

Bethel United Church of Christ  
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# Bethel United Church of Christ January 2010 Newsletter

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## **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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***Monday 9:00—1:00p.m.***  
***Tuesday 9:00—12:30p.m.***  
***Thurs 9:00—1:00 p.m.***  
***Friday 9:00 — 12:00 p.m.***

***Pastor: Charles Shields***  
***Organist: Teri Lynn Barnaby***  
***Secretary: Tammie Kay Fenn***  
***Custodian: Renee Inglsbee***

**Ushers**

**Ed & Joan Matthews**

**Greeter**

**Marge Hotchkiss**

**Communion Servers**

**Jane Ellen Bussard, Paul Crook,  
Shirley Milligan, Rita Milner**

**Council Members**

***Lance Shew***  
***President***  
***Gary Bussard***  
***Financial Sec.***  
***Jane Ellen Bussard***  
***Treasure***  
***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**  
**Baldwin Center**

**Cans of Soup and  
Gently Used Clothing  
(Especially Winter Apparel!)**

**Military Prayer Requests**

**Sr. Medical Technician Penny Barker**  
**Sr. Airman Crew Chief Nicholas Barker**  
**Sgt. Paul Bussard (S. Iraq)**  
**SPC Benjamin Duhamel**  
**HM1 Michelle Teschner**  
**—1st Class Petty Officer**  
**SGT. Brandon Yarbrough**  
**PFC Robert Yarbrough**

**Bethel Ministry of Prayer**  
**Here at Bethel**

**Peggy Austin, Lillian Bailey,  
Iris Davis,  
Ian Dryer and family,  
Mary Lou Gabler, Howard Mose,  
Vernice Kneisel, 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 Lyon, Ethel Thomas,**  
**Gordon Gladden**



*Life At Bethel  
United Church of Christ*



*January 2010*

A Letter from Your Pastor

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year,

A fresh new year is beginning that is well worth celebrating.

New Years can be a kind of threshold for us to cross that can lead us to new things, new hopes, new prayers.

There is a kind of tradition for some of us to resolve or promise ourselves new efforts, adventures or commitments.

This can be refreshing and could open new possibilities.

Another possibility for some of us, could be to reaffirm something you are already doing that you believe is helpful for others or healthy for yourself.

I would call it “a reaffirmation”

For example, there are liturgies in Christian celebration for individuals to join in reaffirming the promises you made at your baptism or promises made by someone else made for you at your baptism.

We will be celebrating this during the service on January 10th.

May God bless you all and may God bless this Church.

*Pastor Charlie*



## Council News, January 2010

### **Pastor's Report:**

By the time you read this, you will already know that Pastor Charlie was not here on December 27. He spent that weekend with his family in Grand Rapids. Christmas is wonderful time to be surrounded by family. He will be back in Bethel's pulpit on January 3.

### **Finance:**

The audit of the books for 2008 has been completed. Our financial wizards, Gary and Jane, have done an excellent job – The books are OK!

The last installment from Legacy Fund has been moved to the General Fund.

The proposed budget for 2010 was review for the last time and will be presented at the Congregational Meeting on January 31.

Bethel's 2009 finances are to be reviewed to determine if the General Fund will need support from the Legacy Fund. A request will probably be on the January Congregational Meeting agenda.

### **Mission / Christian Ed:**

Mission for November "Lighthouse" \$280 for turkeys was collected and 4 boxes and 3 plastic bags of food for Thanksgiving.

The focus for December will be The Christmas Fund. It is a fund to help retired clergy and their families. Looking forward, January's focus will be the Baldwin Center. To support Baldwin, after the January 31 Congregational Meeting, we will have a SOUPER SUNDAY. Actually it will be a potluck dinner but you will be encouraged to bring a can or two of soup which will be donated to Baldwin.

### **Fellowship / Membership / Worship:**

Greeter for January:

Marge Hotchkiss

Ushers for January:

Ed and Joan Matthews

Communion servers January 3:

Jane Bussard, Paul Crook

Shirley Milligan, Rita Milner,

"Un-hanging" of the Greens is scheduled for January 9, the Saturday after Epiphany. We expect to have a group from WAM to help take down and store the decorations. Maybe we will be able to find all of them next year.

The "ladies luncheons" and the adult dinners, hopefully, will resume in January, much to the delight of certain members.

### **Property:**

Inspections of the church's boiler and back-flow prevention device are due.

Next fall, the parsonage furnace and heating ducts should be cleaned, (no one knows when that was last done). A new air filter should also be installed.

Our Property Chairman, Paul Crook, may be transferred to a GM plant in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Keep Paul and Karen in your prayers.

### **Legacy Fund:**

Bethel's financial adviser recommended moving Conservative Investor Funds to other funds until interest rates start to rise. Council decided to leave the funds where they are for the time being.

### **Other items discussed:**

The Search Committee is still reading and discussing profiles of potential candidates. Keep them in your prayers. The future of Bethel is in their hands.

A letter, on behalf of Steve Knisley, has been sent to the Association Church and Ministry Committee recommending that he be accepted into their "Student in Care" program. This is a necessary step in Steve's preparation for ordained ministry.

