

**Bethel United Church of Christ**  
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# Bethel United Church of Christ November 2011 Newsletter

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## **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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Mission of the Month

**MISSION 1 (Nov. 1-11)**  
**OPEN DOOR**  
**THANKSGIVING**  
**(Nov. 13-20)**



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 Willams, Peggy Austin,  
Shirley Crook, Michelle Johnson,  
Shirley Milligan, Lauren Petrik, Ron Shier,  
Les & Marge Hotchkiss

Bethel Friends

Todd Hensel,  
Pat Howell (Shirley Milligan's Sister)  
Ryan Morrissey, Betty Jean Mulanix,  
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 (Ron & Kim's sister)  
Kimberly Moore, Diane Smally  
(Friends of Pastor Diane)  
Melissa Crook (Paul & Karen's daughter)  
Deanne Whiteside (Teri's mom)

# From Pastor's Desk

## BUCC Pastor's Message– November 2011

“Be transformed by the renewing of your minds.”- Paul in Romans.

“We cannot solve a problem from the mindset that created the problem.”- Einstein

I recently attended the Michigan UCC Annual Conference held at First Congregational Church in Saginaw on October 7, 8, and 9th. It was my first time attending Annual conference. Our keynote speaker throughout the weekend was Dr. Robert Voyle, an Episcopal Priest, Licensed Psychologist, and Executive Coach who is also a trainer of Appreciative Inquiry. His message to us included a challenge to look at our situations with a different perspective in order to bring the change we desired. Along with those thoughts, here is a recap of some of his other thoughts:

Many of our change strategies fail to create transformation because the *problem* and the *change process* are both in the same mindset. Transformation requires looking at things differently.

One way to change mindsets is to change the questions we are asking. When stuck, transformational leaders learn how to change the questions rather than simply try different solutions. The founder of Appreciative Inquiry, David Cooperrider, found that organizations grow in the direction of the questions they ask. If you find yourself stuck and not growing, then change the questions. One appreciative strategy when dealing with a problem is to ask the question:

**“What do we want more of?”** rather than asking: **“What do we want less of?”**

Another possible change of questions Dr. Voyle suggested is: If you are stuck trying to discern a way forward and are asking: **“What is God calling us to do?”** What happens if instead you ask: **“What is love calling us to do?”** Is your answer to these questions the same? If not, which do you need to change: Your perspective of God or your perspective of Love? Changing either perspective is likely to lead to transformation.

To avoid the potential problem of sentimentality when thinking about love, instead use the word compassion. This is especially so when dealing with difficult situations. Let us ask ourselves: **“What is compassion calling us to do?”** To determine a compassionate response, Dr. Voyle suggested using the following **three aspects of compassion**:

1. **Tenderness** to respond to pain
2. **Fierceness** to respond to injustice
3. **Mischievousness** to respond to resistance

To develop our understanding of these three aspects of compassion we were invited to reflect on the stories of Jesus engaging with others. At times he was tender, at other times fierce, and then there are a myriad of times when he was playful, full of parables, and paradox, all in the cause of transformation. Once we have determined a compassionate plan, there are several follow-up questions that need to be asked:

- \* Why or how would the outcome be valuable and life-giving to us?
- \* Can we sustain the outcome?
- \* Would our goal deprive others of what is life-giving to them?

These questions ensure that the outcome is sustainable and just. And, as Dr. Voyle said, they ensure that our pursuit of our goal will not strip mine the physical, emotional and spiritual environments we inhabit and that our neighbors will find our presence a blessing.

Please be in prayer as we appreciatively inquire how God is calling us to change.

Blessings,

Pastor Diane



## Nola's Musings

Hi, Bethel friends. November is coming fast and I have been thinking about writing the No-Gossip Column. I decided this place in the newsletter has developed into more than just gossip. I write these words to express my feelings and my faith and if you enjoy reading what I write then that is a bonus. The dictionary defines "*Muse*" as, to reflect or meditate in silence, as on some subject, often as in reverie. To gaze meditatively or wonderingly. Now doesn't that sound just like me??

