

Bethel United Church of Christ
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Bethel United Church of Christ September 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 Has A New Pastor

Diane Baker was called to be Bethel's Pastor at a congregational meeting held on Sunday Aug. 22.

She will start her ministry at Bethel on Sept. 12.

Diane Baker Bio -

Before opening her private counseling practice, 2000Diane Baker worked in corporate America for 16 years. She holds a Mechanical Design Engineering Technology degree from Michigan Technological University; a Masters in Counseling from Oakland University with a specialization in Marriage and Family Counseling; and a Masters of Divinity degree from Ecumenical Theological Seminary; She is currently working on her Doctor of Ministry degree from Ecumenical Theological Seminary. Diane was also trained through the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center on how to work effectively with conflict in churches. Diane enjoys reading, golf, scuba diving, landscaping and decorating; she lives in Clarkston with her husband Dean and their two miniature dachshunds Jake and Elwood.

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Mission of the Month



Crop Walk

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

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

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)

September No-Gossip Column



Wow September already. Fall is just around the corner and winter will not be far behind. I got a lot of good feed-back from my column last month. You all enjoyed the whimsical story of the Lightning Bugs and asked me many questions about lightning bugs. I had to go on line to find out the answers. First confession I must make is I did not write the story myself. Three years ago I subscribed to a "Mountain Wings" monthly paper on line. Authors contributed inspirational stories and the Lightning Bug story was one I liked and shared with you. I have looked many hours and can not find the article that gave the author's name. Mountain Wings gave me inspiration in the troublesome days when our last called pastor was challenging my faith. From now on I will tell you the author of the stories I copy for you to enjoy. Now some facts I learned (on line) about the lightning bug or firefly. One there are many different species. So that a flasher doesn't attract a firefly of a *different species* each has its own special flash pattern. Isn't God awesome? Another question I was asked is what do lightning bugs eat. Adult lightning bugs, who live several months, probably feed on plant nectar, but a few species practice an especially tricky kind of cannibalism. Already mated females emit flashes similar to the female responses to male Lightning Bugs of other species. When the male of the other species lands, the female emitting the false flashes pounces on the poor male and eats him. And you thought your life was complicated. Aren't you glad you are not a firefly?

I wrote a Mountain Wings story a few years ago. I didn't send it in to "Mountain Wings" but I would like to tell you the story and the awesome feeling it gave me. I was taking care of my grandchildren at their house. The two smallest ones were napping and Max and I were watching, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" on a tape. When we tried to rewind the tape it jammed and had to be pulled from the VCR. I got it out without breaking the tape but I was afraid it would never be useable again, because it was damaged. Max, who was almost four years old, said, "My Dado can fix it!" I told him I thought it was unfixable but he insisted, "My Dado can fix everything because he is my FATHER and he can fix it."

It came to me that is how I feel about God. He can fix everything because he is my FATHER. Max feels such trust and security and love for his Dado, because his father has never let him down. Scott, my son, has disciplined Max but he never lies to Max and he keeps all of his promises to him. And Scott loves Max unconditionally, just like God loves each one of us.

Wow what a revelation. God can get us out of any jam we find ourselves in. We are never 'unfixable', never hopeless, never beyond repair. All we have to do is have complete trust in Him like Max has for his earthly father. Max is wonderful. He has not had an easy life so far. Before he was three he had to give up his baby status to newborn Nathan and before he turned four he had to watch his newborn sister whenever Mom-Mom was busy. And he has done all these things very well and without complaint, because he has the love of his family and security and trust. Life happens and we often cannot influence the outcome but we can have security and trust because of the love of our heavenly Father.

Nola WFIM (With Foot In Mouth)

P. S. Yes, Scott fixed the tape and it was used many more times.

Youseetimmy: "Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance."

"If your feet are planted firmly on the ground you will never be able to dance!
Let in a little whimsy"

Here you go - events in September you may have forgotten.

