

Bethel United Church of Christ
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Bethel United Church of Christ October 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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Pastor's Letter



Ministry Musings – October 2010

Fall. I'm always amazed at how fast it seems to get here. But my calendar confirmed what I felt myself resisting for several weeks now: Fall has arrived. I must admit though, as much as I hate seeing the warmer weather come to an end, I also look forward to many things Fall brings: putting on warm and cozy sweaters, smelling the smoke from fire pit fires around the neighborhood, seeing the blazing and brilliant colors as I drive from here to there. It is an amazing display of God's creative abilities, for sure. Another thing I welcome is the different cadence Fall brings. Life's tempo seems to slow from the frenetic pace resulting from all of summer's activities to a more acceptable one; and *that* is a very welcome change! As we start to slow down and get back into a more manageable regime we can begin to sense a bit of relief. If you are realizing this new pace too, I encourage you to take time to recognize all the beauty coming into being around you. Do more than drive by and casually notice a particularly beautiful stretch of scenery. Stop the car. Get out. Take it in. See it, smell it, touch it if possible. Absorb and feel the beauty around you. Then thank God for giving you that moment.

Also, take time to appreciate your creations too – your work, your life, yourself. Look around. Then look again. Take time to see the beauty in your own life. Take time to absorb and enjoy the beauty you see. Remember God doing that in Genesis?

Then, share this gift with others too. Take time to notice and truly see all that is beautiful in the people you know. Then tell them aloud what they mean to you, and how beautiful you think they are.

Opening up to our own selves and the world means learning to recognize and absorb its beauty. And by doing this, we place ourselves smack dab in the presence of God. As Psalm 96 says, "The LORD made the heavens! Honor and majesty surround him; strength and *beauty* are in his sanctuary."

Maybe you have deprived yourself of noticing beautiful sights for too long and it's now time to take those dark glasses off. Do we "see in a mirror, dimly" because we do not take the time to notice all the glorious beauty that resides around us and in us?

In this new season I feel excitement. First, to be working with all of you; and second, about what God has in store for Bethel as we seek do to His work and will together.

Through the changing seasons and the changes we're experiencing here at Bethel, know that God's glory, majesty, and beauty are displayed through changes such as these – if we stop and notice.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Diane

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Fellowship/Membership/Worship

Mission of the Month

Haven

Military Prayer Requests

Sr. Medical Technician Penny Barker
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SPC Benjamin Duhamel
PV2 Eric Stewart
HM1 Michelle Teschner
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SGT. Brandon Yarbrough
PFC Robert Yarbrough
SGT. Jeffrey Bussard

Bethel Ministry of Prayer
Here at Bethel

Lillian Bailey, Bettie Kluesner,
Kathy Petrik, Chris Struthers
Joan Matthews, Mardell Willams
Peggy Austin
Les Hotchkiss

Bethel's Search Committee

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

Bethel Friends

David Dinger, Todd Hensel,
Pat Howell (Shirley Milligan's Sister)
Ryan Morrissey, Betty Jean Mulanix,
Carol Shew
Dwayne & Betty Baker
(Pastor Baker's In-Laws)
Joe D. (Friend of Paul Crook)
Ralph & Diane Mueller
Nancy McNeff (friend of Dot)

October No-Gossip Column

Collecting Rocks

*I think that there shall never be
An ignoramus just like me,
Who roams the hills throughout the day,
To pick up rocks that do not pay,
For there's one thing I've been told
I take the rocks and leave the gold.
O'er deserts wild or mountains blue
I search for rocks of varied hue.*

*A hundred pounds or more I pack,
With blistered feet and aching back
And after this is said and done
I cannot name a single one.
I pick up rocks where e're I go
The reason why I do not know,
For rocks are found by fools like me
Where God intended them to be.*



I have always loved hunting rocks. The most beautiful things in God's world are rocks and sea shells. Since I have never lived near a shore, I collect rocks. I have rocks in every room of my house and a box of them under my bed. A friend, I hold in high esteem asked me the other day why keep the rocks? What do you want to do with them? I didn't have an answer at that time but I have been thinking about it. When our kids were little we were campers and I would look for the best rocks Connecticut had to offer. One year we camped in a rock quarry and I was in rock heaven. Every day I collected big ones, pink ones, red ones and hauled them back to the camp site. When it came time to pack up to go home, Lance looked at my pile of rocks and shook his head. He said, "You can take home the kids or the rocks, make up your mind which you want." Oh, I chose the kids, of course, but I thought about it for a minute or two. Friends have brought me rocks from far off places. While on vacation they have thought of me when they saw a rock, picked it up and carried it back to me. My grandchildren bring rocks to me that they know I will like. Nathan went on a field trip with his preschool class and found a rock for his "Grammy". His teacher told him he couldn't bring the rock home. Nathan sobbed, "It's for my Grammy's Christmas!" She let him bring it home. When Max was only two, he brought me a tiny gray rock and to keep him busy I said I wanted a pink one. Max said, "Oh, Man!" and marched off and found a tiny pink one. I still have it on the mantle. Jake, my 22 year old grandson went to Europe this past spring and brought me a small green stone from the beach in Barcelona, Spain. At the moment he pick up that stone, he was thinking of me and we were connected in spirit. Yes, I have rocks all over the house from everywhere. When I leave this earth someone will have to do something with all of these rocks. Probably my daughter will just gather up all these pretty rocks and throw them out. But maybe, just maybe, she will think of her mom and how much fun she had looking for rocks with her. In answer to my friend's question, "Why do you keep rocks?" They are part of the memories I cherish! I don't pick up as many as I used to, but I am going to keep the ones I have.

