

Bethel United Church of Christ
6650 Elizabeth Lake Road
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Bethel United Church of Christ March 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—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:
Custodian: Renee Inglsbee

Ushers

Lee Collins and Friend

Greeter

Rita Milner

Communion Servers

Gary Bussard, Jane Ellen Bussard,
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

One Great Hour of Sharing



Military Prayer Requests

Sr. Medical Technician Penny Barker
Sr. Airman Crew Chief Nicholas Barker
Sgt. Paul Bussard (S. Iraq)
SPC Benjamin Duhamel
PV2 Eric Stewart
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,
Frieda Parkinson,
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



March 2010

2010 Annual

Lenten Devotional and Luncheon Schedule

Worship at 12:00pm - Luncheon at 12:30 pm

Wednesday, February 24th

Calvary Lutheran Church White Lake
9101 Highland Rd, White Lake
Worship Leader: Jill McKinney, Interim
Lutheran Church of the Ascension

Wednesday, March 3rd

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
5301 Hatchery Rd
Worship Leader: Rev. John Negele
Christ Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 10th

Lutheran Church of the Ascension
4150 Pontiac Lake Rd
Worship Leader: Rev. Karen Williams
Central United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 17th

Central United Methodist Church
3882 Highland Rd
Worship Leader: Rev. Ken Fouty
Calvary Lutheran Church White Lake

Wednesday, March 24th

Bethel United Church of Christ
6650 Elizabeth Lake Rd
Worship Leader: Fr. Leslie Harding
St. Andrews Episcopal Church

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall to help with set up, clean up or preparation of food.

Fast or Feast

Fast from judging others: feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness: feast on the healing power of Christ.

Fast from words that pollute: feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent: feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger: feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism: feast on optimism.

Fast from negatives: feast on alternatives.

Fast from bitterness: feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern: feast on compassion.

Fast from gossip: feast on silence.

Fast from worry: feast on faith.

Author Unknown



Don't
Forget...
TO
Spring
Forward !!

Council News, March 2010

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Charlie will be having cataract surgery in March. One eye at a time. The first will be March 1 and the second March 29, two Mondays. Those two weeks, he will not be in the office on Monday and Tuesday but rather on Thursday and Friday instead. Let's keep him in our prayers.

Finance:

The congregation authorized the Legacy fund to transfer up to \$60,000 to Bethel's general fund to augment the income from pledges. The council will decide the timing and amount of individual transfers. The treasurer asked that \$15,000 be moved from Bethel's Money Market account to the checking account.

Mission / Christian Ed:

The focus for January was Baldwin Center. Rather than money, Bethel donated eight coats, 2 sweaters, 2 pairs of boots, 2 sweat suits and a number of ear muffs and socks. In addition, eight dozen cans of soup for their soup kitchen were collected.

The focus for February is again the Open Door. Open door is struggling because one of their large financial donors is no longer able to help. Bethel has been very generous in the past and I hope will be again in February.

The focus for March will be One Great Hour of Sharing.

Fellowship / Membership / Worship:

Greeter for March:

Peggy Austin

Ushers for March:

Lee Collins and Friend

Communion servers March 7:

Gary Bussard, Jane Bussard

Rita Milner, Paul Crook

Bethel will host the Wednesday Lenten Luncheon on March 24. Please visit the sign-up sheet in the middle room to sign up for making sandwiches or soup or any of the other tasks on the sheet.

Property:

The electric outlets on the north side of the Sanctuary (left side as you enter) have been repaired thanks to Paul and his electrician friend. There is still one on the south side that eludes repair but we may just have to live with that.

They also fixed the Narthex night light that had been out for quite a while. The cross in the front of the Narthex is silhouetted again.

The spring clean-up is scheduled for May 22. The council wanted to have an earlier date in April but schedule conflicts made that unworkable.

Our Property Chairman, Paul Crook, has been transferred to a GM plant in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is just waiting for a date to start. It will be a hardship on Paul and his family but at least he will still be working. Keep Paul and Karen in our prayers.

Legacy Fund:

The Legacy Fund Committee will meet to comply with the congregation's directive concerning the transfer of funds to the general fund.

Other items discussed:

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

Steve Knisely has been accepted as a "Student-In-Care" by the Detroit Metropolitan Association. That is an important step in Steve's road to becoming an ordained minister.

Teri Barnaby requested the use of fellowship hall in the church for Music Workshops during the summer. She would hold 3 or 4 workshops with each being 4 or 5 days for three hours each. She would work around any schedule conflicts. The council unanimously approved her request.