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Mark your Calendars!!! The winter Congregational meeting will be January 31, 2010, (yes, that's next year already) immediately after church service. A potluck dinner will follow the meeting.

The Council organization for 2010 is: (not much change from 2009)

President:	Lance Shew
Secretary:	Nola Shew
Treasurer:	Jane Ellen Bussard
Financial Secretary:	Gary Bussard
Financial Chairman:	Rita Milner
Mission / Christian Education:	Dorothy Sherrit & Shirley Milligan
Fellowship / Membership / Worship:	Council at large
Property:	Paul Crook

The council wants a back up made of the files on the office computer. The president and secretary will be working on that probably next year.

January congregational meeting is set for January 31, 2010.

Annual reports are due in the church office the first week in January.

Lance Shew, Council President

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



**Golden Anniversary for  
Lance and Nola Shew  
February 6, 2010**

Lance and Nola Shew were married on February 6, 1960. Their children, Kerry, Lanna and Scott, along with their families, will host a dinner party on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this occasion on February 6, 2010 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Bethel United Church of Christ. You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating this Golden Anniversary.

Please RSVP to Lanna 248-486-1643 by January 23, 2010.

The gift of your company is all that is desired.

**January Mission**

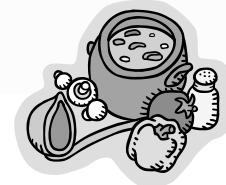
Lighthouse was very appreciative of our donations of \$280.00 and numerous food items for Thanksgiving dinners.

Our January focus will be The Baldwin Center. In addition to their soup kitchen, they collect clothing (especially coats, boots, etc.) to distribute to the needy.

January 31 will be our "Souper Sunday". For our pot-luck luncheon, please bring a can or two of soup, along with your dish-to-pass.

**Mitten Tree**

- 37 Mittens
- 19 Hats
- 1 Scarf
- 1 Hat/glove set
- 1 scarf set



Delivered to the Baldwin Center in Pontiac by Santa's Elves. ☺

**Please Remember...**

If you have an announcement, memorial, flower dedication, or an insert to place in the Sunday worship pages please email the document or put a copy of the item in Tammie's "mailbox" by Tuesday 12 p.m. of each week.

All items for the monthly newsletter are to be emailed to the church or placed in Tammie's "mailbox" in the office by the following dates:

- January 25, February 22
- March 22

The monthly newsletter will then be available on the last Sunday and the first Sunday of the month on the table located in the Narthex.

After which the newsletters will be sent to you by U.S. Mail.

If you have a question or comment about the bulletin, announcements or newsletter please speak with Pastor Charlie.



**Benevolent Contributions thru November**

Altar Flowers	42.00
Souper Sunday - Baldwin	236.00
Homeless	343.00
O.G.H.S.	205.00
Strengthen the Church	120.00
Bethel Mission	1,040.00
Camp Talahi	145.00
Open Door	50.00
School Supplies	40.00
Crop Walk	396.00
Crossroad	150.00
Lighthouse	280.00

Gary Bussard  
Financial Secretary



# Christmas Attitude

Christmas is a wonderful time of year. People seem to be more patient and kind to each other. People smile and work together like no other time of year. The members of Bethel Church in Waterford have found that kind of "Christmas Attitude" in a group of people, who come to help the church three to four times a year. They are a group of men and women who have to pay community service. It is a program called WAM (Weekend Alternative for Misdemeanants) and is administered by the Oakland County Community Corrections office. Bethel has had workers from WAM helping for many years and feels it is time that the program gets the credit it deserves.

When a group from WAM is scheduled to come to Bethel, our property committee prepares a list of jobs we need completed, such as raking leaves, cleaning out gutters, painting the parsonage, washing windows and the like. The white van with driver/supervisor comes to the church at 9:00 AM. A group of workers get out, receive their assigned tasks and work until 4:00 PM with only a short break for lunch. They work hard without complaints or excuses. In late November we have even asked WAM to help us with the "Hanging of The Greens" (decorating the church for Christmas).

In November 2008, Bethel was making new Advent banners to hang in the sanctuary. A young man was cutting out a paper pattern pinned to yellow felt. It was a difficult job because of the small, dull scissors. The young man and a Bethel member were talking and she asked him if he knew what he was cutting out. He admitted that he didn't know. She said, "You are cutting out the Hand of God." He did a classic double take. While he was being careful before, his countenance changed and the cutting seemed to get easier for him. After lunch the young man came and asked, "Where is that Angel you wanted cut out?" We got him a better pair of scissors and he did a super job of cutting out that huge, delicate Angel. The banners hang in the sanctuary during the Advent season and every time we look at the "Hand of God" we think of that pleasant young man who cut it out.

This year during "Hanging of the Greens" three women from WAM were putting up a tree in the sanctuary. It was about half decorated when we realized it was the wrong tree. The one in the sanctuary needs to be white lights and gold decorations and they had to switch the tree with the one in the Narthex and redo the one in the sanctuary. They had worked so hard but when we explained about the white and the colored lights they willingly exchanged the trees. They did the most beautiful job of decorating. It looks like a professional decorator had done it. The star on the top of the tree gave them some problems but they bent and shoved until that star was straight and stayed in place.

