

Bethel United Church of Christ  
6650 Elizabeth Lake Road  
Waterford, MI 48327  
(248) 682 9240



# Bethel United Church of Christ May 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.

**Bethel United Church of Christ**  
6650 Elizabeth Lake Road  
Waterford, MI 48327

Office: 248.682.9240  
Email: [bethelucwat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bethelucwat@sbcglobal.net)  
Web: [www.betheluccwat.org](http://www.betheluccwat.org)

**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**

Rita Milner and Lance Shew

**Greeter**

Jane Ellen Bussard

**Communion Servers**

Gary Bussard, Jane Ellen Bussard,  
Dorothy Sherrit, Rita Milner

**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**

Care Packages to  
Penny Barker



**Military Prayer Requests**

Sr. Medical Technician Penny Barker  
Sr. Airman Crew Chief Nicholas Barker  
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, Bettie Kluenser,  
Howard Mose,  
Linda Teschner

**Bethel's Search Committee**

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

**Bethel Friends**

Todd Hensel,  
Ryan Morrissey,  
Betty Jean Mulanix,  
Carol Miracle,  
Bonnie Purroll  
Carol Shew

Life At Bethel  
United Church of Christ

May 2010



---

A Letter From Your Pastor...

“May is full of promises” according to a song from the musical “Carousel” there is lot to look forward in the month of May.

When May arrives many folks like to get outdoors and work in the yard or in their garden.

One of our members got a head start on us—her garden was blooming with many colors around Sunday April 11. Guess how.

Still, by May, (as opposed to April) Lots of things are blooming or growing and greening up.

And we can be more certain that we will have lots of pleasant days.

We will be having one of our “yard beautiful” outdoor work bees on Saturday, May 22. Once again, we will have help from WAM folks.

Days like this are lots of work, good fellowship and fun...And healthy for our life as a loving church.

## Council News, May 2010

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

Meetings both here in Waterford and in Lansing keep Pastor Charlie busy. But he still makes visits to all those who need his support and healing prayers. He agreed to another month's extension to his contract.

### **Finance:**

The first \$20,000 installment of the Legacy Fund support has been received. The treasurer asked that half of it be transferred to the Money Market account so it will yield a few more pennies in interest until needed for the church's expenses.

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

Bethel contributed \$168 to One Great Hour of Sharing, the March focus. Open Grace Centers of Hope is the focus for April.

The committee is looking forward to supporting these activities:

May: Care Package for Penny Barker.

(All programs at Camp Tahali have been suspended for this year.)

June: Julie K Run

Kathy Barker, our volunteer Christian Ed Leader, has established a Sunday morning schedule for the children.

9:30 to 10:30 Sunday school with a snack break

10:30 to 11:30 Children's Fellowship following Pastor's Children Message.

Kathy could use some assistance with help providing snacks for the children. Check with Kathy or Rita to see what is appropriate.

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

Greeter for May:

Jane Ellen Bussard

Ushers for May:

Lance Shew, Rita Milner

Communion servers May 2

Gary Bussard, Dot Sherrit

Rita Milner, Jane Ellen Bussard

### **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 can be put on a list of chores for clean-up day.

Paul Crook has compiled a list of the companies we use for cutting grass, inspections, etc. A copy is available in the church office.

### **Other items discussed:**

The Search Committee met with Rev. Thom Webster, the Association Minister, to get answers to a number of questions about some of the candidates the committee is interested in.

Teri Barnaby has the dates of July 17 & 22 and August 16 & 19 (Mondays and Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) set aside for her Piano Camp.

Teri also discussed the plans for Splash Kingdom – she met with the children and they are very eager to do the program. Plans are being made to work with the



**Please see next page**

children after choir practice and Tuesdays and Thursday for rehearsals. Program is schedule for August 6, 2010 in the evening.

Craig Barnaby will be doing a monthly program called “Making Every Day Count”. He had a sample sheet showing the information he will be gathering as well as information about a pedometer which he would like to have for everyone who signs up. The first BP meetings will begin September 10 and continue the second Sunday of each month.