I do not remember when this column was started, but it was intended to build the faith and show the good character of the members and friends of our church. During the sad, hard times of January 2006 to August 2007 joy, happiness and peace were hard to find at Bethel. I was given some labels that I didn't feel I deserved, by people who had known me a very long time. To my surprise those labels defined who I was without regard to my character. The labels (*trouble maker, liar, unfaithful*) did not fit with my character. God knows each of our character. We can try to hide it from God but He knows the heart. When the time of our demise comes and we see the brilliant light, the good people of Bethel can go toward the light with joy and happiness because God knows you. He knows your character and your heart. It doesn't matter how well you keep house or if you are fat, skinny or just right. It doesn't matter if you are gruff and crabby, God knows your good character.

I was shocked, confused, bewildered as I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all, nor the lights or its decor.  
But it was the folks in Heaven who made me sputter and gasp—  
The thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbor who never said anything nice.  
Bob, who I always thought was rotting away in Hell  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal? I would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake  
And why is everyone so quiet, so somber — give me a clue."  
"Hush child," He said, "they're all in shock. No one thought they'd be seeing you."

The people who chose to leave the church in August of 2007 will be very surprised to see us in heaven, but God knows the heart. In the Bible in Revelation they asked, "How will we know the false prophets since they will be so skilled at fooling us?" The answer, "You'll know them by their works!" And I know the good works of the people of Bethel. To whom much is given, much is expected. So count your blessings, folks.

Nola (The apple of God's eye)

Point to ponder:

If a man of good character never goes to Church, will he get to go to Heaven with all the Church members?

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor meets regularly with Teri to plan worship services so that the hymns Teri selects for us to sing compliment the message that Diane presents. In addition, she meets with Kathy Petrik for Sunday school planning when needed, attends 3 or 4 church meetings outside of Bethel each month and still prepares Sunday worship bulletins for Kim to print and visits a bunch of members. She's a busy lady.

**Finance:**

The finance committee will meet on October 26 to conjure up a 2012 budget.

**Mission / Christian Ed:**

Dot Sherrit is having difficulty scheduling a time to deliver the stuff collected for Lighthouse in September

Crop Walk is our focus in October.

November's mission is twofold:

1. Mission money collected November 6 will be donated to Neighbors In Need through the UCC's Mission 1 campaign.
2. Mission money collected November 13 will be donated to Open Door to help with their Thanksgiving Baskets.

Food items collected during November will go to Open Door.

**Fellowship / Membership / Worship:**

Greeter for November:

Rose Sanok

Ushers for November:

Ed and Joan Matthews or volunteers

Communion servers November 6:

Nola and Lance Shew

Dot Sherrit, Jane Ellen Bussard

The November Ladies Luncheon is set for November 10 but I haven't a clue about where as I write this. When you sign up, you will know where.

The November Adult Dinner is canceled, that is unless some of you want two big meals on Thanksgiving Day if you can find somewhere to eat.

The Pastoral Relations Team will meet November 16.

**Property:**

The sewer hookup will begin when the water table gets low enough to not flood the excavation to put in the lines.

No Trespassing signs have been put up at the place where kids go into the woods on their bicycles.

**Other items discussed:**

Be sure to visit Bethel's website, [www.betheluccwat.org](http://www.betheluccwat.org) Diane's sermons are available on our website.

Craig's blood pressure clinic will be November 13.

Fall clean up is scheduled for November 12 instead of November 5. WAM wasn't available on the 5th.

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Hanging Of The Greens will be November 26, the Saturday before Advent.  
We may have a "Hanging of the Greens Luncheon" in lieu of a November potluck since that is Thanksgiving weekend. (That doesn't mean you can skip out on decorating the church for Christmas)

Looking ahead:

Teri's Piano Recitals will be December 4 and June 3

Pastor Diane's graduation is June 2. Then she will be Doctor Diane Baker

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

In September we donated six bags of foodstuffs for the Lighthouse in Pontiac.

In October we supported the runners in the Crop Walk. This money will be distributed to local food banks.