Nola WFIM (With Foot In Mouth)

Youseetimmy: How to become a rock hound. Get a bag of marbles and every time you pick up a rock throw down a marble. Then, when you have lost all of your marbles, you're a rock hound.

October 2010

Council News, October 2010

Welcome Pastor Diane:

The council welcomed Pastor Diane to her first Council Meeting. (I hope she wasn't overwhelmed!) Since this is her first experience as a called pastor, she had a number of questions and concerns about procedures and policies unique to Bethel. We answered them as best we could. Every congregation has its own way doing things so I hope all our members will help Pastor Diane settle into Bethel's way of Church Life. AND, I, for one, am looking forward to helping her put her own imprint on life here at Bethel.

Finance:

The Council approved Pastor Diane's Call Agreement which was revised as a result of a meeting between Pastor and the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee will meet in October to conjure up a budget for 2011. If anyone has a suggestion for budget items or amounts, please speak up now.

It's not too early to begin thinking about stewardship. Stewardship Sunday is November 14.

Mission / Christian Ed:

The Penny Bucket Campaign for Grace Centers of Hope ended September 5. The bucket was so heavy that it required a truck to haul it away.

The August mission for school supplies was a great success. All the stuff, backpacks, pencils, crayons, glue, notebooks, etc., was taken next door to Beaumont School. The Staff at Beaumont was extremely happy to receive it. School supplies donated through Oakland County are divided among all schools in the county so Beaumont receives a miniscule amount. Our donation was ALL for their students.

Bethel plans to continue the co-operation with Beaumont at Christmas. We will ask Beaumont to identify one or two families in our area who need help. We will have a gift tree for our congregation to purchase Christmas gifts for those families.

The mission focus for October is Haven.

Sunday School began September 12. Thanks to Kathy Petrik for teaching the children.

Fellowship / Membership / Worship:

Greeter for October: Rose Sanok

Ushers for October: Lee Collins and whoever he can pick up

Communion servers October 3: Rita Milner, Gary Bussard

Dot Sherrit, Jane Ellen Bussard

The Ladies Luncheon will be October 21 at some place as of yet unknown.

The council had a request to move the Adult Dinner date back to Friday. It was moved to Monday so Pastor Charlie could attend but Friday will be more appropriate for others who want to participate. So, commencing with October, Adult Dinner will be the fourth Friday – October 22 at TBA

Please see next page

Something to think about --- Move the ladies Luncheon to the 2nd Thursday to avoid dinners on two consecutive days as in October, i.e., Ladies Luncheon on the 21st and Adult Dinner on the 22nd.

Thanks to Craig Barnaby for preparing a scrumptious breakfast for everyone on September 5.

Property:

Check to make sure these two dates are marked on your calendars:

November 13, Fall cleanup with people from WAM.

November 27, Hanging of the Greens

Have you noticed that the trimming has been done around the parsonage, church and everywhere? Thanks to Chris Eve. He will take over snow removal this winter and lawn care next spring.

The lawn sprinkler pump and lines will need attention in October.

Other items discussed:

Craig's Blood Pressure Clinic started on September 12 with 11 of our members getting their BP checked. I encourage everyone to participate; it only takes a few minutes and it could save your life. The next opportunity is October 10.

Welcome to our new Office Assistant, Kim Eve. Stop by sometime and say, "Hi."

Our new website is very close to being up and running. Watch for an announcement. Just working on a few last minute tidbits of information.

The office computer is getting a bit flaky. The council voted to have it overhauled before it dies completely.

We also accepted a recommendation that we install a wireless router system in the church so internet access will be available throughout the building. That would have been extremely useful during the search process and Pastor Diane will be using a wireless laptop computer instead of a hardwired desktop one.

A new microphone is to be purchased for pastor's wireless system. The current lapel mike loses sensitivity when she turns her head and is subject to thumps if bumped.

