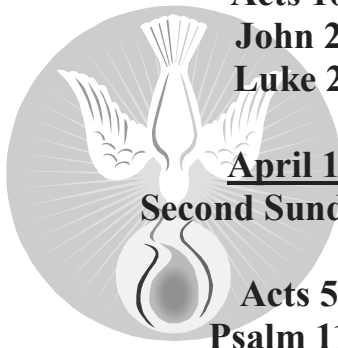
Gary Bussard
Financial Secretary

April Birthdays

Rita Milner 2
Donita Bussard 5
Les Hotchkiss 6
Jane Ellen Bussard 16
Tammie Kay Fenn 20
Steven Glad 24

April 4, 2010
Easter Sunday

Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18
Luke 24:1-12



April 11, 2010
Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Psalm 50
Revelation 1:4-8
John 10:19-31

April 18, 2010
Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-20
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

March 25, 2010
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Wedding Anniversaries

George and Doris Edwards 9
Steve and Ann Glad 30



New Address

Paul Crook's Home Away
from Home ☺



Paul Crook
6616 Farmswood
Drive,
Apartment 3A
Fort Wayne, IN



UCC Women of Metro-Detroit

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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March 1, 2010

Dear Sisters In Christ:

The purpose of the Business portion of the May 4, 2010 UCC Women of Metro-Detroit Spring Meeting has one agenda item. We will be voting on the Resolution recommended by the Executive Board to dissolve the UCC Women of Metro-Detroit and the disbursement of all remaining funds at the discretion of the Executive Board.

The Resolution will be voted on by those attending the meeting.
SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION.

As you read the Resolution and prepare to vote, I ask that you prayerfully consider what would be in the best interest of the UCC Women of Metro-Detroit.

- * A majority vote being cast YES means the UCC Women of Metro-Detroit is dissolved.
- * A majority vote being cast NO means the UCC Women of Metro-Detroit will not dissolve. I will then ask for nominations from the floor for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, OCWM Chair, Social Concerns Chair, Newsletter Editor and Spiritual Life Chair.

If nominations for the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer are not received, we will return for a revote on the Resolution. Without officers there can be NO organization.

There will be no other business discussed at the meeting.

If you have any concerns regarding the Resolution, please call me at (586)-296-9127 by April 24th.

In Christian Friendship,

Marge Lentz, President
18747 Rosegarden Street
Roseville, MI. 48066-1015



DETROIT METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
UCC WOMEN OF METRO-DETROIT -- SPRING MEETING

DATE TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010

PLACE HENRY FORD VILLAGE -- (MAP ON BACK)
15101 FORD ROAD
DEARBORN, MI.

SPEAKER REV. HENRIETTA ANDREWS

TIME 10:00 AM - REGISTRATION - ST. CLAIR CLUBHOUSE LOBBY
10:30 AM - GATHER IN THE CHAPEL
WELCOME and INVOCATION
HYMN:
10:40 AM - BUSINESS MEETING BEGINS
VOTING ON RESOLUTION
HYMN:
RESULTS OF THE VOTE
BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED
11:30 AM - REV. HENRIETTA ANDREWS, GUEST SPEAKER
12:15 PM - OFFERING RECEIVED - REV. MARGO ALLEN
Given to the Evangelical Home, Sterling
Heights for a Brick Paver with our name
on it to be placed in the courtyard
CLOSING HYMN:
BENEDICTION and TABLE GRACE - REV. MARGO ALLEN
12:30 PM - LUNCHEON SERVED IN THE EDISON ROOM

DONATION \$15.00 PER PERSON

RSVP CONTACT MARGE LENTZ, PRESIDENT - (586)-296-9127
ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 24th



April 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4 Choir 9:30am	5	6 Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	7 Search Committee 6:00 pm	8	9	10
11 Choir 9:30am	12 Council 6 pm	13 Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	14	15 Ladies Luncheon 12:30	16	17
18 Choir 9:30am Newsletter Articles Due	19	20 Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	21 Sew-Ceity 9am-1pm	22	23	24
25 Choir 9:30am Potluck	26 Adult ** Fellowship Dinner**	27	28	29	30	**Location to be Announced