The U.C.C.'s Mission 1 drive is to honor fallen heroes on the rare date of 11-11-11. So on the first Sunday in November (6th day) we can donate to this cause. This money will be distributed to local charities.

On the second Sunday (13th day) please bring food items that are generally prepared for Thanksgiving dinner. We only have this one day to collect the food in order to deliver them to Open Door in time for the holiday. Thank you all.



Mission Committee  
Shirley Milligan  
Dorothy Sherrit

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### **Benevolent Contributions thru September**

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Altar Flowers</b>             | <b>12.00</b>  |
| <b>Baldwin Center</b>            | <b>55.00</b>  |
| <b>Grace Centers of Hope</b>     | <b>70.00</b>  |
| <b>OGHS</b>                      | <b>271.00</b> |
| <b>Power Company Kids Club</b>   | <b>145.00</b> |
| <b>Bethel UCC</b>                | <b>589.92</b> |
| <b>Habitat for Humanity</b>      | <b>230.00</b> |
| <b>Haven</b>                     | <b>130.00</b> |
| <b>Beaumont– School supplies</b> | <b>100.00</b> |
| <b>Lighthouse</b>                | <b>50.00</b>  |

**Nola Shew**  
**Financial Secretary**





# MEMORIALS



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

## October Memorials

### In Remembrance

**Jim Bussard**

**Born: January 06, 1929**

**Died: October 18, 2008**

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**Born: January 06, 1929**

**Died: October 18, 2008**

**“In memory of a man of good character, integrity, honesty and love.”**

### Presented By

**His loving wife**

**Jane Ellen Bussard**

**Lance & Nola Shew**

## Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day  
We bow our hearts to You and pray.  
We give thanks for all You've done  
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.  
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see  
For joy and health, friends and family,  
For daily provision, Your mercy and care  
These are the blessings You graciously  
share.  
So today we offer this response of praise  
With a promise to follow You all of our  
days.



~Mary Fairchild

# NOVEMBER



|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Peggy Austin</b>     | <b>11/04</b> |
| <b>Mary Wellemeyer</b>  | <b>11/06</b> |
| <b>Ed Matthews</b>      | <b>11/09</b> |
| <b>Lisa White</b>       | <b>11/11</b> |
| <b>Lance Shew</b>       | <b>11/12</b> |
| <b>Mardell Williams</b> | <b>11/22</b> |



**Mr. & Mrs. Les Hotchkiss**  
**November 19, 1945**

**Services:**  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Worship: 10:30 am

**Office Hours:**  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Holidays - Closed

**Check us Out!**

Visit Bethel's  
Website at:  
[Www.betheluccwat.org](http://www.betheluccwat.org)

**Deadline for the  
December newsletter is  
November 20th**

## **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

**COME JOIN IN!**

**HANGING OF THE GREENS  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER  
26TH AT 9:00 AM  
FOLLOWED BY A  
LUNCHEON.**



**COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH  
AT  
6:00 PM**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

**BETHEL'S FALL CLEANUP**

**Saturday, November 12th at 9:00 am**

**We are having WAM again this year for our  
Fall cleanup. Bethel is providing a pizza  
lunch for all the workers!**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH**

**THERE IS A PASTORAL  
RELATIONS TEAM  
MEETING AT 1:00 PM.**

**OPEN MEETING-ALL ARE WELCOME**

**REMINDER!**

**November 6th is daylight savings  
time! Remember to set your clocks  
back 1 hour on Saturday night  
before you go to sleep!**



**REMINDER**

**Blood pressure Sunday is November 13th  
after worship service. Visit Craig in the  
fellowship hall to have your blood pressure  
taken. Early detection of a problem saves  
lives!**

**THERE WILL BE NO POTLUCK THIS  
MONTH DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING  
HOLIDAY!**

**NEXT MONTH THERE IS A  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
SCHEDULED FOR  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH  
AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE**

**NOVEMBER 2-5, 2011**

**Evangelism: Transforming Congregations-Engaging Communities  
Conference 2011  
Fellowship Chapel, 7707 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI**