Lance Shew, Council President

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



MISSIONS

As you know, our mission for January, 2010, was the Baldwin Center in Pontiac. They provide meals, beds and clothing for the homeless. As usual, your response was over-whelming.

Although they only credited us with 2 boxes of hats and gloves, the Lord knows that we actually donated:

8 coats
6 shirts
6 sweaters
7 sweats
2 pullover tops
2 prs. boots
2 boxes of hats, gloves, scarves, socks, earmuffs

And 8 dozen cans of soups.

Thanks to all who contributed!

Our mission for March will be the "One Great Hour of Sharing", which is a church-wide collection of donations for distribution to the poor and down-trodden all over the world.

Mission Committee
(Shirley & Dot)

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

St. Patrick, C. 46



Kids in Church (came from an email)

3 year-old Reese :
'Our Father,
Who does art in heaven,
Harold is His name.

One particular four-year-old prayed,
'And forgive us our trash baskets
as we forgive those who put trash in
our baskets.'

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.. 'Daddy, what happened to him?' the son asked. 'He died and went to Heaven,' the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, 'Did God throw him back down?'

Who is Your Susie? Author Unknown

Come with me to a third grade classroom..... There is a nine-year-old kid sitting at his desk and all of a sudden, there is a puddle between his feet and the front of his pants are wet. He thinks his heart is going to stop because he cannot possibly imagine how this has happened. It's never happened before, and he knows that when the boys find out he will never hear the end of it. When the girls find out, they'll never speak to him again as long as he lives.

The boy believes his heart is going to stop; he puts his head down and prays this prayer, 'Dear God, this is an emergency! I need help now! Five minutes from now I'm dead meat.'

He looks up from his prayer and here comes the teacher with a look in her eyes that says he has been discovered.

As the teacher is walking toward him, a class mate named Susie is carrying a goldfish bowl that is filled with water. Susie trips in front of the teacher and inexplicably dumps the bowl of water in the boy's lap.

The boy pretends to be angry, but all the while is saying to himself, 'Thank you, Lord! Thank you, Lord!'

Now all of a sudden, instead of being the object of ridicule, the boy is the object of sympathy. The teacher rushes him downstairs and gives him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry out. All the other children are on their hands and knees cleaning up around his desk.. the sympathy is wonderful. But as life would have it, the ridicule that should have been his has been transferred to someone else - Susie.

She tries to help, but they tell her to get out. You've done enough, you Klutz!'

Finally, at the end of the day, as they are waiting for the bus, the boy walks over to Susie and whispers, 'You did that on purpose, didn't you?' Susie Whispers back, 'I wet my pants once too.'

May God help us see the opportunities that are always around us to do good...



March 7, 2010
Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 14, 2010
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21, 2010
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

March 28, 2010
Sixth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Luke 19:28-40
(Liturgy of Palms)
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56
(Liturgy of the Passion)



Benevolent Contributions thru January

Altar Flowers
Baldwin Center 120.00

Gary Bussard
Financial Secretary



March

Birthdays

Lois Nicklow 10
Karen Crook 17

Wedding Anniversaries

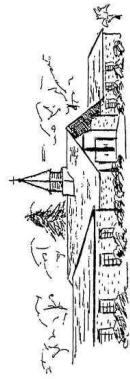
Lois and Jim Nicklow 15
Karen and Paul Crook 17

New Address

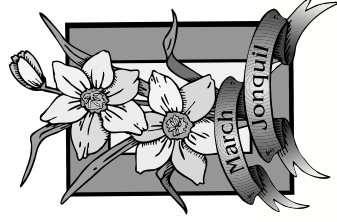
Paul Crook's Home Away
from Home ☺

Paul Crook
6616 Farmswood Drive,
Apartment 3A
Fort Wayne, IN 46804





March 2010



Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	Search Committee Lenten Luncheon 12:10			World Day of Prayer
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Choir 9:30am	Council 6 pm	Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	Lenten Luncheon 12:10			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Choir 9:30am Spring Forward!		Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	Sew-Ceity Lenten Luncheon 12:10	Ladies Luncheon 12:30 Longhorn Steakhouse		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Newsletter Articles Due Choir 9:30am		Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	Bethel Hosts Lenten Luncheon 12:10			
28	29	30	31			
Potluck Choir 9:30am	Adult ** Fellowship Dinner**	Lenten Luncheon 12:10				
				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> **Location to be Announced </div>		