

Bethel United Church of Christ
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Bethel United Church of Christ August 2011 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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From Pastor's Desk



Pastor's Message – August 2011

August seems to be the time of year that, for many, is like the last hurrah of summer. As we think about getting back into the swing of things, with kids going back to school and life becoming more regimented, it's also a time to reflect back on the dog days of summer. What were the highlights? What things were unexpected blessings? Recalling how God has blessed us helps to gird us up for when times become tough. It also helps to increase our capacity for thankfulness and praise.

Also it is a good time to reflect on: What things came up that that were hard for us? That challenged us? Challenges are the things that test our metal. How do we typically respond when the going gets tough? Do our creative juices begin flowing right away as we think of various ways to respond to the challenge? Or do we witness ourselves being stuck in the same old patter that has kept us stuck right where we are and have been for a while? I like Eleanor Roosevelt's comment: "A woman is like a tea bag – you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water." The Psalmist caught a glimpse of this too I believe, as we read in Psalm 26 verse 2, "Test me, O Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind," and also in Psalm 139 verse 23 and 24, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." By focusing on our own reactions and patterns, like the Psalmist does, we begin to know ourselves in a truer way. By doing this, we can then place ourselves before God in a more open and intimate way. This self knowledge then helps us learn how to pray (for growth, wisdom, direction, etc.) more accurately.

In addition to reflecting on our blessings and our challenges, another direction in which to look is forward into August. Teri and Craig have been working very hard and tirelessly to prepare for the upcoming summer drama production "Son Seekers Nation Vacation." Both kids and adults are practicing with fervor, and the set is being constructed with creativity and patience. It will definitely be a fun-filled performance on Friday, August 19th at 6:00pm. And don't forget the potluck afterward - so mark your calendars!

Summer blessings,

Pastor Diane

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Nola Shew, Shirley Milligan,
Virginia Hudnell, Kim Eve, Pastor
Diane, Rita Milner and Lee Collins

Mission of the Month

Beaumont Elementary School supplies



Military Prayer Requests

Sr. Medical Technician Penny Barker
Staff Sergeant Nicholas Barker
SPC Benjamin Duhamel
PV2 Eric Stewart
HM1 Michelle Teschner
—1st Class Petty Officer
SGT. Brandon Yarbrough
PFC Robert Yarbrough
PFC Shane Brent Barnaby

Bethel Ministry of Prayer

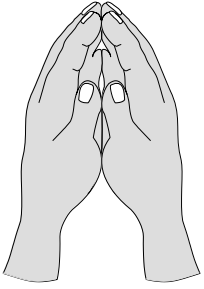
Here at Bethel

Lillian Bailey, Bettie Kluesner,
Kathy Petrik, Chris Struthers
Mardell Williams, Peggy Austin,
Shirley Crook, Nola Shew

Bethel Friends

Todd Hensel,
Pat Howell (Shirley Milligan's Sister)
Ryan Morrissey, Betty Jean Mulanix,
Carol Shew
Joe D. (Friend of Paul Crook)
Ralph & Diane Mueller
Nancy McNeff (friend of Dot)
Bill Cote (Cousin to Karen Crook)
Dave and Kathy Barker
Jim Miller (Friend of Paul Crook)
Rhonda Padilla (Kim & Ron's sister)

August No-Gossip Column



I love hands! Chubby, dimpled baby hands and worn wrinkled Grandpa hands. My mother's hands were soft and smooth with stubby short fingers and so soothing when I was sick. Her hands never got wrinkled and arthritic, at least not that I can remember. We tend to remember what we loved most, the way we loved it. Hands tell the story of who you are.

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million. It depends on whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6. A baseball in Mark McGuire's hands is worth 19 million. It depends on whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands. A tennis racket in Pete Sampras hands is a Wimbledon Championship. It depends on whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal. A rod in Moses hands will part the mighty sea. It depends on whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is a toy. A sling shot in David's hands is a mighty weapon. It depends on whose hands it's in.

Two fish and five loaves in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and five loaves in God's hands will feed thousands. It depends on whose hands they're in.

Nails in my hands might produce a bird house. Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world. It depends on whose hands they're in.

As you see now it depends on whose hands it's in. So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands because, it depends on whose hands they're in.

A 90 year old Grandfather was talking to his granddaughter and he asked her "Have you ever looked at your hands. I mean really looked at your hands?" The granddaughter slowly opened her hands and stared down at them. She turned them over, palms up and then palms down.



"No," she said, "I guess I had never really looked at my hands." as she tried to figure out the point Grandpa was making. Grandpa smiled and related this story:

Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life. They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed upon the floor. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They dried the tears of my children and caressed the love of my life. They held my rifle and wiped my tears when I went off to war. They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special. They wrote the letters home and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle. Yet, they were strong and sure when I dug my buddy out of a foxhole and lifted a plow off of my best friend's foot. They have held children, consoled neighbors, and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand. They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day when not much of anything else of me works real well these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer. These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life, but more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when He leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ. *Written by Melinda Clements*

Nola WFIM

Youseetimmy: "The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts!