Our secretary, Tammie Fenn, has officially submitted her letter of resignation with April 30 as her last day. The committee, Rita Milner, Karen Crook and Nola Shew, appointed to search for a new secretary has identified two candidates. Craig Barnaby will serve during the summer while his shoulder is healing. Kim Eve tentatively plans to take over the job in the fall.

Lance Shew, Council President

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

---

### **Mobile Oakland County Office**

- **Thursday May 27, 2010 Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
- **Thursday August 19, 2010 Novi Public Library, 45255 West Ten Mile Road, in Novi from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
- **Thursday September 16, 2010 Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, in Milford from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**At the Mobile Office Visit you can,**

- Get copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates.**
- Apply for marriage license**
- Register your business or access our Assumed Business Names and Co- Partnerships databases**
- Access or record a military discharge form**
- Get copies of Oakland County Circuit Court Documents.**
- Register to vote or apply for Absentee Voter Application**
- File to become a notary public**
- Apply for a passport and have passport photos taken**

## Missions

During our March Mission we all contributed \$110.00 for, “One Great Hour of Sharing”, which is very good, considering our low attendance all month, due to various physical problems and trips to Florida.

Where are the Edwards? Are they still there? Would love to see them again.

As you know, Penny (Shirley Milligan’s Granddaughter-in-law) is in Afghanistan, serving our country. Recently, the tent in which she and three or four other women were quartered was blown up. As a result, they lost all personal belongings.

So, for May, our mission will be to re-supply these ladies. Items that they need will be posted on the church bulletin board.

Thanks again for your help.

Mission Committee  
Shirley Milligan  
Dorothy Sherrit

Easter Flowers: They looked so lovely, sitting around the altar. We collected \$168.65 and paid the greenhouse \$153.10, which gave us \$15.55



---

### **Benevolent Contributions thru March**

<b>Altar Flowers</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Baldwin Center</b>	<b>120.00</b>
<b>Open Door</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>Haiti Relief</b>	<b>120.00</b>
<b>O.G.H.S.</b>	<b>110.00</b>

**Gary Bussard**  
**Financial Secretary**



## April Memorials

### April 4 2010 In Remembrance

**Bob Wellemeyer**  
**Born: March 20, 1922**  
**Died: March 27, 2000**

**By**  
**His Wife Mary Wellemeyer**

### April 18 2010 In Remembrance

**Bob Wellemeyer**  
**Born: March 20, 1922**  
**Died: March 27, 2000**

**By**  
**Scott Wellemeyer**

### April 11 2010 In Remembrance

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

**By**  
**Les and Marge Hotchkiss**  
**Virginia Hudnell**

### April 18 2010 In Remembrance

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

**By**  
**Jane Ellen Bussard**  
**Mary Wellemeyer**

### April 11 2010 In Remembrance

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

**By**  
**Les and Marge Hotchkiss**  
**Virginia Hudnell**

### April 18 2010 In Remembrance

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

**By**  
**Jane Ellen Bussard**

## 2010 Easter Flowers

Lee & Betty Collins

Susan Cochrane

June Haralabakos

Frank Haralabakos

Les & Marge Hotchkiss

Ed & Joan Matthews

Jean Matthews & Bill Raetz

Rita Milner

Ralph, Ruth, Robert Lister  
And Ron Milner

Petrik Family

Taylor & Gladys Sibrel  
Dorothy Sibrel  
Jesse & Golda Litherland  
Thomas Petrik  
Carolyn White

Rose Marie Sanok

Loved ones of St. Marks UCC  
& Bethel UCC

Lance & Nola Shew

Martha Parker

Dorothy Sherrit

Martha Savage  
Carolyn White

Charles and Ida Shields

Mothers: Helen Shields and  
Dorothy Frosh

Julie Stickley

Harold Stickley

## **Goodbyes...God Be With Ye...**

My mom and nephew had a ritual in saying goodbye at the end of their visit together. My mom would start off saying bye-bye to my nephew and my nephew would reply back toodles. Each time one replied the other would have a come back of good-bye in another language or slang term.