The council enthusiastically gave Teri Barnaby permission to present a Christmas Musical Program. The program 'Star of Wonder' looks at Christ's birth from the star's perspective.

Teri will again hold her winter and spring piano recitals at Bethel in December and next June.

Watch the bulletin for information about a cooking contest involving a specific product that could benefit the church monetarily.

Lance Shew, Council President

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

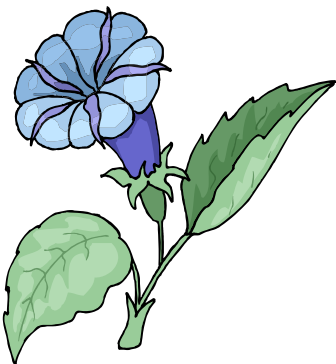
Missions

Our August contributions of school supplies were delivered to Beaumont School (per Craig). This consisted of back packs (6), notebooks (61), paper (6), pencils, crayons, glue, erasers, pens, folders, composition books, binders, a school box and a calculator. As always, our big hearts worked overtime.

During September we sponsored the Crop Walk, which supplies Open Door, Meals on Wheels, etc.

October mission is the Haven, which offers shelter and help to battered women and children, and others in desperate situations. They are mostly in need of cereals, juices, hair products, paper towels, and prepaid cards for gas stations and grocery stores. A complete list will be posted on the bulletin board.

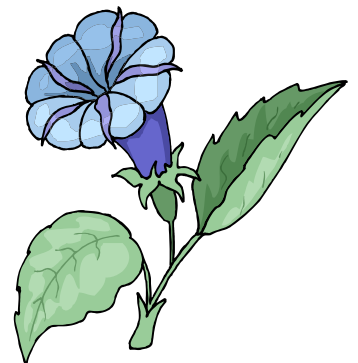
Mission Committee
Shirley and Dorothy



Benevolent Contributions thru August

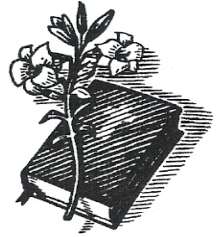
Altar Flowers	20.00
Baldwin Center	120.00
Open Door	150.00
Haiti Relief	120.00
O.G.H.S.	120.00
Grace Centers of Hope	155.00
Penny Baker Care Package	286.00
Open Door/ Julie K. Run	200.00
Light House	100.00
School Supplies	80.00

Gary Bussard
Financial Secretary





MEMORIALS



TO THE HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

September Memorials

In Remembrance

Nicholas David Bussard
Born: Jan. 28, 1981
Died: Sept. 09, 2005

Earl W. Hudnell
Born: Sept. 28, 1919
Died: May 03, 2002

James R. Sprague
Born: June 13, 1942
Died: Aug. 02, 2010

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Born: Sept. 28, 1919
Died: May 03, 2002

Presented By

Jane Ellen Bussard

Brooks Davis family
Scott Blanchard family

Virginia L. Hudnell
Les & Marge Hotchkiss

Jolene & Thom Davis
Virginia L. Hudnell



Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Spurrier

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Chris Eve II 08
Kim Eve 19
Paul Crook 28
Nola Shew 31



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

STAR OF WONDER

We had such a wonderful reception to Splash Kingdom that we have decided to do a musical for Christmas. The children had so much fun they asked for more and therefore we are going to see things from the stars perspective. Rehearsals will be the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays in October, November and December. We will also be asking for snack donations.

It will be performed on Saturday December 11. Details to come....

Just A Reminder

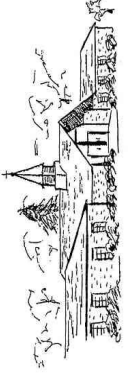


COUNTRY CROCK LITTLE CHANGE, BIG DIFFERENCE RECIPE CONTEST

There is still time! The contest runs until October 31, 2010. Remember to enter your delicious recipes, ideas on how Bethel can use the prize money and vote. Encourage your friends and family to enter and vote on our behalf. You may enter as often as you like or until you run out of recipes. If you do not have access to a computer with internet and have some recipes you would like to enter, bring your recipes to Kim or Craig in the church office. We will be happy to enter them for you.

Visit the web site: www.MakeALittleChange.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Star of Wonder Rehearsal 10 am - noon
3 Blood Pressure Sunday	4	5 QQ 9 -1 pm	6	7	8	9
10	11 Council 6:00pm	12 QQ 9 -1 pm	13	14	15	16 Star of Wonder Rehearsal 10 am- noon
17	18	19 QQ 9 -1 pm	20	21 ** Ladies Lunch 12:30	22 ** Adult Dinner 6:00 pm	23 Budget Meeting 11:30
24	25	26 QQ 9 -1 pm	27	28	29	30 Star of Wonder Rehearsal 10 am- noon
31 Church pot luck					**Location to be Announced	