The safest place to be is in someone's prayers!

And the best place to be is in God's hands!" *Marilyn Austin*

Council News, August 2011

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Diane discussed her office hours with the council. She would like to have the discretion to use some of her office hours to make calls to hospital patients, shut-ins, and others when necessary. She is working on her doctorate and doesn't want her studies to suffer. She will still be in the office work on sermons and coordinate service information with Teri and Kim. Pastor is available by phone and will meet with members and others at mutually convenient times.

Finance:

The 2010 books have been audited and all is well, thanks to Jane Ellen and Gary.

Mission / Christian Ed:

The June Mission, Habitat for Humanity, received \$230 from Bethel.

As I write this in late July; I suspect Haven, our July mission, will receive at least a car load of goods judging from the pile of stuff accumulating in the narthex. Dot and Shirley may need a truck to haul all the bags over to Haven.

Again as last year, the mission committee suggested that we gather school supplies for our neighbor, Beaumont Elementary School. Watch for a list of needed items.

Looking forward to September, Crop Walk will be our focus.

Fellowship / Membership / Worship:

Greeter for August:

Rose Sanok

Ushers for August:

George & Doris Edwards.

Communion servers August 7:

Rita Milner, Dot Sherrit

Kim Eve and Lance Shew

The council discussed the etiquette for the communion servers. As both the bread and cup are passed, the server should say something about what the elements represent. This was done at Bethel a number of years ago but the practice has fallen by the wayside. The council wants to start doing so again. Cards are being prepared for the servers to use.

The August Ladies Luncheon is set for August 11.

The August adult dinner will be on will be August 25.

I don't know the when or where for either but the bulletin board in the middle room will have the information you need to participate.

August 28 will see us feeding our faces at the potluck following the service.

An indoor/outdoor church picnic is planned for September 11. Keep that day open for some good food and fun!! The Bethel Time Capsule from early this century will be opened and re-sealed with stuff from today's world.

That is also the 10th anniversary of the attack on the Twin Towers.

Property:

Three estimates for the parsonage sewer hookup were reviewed. They range from \$16,800, the high, to \$4,450, the low. The low bidder would hookup the church for an additional \$3,190. The low bidder is a local contractor. The council voted to

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check his references and, if acceptable, have him hookup both the parsonage and the church.

The glass in both the narthex inner door and the large outer window has been replaced. Both now have safety glass, i.e., no shards if broken again, but let's hope it doesn't happen.

Other items discussed:

Be sure to visit Bethel's website, <http://betheluccwat.org>. Diane's sermons are available on our website.

Summer Musical rehearsals for "Son Seekers Nation Vacation" are going very well according the director. Reserve Friday, August 16, 6:00 pm, for the performance. A potluck dinner will follow the play.

Blood pressure clinic August 14.

The Knitter and Crotchetier group is no longer meeting at Bethel. They decided to go back to Panera Bread. However a group of crafters is meeting on Tuesday afternoon following the Quilters.

Our secretary, Kim, will be attending a Servant Keeper training class in August. Servant Keeper is the computer program Bethel uses to keep tract of addresses, birthdays and other member information.

There are still bunches of pictures to go through for our history.

Lance Shew, Council President

p.s. Just a reminder: All are welcome to attend the Council meetings.

Missions

June's mission for "Habitat for Humanity" Brought in \$230.00. The cute little teddy bear they supplied will go to Virginia Hudnell for being the most generous. Thank You all!

In July we began collecting for the Haven House (haven to abused women and children). The pile of donation is growing fast.

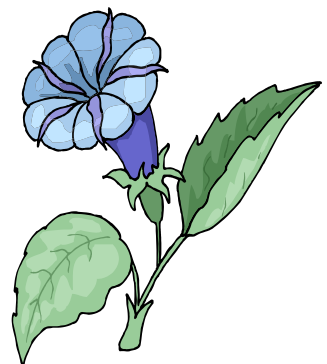
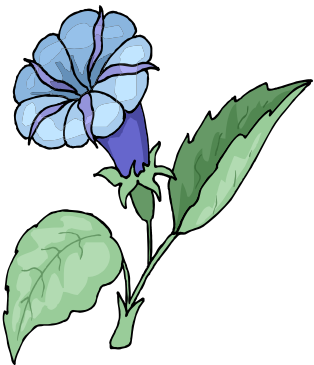
Our August mission will be school supplies for Beaumont Elementary School. They need all sorts of school supplies. A list is posted on the bulletin board.