- 1 **1689** - Russia began taxing men's beards
- 2 **1666** - Great Fire of London begins at 2am in Pudding Lane, 80% of London is destroyed
- 3 **301** - San Marino, one of the smallest nations in the world and the world's oldest republic still in existence, is founded by Saint Marinus.
- 4 **1682** - English astronomer Edmund Halley sees his namesake comet
- 5 **1885** - 1st gasoline pump is delivered to a gasoline dealer (Ft Wayne, Ind)
- 6 **1716** - 1st US lighthouse built (Boston)
- 7 **1251 BC** - A solar eclipse on this date might mark the birth of legendary Heracles at Thebes, Greece.
- 8 **1565** - 1st permanent settlement in US forms (St Augustine, Florida)
- 9 **1850** - California is admitted as the thirty-first U.S. state.
- 10 **1850** - California is admitted as the thirty-first U.S. state. opens
- 11 **1789** - Alexander Hamilton appointed 1st Secretary of Treasury
- 12 **1624** - 1st submarine tested (London)
- 13 **509 BC** - The temple of Jupiter on Rome's Capitoline Hill is dedicated on the ides of September.
- 14 **1848** - Alexander Stewart opens 1st US dept store
- 15 **1831** - The locomotive John Bull operates for the first time in New Jersey on the Camden and Amboy Railroad.
- 16 **1630** - Mass village of Shawmut changes name to Boston
- 17 **1873** - 19 students attend opening class at Ohio State University
- 18 **1769** - John Harris builds 1st spinet piano (US)
- 19 **1876** - 1st carpet sweeper patented (Melville Bissell of Grand Rapids, Mich)
- 20 **1884** - Equal Rights Party nominates female candidates for Pres & VP
- 21 **1784** - 1st daily newspaper in America (Penns Packet & General Advertiser)
- 22 **1915** - Red Sox ask Braves for use of their larger park for World Series
- 23 **1873** - Tom Allen beats Mike McCale for Heavyweight Boxing title
- 24 **1789** - Congress creates Post Office
- 25 **1639** - 1st printing press in America
- 26 **46 BC** - Julius Caesar dedicates a temple to his mythical ancestor Venus Genetrix in accordance with a vow he made at the battle of Pharsalus.
- 27 **1881** - Chicago Cubs beat Troy 10-8 before record small "crowd" of 12
- 28 **1892** - 1st night football game played (Mansfield Pa)
- 29 **1849** - 1st passenger train service to Peekskill NY (New Haven Railroad)
- 30 **1915** - Red Sox clinch AL pennant by beating Detroit

Council News, September 2010

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Charlie conducted his last service at Bethel on August 8. He had started cleaning out the pastor's study during the preceding week. Do you know how bare the study looks without all the animals keeping an eye on everything in there???

Pastor Charlie will be missed and we all wish him well in his next endeavor whether that be another ministry or just relaxing and enjoying life!!!

Finance:

The audit report of the 2009 books was received and copies filed with both the financial records and council files.

The issue of forwarding memorials given to Bethel was revisited. The final decision is that memorials given to Bethel will remain at Bethel. If someone wants to give a memorial to an organization, such as Canterbury, it should be sent directly to the organization and not to Bethel.

The council discussed the tentative contract to be presented to Diane Baker. By the time you read this, I hope she will be our Pastor

Mission / Christian Ed:

Three boxes along with seven bags of food were taken to Lighthouse as a result of Bethel's July mission. I'm sure it helped feed hungry children during the summer. \$90 was donated as well. Bethel continues to be very generous!!

The mission for August is collecting school supplies. Many stores have those things on sale during July and August so your dollar will go further. Our office manager, Craig, was to meet with the principal of Beaumont see if they can use what Bethel collects so we will be helping our neighbors.

The mission focus for September will be The Crop Walk.

The Penny Bucket will get heavier through Labor Day. So keep your change coming.

Splash Kingdom was attended by guests from all over the country. Well, at least Boston. Everyone had a good time and the kids did a fantastic job.

Fellowship / Membership / Worship:

Greeter for September:

Rose Sanok

Ushers for September:

A Pair of Shews

Communion servers September 5:

Rita Milner, Gary Bussard

Shirley Milligan, Jane Ellen Bussard

The Ladies Luncheon (Sept. 16) and Adult Dinner (Sept. 27) locations are yet to be announced.

Signup sheets will appear soon.

Craig Barnaby will prepare breakfast for the church on Sunday Sept. 5 (Labor Day Weekend). A list of supplies he needs is on the bulletin board in the middle room. The last time he cooked breakfast for the church, it was spectacular.

Please see next page

Property:

Have you noticed the new mailbox? Thanks to Rita and Craig. Neither front nor the back door of the old one would stay closed and mail sometimes would blow out.

Two dates to mark on your calendars:

November 13, Fall cleanup with people from WAM.

November 27, Hanging of the Greens

The cracks in the parking lot are full of dead grass and weeds. They should be filled with tar afterwards.

Other items discussed:

Our new website is very close to being up and running. Watch for an announcement.

A church credit card for “on-line” purchases of toner and paper, etc., is on hold pending further information from our credit union.

The new look for our bulletins will start in December just in time for the Christmas Season.

Blood Pressure screening by Craig Barnaby (he is a man of many talents) will begin on September 12 and continue on the 2nd Sunday each month.