# U.C.C. NEWS

**EVANGELISM: Transforming Congregations, Engaging Communities Conference 2011  
November 2-5, 2011 At: Fellowship Chapel, 7707 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI**

**For more information visit: [www.ucc.org/evangelism/E.vents/](http://www.ucc.org/evangelism/E.vents/)**

## **Imagine!**

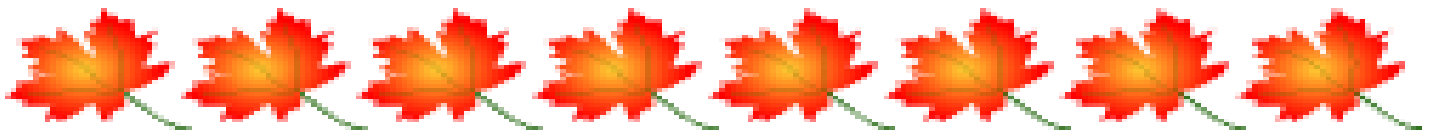
**Two hundred twenty five people, including 9 youth delegates, other youth and 5 children attended the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Conference UCC . At this meeting they elected new and returning leadership for the Board of Directors and heard each other's passions and concerns about 5 resolutions. The youth painted the side of a building in Saginaw with the words: "Imagine in Saginaw...Peace, respect, love..."**

**The most controversial resolution was the request to sell the Talahi property with the option of a lease back. This resolution passed after much discussion of all of the options related to other resolutions.**

**Another resolution passed recommending that Camp Talahi Retreat and Nature Center, Inc. Be authorized to use the Talahi property as a camp.**

**The Department of Natural Resources is interested in purchasing the property, has set aside budget money to do so and has expressed that they are in favor of leasing back the property to such a group. It is the hope of the Camp Talahi Retreat and Nature Center consortium to have a camp up and running for the summer of 2012. The DNR is in favor of this. So as the consortium does its work, camping for our children and youth may again be possible at Talahi. If you want to learn more about the consortium go to [www.talahifamily.com](http://www.talahifamily.com).**

**Mark your calendars for next year's Annual Meeting. Diane Butler Bass, author of Christianity for the Rest of Us and many other books, will be the keynote speaker on October 5-6, 2012.**



On Tuesday, September 27, 2011 I had the pleasure of attending the U.C.C Changing Seasons Women's luncheon, along with Pastor Diane and her good friend Kimberly. This event was at Zion United Church of Christ in Mt. Clemens. What a beautiful Church and in an adorable neighborhood. I just wanted to write a little something to say what a lovely time we had. Everyone there was so wonderful and extremely happy to see faces from Bethel. We started with a nice social time and met some other women from the U.C.C. and shared a nice continental breakfast. We sang some really fun songs and hymns, and then had a short business meeting and announcements. Rev. Penny Lowes gave a presentation and some history on herself and growing thru the years in the United Church of Christ. She did a wonderful job. Then we had a truly delicious lunch and more great conversation. Wow, they have some really good cooks at Zion U.C.C. to. We then had a really nice closing worship service and Communion with Marcia Farrow. Pastor Diane, Kimberly and I all had a wonderful time. This was my first U.C.C. event and I really enjoyed all of it. I definitely will be planning to attend more events in the future.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Eve

# Mission:1

## 11.1.11 - 11.11.11

Nov. 1-11, 2011 ... ONE UNITED CHURCH on a shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice.

### This is Mission: 1

- ✓ In 11 days, the United Church of Christ will collect more than **1 MILLION ITEMS OF HEALTHY FOOD** and other household items for local food banks and outreach services.
- ✓ In 11 days, the United Church of Christ will make an extra-special push to gather online contributions of more than **\$111,111 FOR NEIGHBORS IN NEED**, offerings that will be shared for hunger-action purposes with agencies of justice and compassion throughout the United States; and **\$111,111 FOR EAST AFRICA FAMINE RELIEF** that will be shared through the UCC's disaster relief ministries.
- ✓ In 11 days, the United Church of Christ will offer more than **11,111 LETTERS TO CONGRESS** asking our government to reform U.S. foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people worldwide, helping to provide a major final push to Bread for the World's 2011 "Offering of Letters" campaign.