Bethel usually invites the WAM workers to have lunch with the members of Bethel. Sometimes lunch is pizza and soda pop. This last time, lunch was big pots of home made chicken noodle soup and chili with cheese, crackers and cookies. The people from WAM were thrilled that we had made soup for them.

We have never had the same crew twice, but they all do their assigned tasks willingly and cheerfully. One worker even put some money in an envelope, gave it to a member of the church and asked her to put it in the collection plate on Sunday. This is the "Christmas Attitude" and these people from WAM have always shown this attitude when they work with Bethel.



2009 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

NAME	PLANT	IN HONOR/MEMORY OF
Craig & Teri Barnaby	4"pink	
Jane Ellen Bussard	6"red	Jim Bussard, Margery Bussard, Lenore Combs
Lee & Betty Collins	4"red	Elizabeth Gorden
Tammie Fenn	4"pink	Barb Nerstheimer- mother Gene Lapp- father Paul & Helen Lapp John & Elenora Hubbard Siegmond & Rosalie Nerstheimer
June Haralabakos	6"red	
Les & Marge Hotchkiss	4"pink	
Ed & Joan Matthews	4"white	Jean Matthews, Bill Raetz
Rita Milner	(2) 6"red 6"white	Ruth, Ralph, Robert Lister Ronald G. Milner
Petrik Family	4"red 6"white 4"pink	Gladys & Taylor Sibrel Gelda & Edgar Litherland Dorothy Sibrel
Rose Marie Sanok	4"red 4"white	Sanek family Peterson family
Nola & Lance Shew	6"red 6"white	In honor of upcoming 50th Wedding Anniversary
Ruby Sey	6"red	Family
Dorothy Sherrit	4"white	For Shirley Milligan
Pastor Chas. Shield	6"white	Helen Shield, mother
Julie Stickley	6"red	Loving memory of Harold
Mardell Williams	(2) 4"red	Jerry Williams, Elizabeth Green

## Memorials and Flowers

### For

Harold Stickley  
Born: June 21, 1926  
Died: September 27, 2009

### Given By

Norma Hotchkiss and Family  
Jamie Wellemeyer

### For

Carolyn S. White  
Born: January 19, 1938  
Died: October 16, 2009

### Given By

Norma Hotchkiss and Family  
Jamie Wellemeyer

### For

Helen Koskela  
Born: December 4, 1927  
Died: July 21, 2009

### Given By

Norma Hotchkiss and  
Family

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## January

### Birthdays

Lauren Fenn 7  
Gary Bussard 9  
Lee Collins 24

### Wedding Anniversaries

Craig and Teri Barnaby 20

Linda Teschner's email address  
afghanqueen56@hotmail.com

### New Addresses

Peggy Austin  
3341 Fox Blvd.  
Commerce Twp., MI 48382  
Phone #: 248-366-4998

Virginia Hudnell  
600 W. Walton Blvd Apt. 102  
Pontiac, MI 48340  
Phone #: 248-732-7236

Freida Parkinson  
5601 Hatchery Road Apt 2011  
Waterford, MI 48329

Star Yarbrough  
2025 Poplar Drive  
Fayetteville, NC 28304



### January 3, 2010

#### 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:1-9, 10-18

### January 10, 2010

#### First Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21&22

### January 17, 2010

#### Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalm 36:5-10  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11

### January 24, 2010

#### Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21

### January 31, 2009

#### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30



## A friendly thought for reaching out each day in the week

Wouldn't this world be a different place if we began each day  
With the thought of helping someone who we meet along the way?  
If we set out with a little prayer that through the day we'd find  
A chance to leave some sunshine and some happiness behind?

**Monday:** Are there people you know who are lonely,  
And you haven't seen for a while?  
Let them know that they're thought about  
With a call, a word or a smile.

**Tuesday:** Don't neglect the chance today  
To do some kindly act  
Or pay a little compliment  
With thoughtfulness and tact.

**Wednesday:** This is the day for forgetting  
Yesterday's cares and its strife-  
This is a day for remembering  
The joys and blessings of life.

**Thursday:** Think of a friend who's in trouble-  
Is there some little thing you can do?  
If there's nothing else, then offer a prayer  
From the heart that's sincere and true.

**Friday:** Today should be just for your loved ones-  
Find some little way of expressing  
The thought that their love will always be  
Life's greatest and sweetest blessing.

**Saturday:** You may have cares and duties  
There are dozens of things to be done  
But don't let the day come to an end  
Without some laughter and fun.

**Sunday:** This is the day for rejoicing  
For thinking of God above  
Arise and give thanks for the blessings  
Of His deep and abiding love.

(American Greeting Corp.)



# January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	6	7	8	9 Un-Hanging of The Greens
10	11 Council 6 pm	12 Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	20 Sew-Ceity 9am-1pm	21	22	23
24 Newsletter Articles Due	25 Adult Fellowship Dinner**	26 Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	27	28	29	30
31 Potluck Congregational Meeting					**Location to be Announced	