Lance Shew, Council President

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

Missions

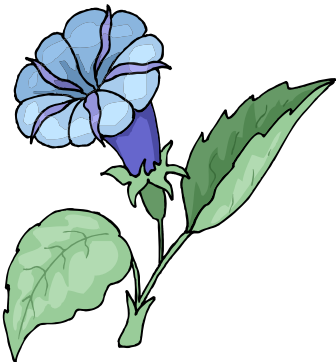
Our July mission for the Lighthouse of Oakland County was very successful. We donated 2 boxfuls and 11 bagfuls of various foods to help fill their bare pantry.

In August we collected school supplies for needy children. They will be donated to Beaumont school next door, which is a Title I school. Craig has talked to the principal there and has confirmed that they would be very happy to accept the donations collected here at Bethel.

For September we'd like to collect funds to sponsor the Crop Walk of October 3rd. These funds will be used to support Waterford Meals on Wheels, The Baldwin Center and the Good Samaritan Food Depot of Pontiac.

If you wish to participate in the walk, please contact Rev. John Negele at 248-673-7331. Registration is at 1:30 pm and walk begins at 2:00 pm.

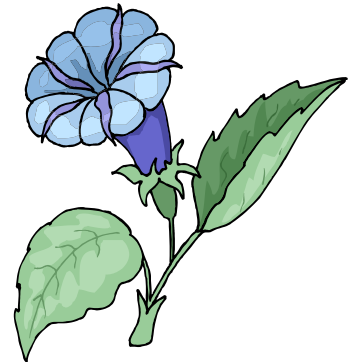
Mission Committee
Shirley and Dorothy



Benevolent Contributions thru April

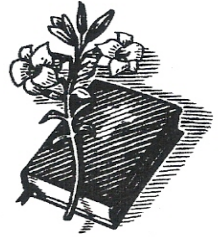
Altar Flowers	10.00
Baldwin Center	120.00
Open Door	150.00
Haiti Relief	120.00
O.G.H.S.	120.00
Grace Centers of Hope	155.00
Penny Baker Care Package	286.00
Open Door/ Julie K. Run	200.00
Light House	90.00

Gary Bussard
Financial Secretary





MEMORIALS



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

August Memorials

In Remembrance

Tom Robert Bussard
Born: August 10, 1957
Died: March 10, 1988

Howard Mose
Born: Oct. 24, 1917
Died: June 19, 2010

Tomas Knaebel
Born: Nov. 28, 1919
Died: July 10, 2010

Jean Matthews
Born: Sept. 13, 1929
Died: August 1, 2002

Joel Wellemeyer
Born: Aug. 01, 1958
Died: Sept. 01, 1966

Presented By

Jane Ellen Bussard

Bill & Donita Bussard
Gary Bussard

Dorothy Sherrit

Ed and Joan Matthews

Mary Marsh
Mary Wellemeyer



Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bussard

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Rose Marie Sanok 18



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

Blood Pressure Sunday starts on September 12

High blood pressure

High blood pressure is a common and serious public health problem that affects about 30% of the U.S. adult population (2). High blood pressure, especially if untreated, can result in mortality and morbidity because of the complications of end-stage renal disease, coronary artery disease, and/or stroke. Risk factors for high blood pressure include:

- a family history of high blood pressure
 - African American ancestry
 - age 65 years or older
 - low socioeconomic status
 - overweight or obesity
 - a sedentary lifestyle
 - excess intake of dietary sodium and/or insufficient intake of potassium
- excess consumption of alcohol (3,4).

Although high blood pressure is serious, the majority of individuals diagnosed do not have their blood pressure controlled (3). Many factors contribute to poor control of blood pressure, such as lack of knowledge of the potential consequences, noncompliance, cost of managing a lifelong condition, and complexity of disease management. Prevention and control of a chronic disease begins with a good understanding of individual risk.

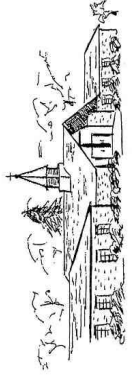
High blood pressure can be prevented by a complementary application of strategies that targets the general population and individuals at high risk. Current national guidelines recommend non-pharmacologic therapy, including lifestyle modifications, for primary prevention and treatment of high blood pressure (5).

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“If I don’t go to the doctor, he can’t find anything wrong with me. That’s how I stay healthy!”

September 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast	6	7 QQ 9 -1 pm	8	9	19	11
12 Blood pressure Sunday	13 Council 6:00pm	14 QQ 9 -1 pm	15 Beta Sorority	16 **12:30 pm Ladies Lunch	17	18
19	20	21 QQ 9 -1 pm	22	23	24	25
26 Church pot luck	27 Adult Dinner 6:00 pm	28 QQ 9 -1 pm	29	30		
					** Location to be Announced	