Start planning now to learn about food-related issues, advocate and raise money on behalf of the hungry, and share bread — and tuna, and peanut butter, and vegetables, and cereal — with our neighbors in need at home and abroad in order to more fully realize our UCC motto and Jesus' prayer, "That they may all be 1."

**Organize your church's victory strategy. And plan to join in a national celebration of our campaign's success on Sunday, Nov. 13, in your church.**

From Nov. 1-11, an online tote board at [ucc.org](http://ucc.org) will tally our collective count of foodstuffs, donations and letters — information we'll update and celebrate in real time together.

The world needs the distinct values, vision and voice of the United Church of Christ — Continuing Testament. Extravagant Welcome. Changing Lives.

### This is Mission: 1

This is the United Church of Christ  
[ucc.org/mission1](http://ucc.org/mission1)

*God is still speaking.*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



**LADIES CHRISTMAS  
POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

**Thursday, December 1st  
12 noon**

**Bring a dish to pass and a FRIEND**

**Table service and coffee and tea  
will be provided**

**Come and celebrate the Christmas holiday  
with your friends!**

**RSVP: Marge Hotchkiss  
By Sunday, November 27th  
248-334-0703**



**SWEET POTATOE SOUFFLE**

3 cups mashed sweet potatoes  
3 eggs  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 tsp. Salt  
1/2 stick butter or margarine  
1/2 tsp. Vanilla  
1/2 cup sugar (or to taste)

**PECAN TOPPING:**

1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup melted butter or margarine  
1/3 cup flour  
1 cup chopped pecans

Mix sweet potatoes, eggs, milk, salt, 1/2 stick butter or margarine, vanilla and sugar. Put in 8x11 inch buttered casserole pan.

Topping: Mix brown sugar, melted butter or margarine, flour and pecans. Sprinkle topping on top of potato mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 min.

NOTE: follow recipe exactly. Serves 10+ ppl.

This is a really nice compliment to any Thanksgiving or holiday meal and its rather simple

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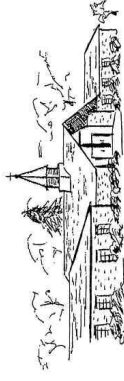
**HEALTH AND HOUSING FAIR 2011**

On Thursday, November 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Waterford Senior Center will host its annual Health and Housing Fair 2011.

Many health screenings and tests will be available for free or minimal cost including: audio screening, serum cholesterol, spinal screening, vision screening, and Prostate Cancer Screening— blood test. Senior housing information and community resources will also be available.

Refreshments and a lunch will be made available for a nominal charge. Raffle prizes and free goodies will be offered. For more information, please contact the Waterford Senior Center at 248-682-9450.

# November 2011



| Sun  | Mon                              | Tue           | Wed                          | Thu                             | Fri                           | Sat                                   |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|  |                                  | 1<br>QQ 9-1   | 2                            | 3                               | 4                             | 5                                     |
| 6<br>Choir 9:30<br>Daylight savings<br>Fall back 1 hr. | 7                                | 8<br>QQ 9 -1  | 9                            | 10<br>*** Ladies Lunch<br>12:30 | 11                            | 12<br>Fall cleanup<br>WAM 9:00 am     |
| 13<br>BP Sunday<br>Choir 9:30                          | 14<br>Council Meeting<br>6:00 pm | 15<br>QQ 9 -1 | 16<br>P.R.T. meeting<br>1 pm | 17                              | 18                            | 19                                    |
| 20<br>Choir 9:30                                       | 21                               | 22<br>QQ 9 -1 | 23                           | 24<br>Thanksgiving              | 25                            | 26<br>Hanging of the<br>greens 9:00am |
| 27<br>Choir 9:30                                       | 28                               | 29<br>QQ 9-1  | 30                           |                                 |                               |                                       |
|  |                                  |               |                              |                                 | **Location to be<br>Announced |                                       |