Mission Committee
Shirley Milligan
Dorothy Sherrit

Benevolent Contributions thru June

Altar Flowers	9.00
Baldwin Center	55.00
Grace Centers of Hope	70.00
OGHS	271.00
Power Company Kids Club	145.00
Bethel UCC	539.92
Habitat for Humanity	230.00

Gary Bussard
Financial Secretary





MEMORIALS



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

July Memorials

In Remembrance

Iris Joy Davis
Born: November 12, 1911
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Ken Marsh
Born: April 27, 1927
Died: July 25, 2009

Helen Koskela
Born: December 04, 1927
Died: July 21, 2009

Carol Shew
Born: March 26, 1959
Died: July 17, 2011

“We will miss her, but know she is having a great time in heaven with Jeffery”

Iris Joy Davis
Born: November 12, 1911
Died: June 18, 2011

Presented By

Les & Marge Hotchkiss

Ed & Joan Matthews

J. D. Woods

Mary Wellemeyer

Mary Wellemeyer

Lance & Nola Shew

Ron & Ginny Jones



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

July Memorials

In Remembrance

Joel Wellemeyer
Born: August 01, 1958
Died: September 01, 1966

Presented By

Mary Wellemeyer
His mom

AUGUST



Mr. & Mrs. Lee Collins
August 12, 1969

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Eve
August 13, 2005

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Petrik
August 14, 1992

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Matthews
August 23rd



Sydney Eve	08/13
Savannah Eve	08/13
Ruth Huntington	08/13
Betty Collins	08/16
Jayden Keslering	08/20
Dorothy Sherrit	08/23
Julie Stickley	08/24

SON SEEKERS' NATION VACATION

MY FAVORITE QUOTE FROM AN ACTOR:

**I know all my songs and I know all my words -
I just have trouble saying them at the right time!**

Ya gotta love the kids perspective!

**The cast is working very hard to perfect their show for you.
Join us and support your actors on Friday August 19, 2011.**

**Please save the date and come join us for a musical evening followed by a POT
LUCK dinner.**

**The show will be at 6:00 PM followed by a wonderful POT LUCK dinner provided by
YOU!**

Sign up so we know how many to set the tables for.

Questions?

See Teri or call 1-586-634-1319 or email pfcs@tir.com

SEE YOU THERE!!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

We are looking for someone who would be willing to contact and schedule supply pastors when they are needed.

If you are interested in helping out with this Please contact:

**Pastor Diane, Lance Shew
Or
Kim Eve**

JUST A REMINDER

Pastor Diane is available for home, church or offsite visits. If you would like a visit from Pastor, or would like to arrange a time to meet with her, please contact the church office at (248) 682-9240

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH
THERE IS A PASTORAL
RELATIONS TEAM
MEETING AT 1:00 PM.**

**OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011**

**WATCH THE SUNDAY BULLETINS AND
NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER FOR MORE
DETAILS!**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 8TH
THERE IS A COUNCIL MEETING
AT
6:00 PM**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

**Ladies luncheon is Thursday,
August 11th at 12:30**

**Hosted By: Teri & Craig Barnaby
At: The Highland Grille
(M-59 just west of Hospital Rd.)**

REMINDER

**Sunday, August 14th
Blood pressure Sunday**

Plan on visiting Craig after worship service to have your blood pressure checked!

**Adult Fellowship Dinner
August 25th at 6:00pm**

**Hosted By: Jane Ellen Bussard
Location: Max & Ermas**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
There will be a Bethel Potluck luncheon on
Sunday, August 28th
After worship service**

Consider This:

- * Every 45 seconds someone has a stroke, Every 3 minutes someone dies of a stroke.
- * Stroke is the #4 reason for deaths in the US
- * 80% of all Strokes Can Be Prevented!!

Life Line Screening takes pride in the services we provide.

8 - 10% of all screening result in ABNORMAL to CRITICAL Findings. *The Screenings are Effective and are Saving Lives!!*

Please assist us in notifying the Community about the upcoming Preventive Health Screening at **St Perpetuas Church on Thursday, September 22, 2011.**

To help spread the word, I will send you several announcements over the next few months, so you can share them with your members.

If you are interested in hosting a future screening, or would like flyers or posters for the upcoming Preventive Health Screening, please feel free to contact me.

I appreciate your commitment of leadership to the people you serve and the opportunity to work together for this needed cause.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8igGrkVcBc>



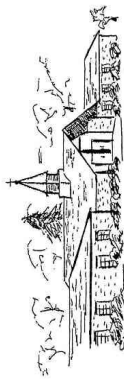
Four Leaf Clovers
By Ella Higginson

**I know a place where the sun is like gold,
And the cherry blooms burst with snow;
And down underneath is the loveliest nook,
Where the four-leaf clovers grow.**

**One leaf is for hope, and one is for faith,
And one is for love, you know;
But God put another in for luck--
If you search, you will find where they grow.**

**But you must have hope, and you must have faith;
You must love and be strong; and so,
If you work, if you wait, you will find the place
Where the four-leaf clovers grow.**

August 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		QQ 9-1	Rehearsal 2-4	Rehearsal 2-4		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Choir 9:30	Council mtng 6:00 pm	QQ 9 -1	Rehearsal 2-4	Rehearsal 2-4 Ladies lunch 12:30		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
BP Sunday Choir 9:30		QQ 9 -1	Rehearsal 2-4 P.R.T. meeting 1:00	Dress rehearsal	19 Son Seekers per- formance 6pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Choir 9:30		QQ 9 -1		Adult fellow- ship dinner 6pm		
28	29	30	31			
Pot luck Choir 9:30		QQ 9-1	Teri's piano Camp 10-1			
					**Location to be Announced	