I am reminded that good-byes are a bitter-sweet time. Sometimes we say good-bye to those we love because they have passed, other times we say good-bye to those who are moving to a different city or state.

In my case, saying goodbye means I am leaving Bethel as my place of employment. I wanted you all to know it was a difficult but thought out decision to leave Bethel.

By the time you have read this, I will be working exclusively for Open Door Outreach Center, as an administrative assistant, which I have done for nearly as long as I have been employed at Bethel.

I want to thank you for your friendship, laughter and tears we shared in the past four years, and the opportunities to learn about working at Bethel and serve the congregation/pastor.

## **God Be With Ye...**

Tammie Kay Fenn

**The Joy of the LORD  
is my Strength and My  
Song!**



**God  
Be  
With  
Ye**

adieu, adios, aloha, au revoir, arrivederci,  
auf wiedersehen, bon voyage, ciao, dosvidanya,  
farewell, hasta la vista, bye-bye, godspeed,  
sayonara, so-long, toodle-oo...Good-Bye!



May Birthdays

Lauren Petrick 11  
George Edwards 19  
Leslie Spurrier 29  
Scott Wellemeyer 30



Thank you to everyone who sent  
Birthday cards, emails, and  
phoned on my birthday.

You made my birthday very special!

With Joy, Love and Peace,  
Tammie Kay Fenn

I can do ALL things in Him who  
Strengthens me!

New Addresses



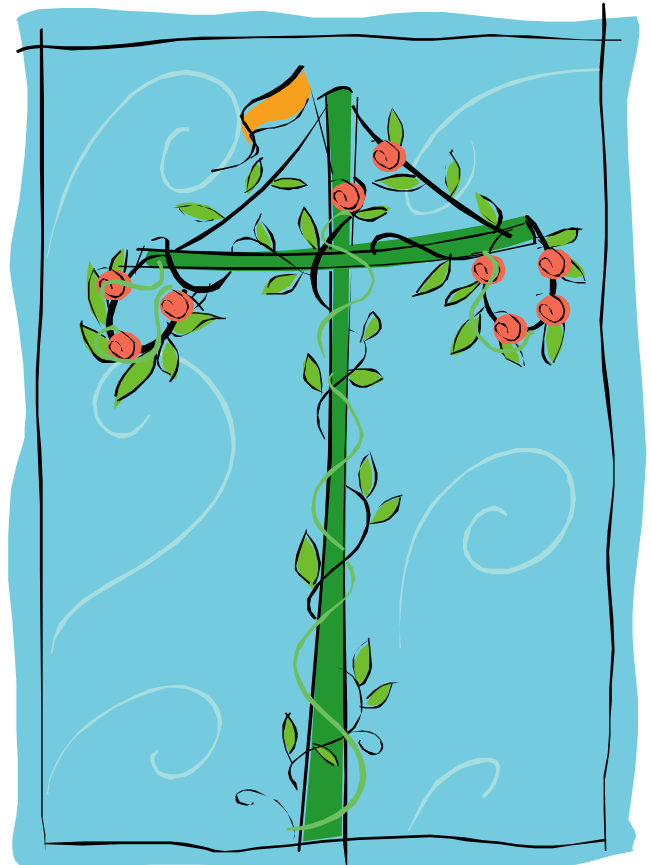
Linda Teschner's  
39560 Penny Lane  
Elyria, Ohio 44035

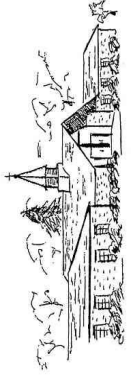
248-534-3118 Cell Phone Number  
She looks forward to hearing  
from you!

---

Kay VanderMeer  
313 Brookhallow Drive  
Oxford, MI 48371

248-736-8512





# May 2010

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Council 6 pm	<b>11</b> Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	<b>19</b> Sew-Ceity 9am-1pm	<b>20</b> Ladies Luncheon** 12:30	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Church Clean Up Day
<b>23</b> Newsletter Articles Due	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Quaint Quilters 9am-1pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Potluck	<b>31</b> Adult ** Fellowship Dinner**					**Location to be Announced