

Bethel United Church of Christ
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Bethel United Church of Christ October 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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Mission of the Month

Crop Walk



Military Prayer Requests

Sr. Medical Technician Penny Barker
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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, Julie Stickle,
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)

From Pastor's Desk



Pastor's Message – October 2011

Greetings to all of you as we approach the end of the summer season and begin to welcome another brilliant Michigan fall. It won't be long before the landscape will be filled with thousands of trees standing boldly with the vivid variations of red, orange, and brown. Treks throughout Michigan will provide shutter bugs with many opportunities to capture Mother Nature at its best. Pure Michigan!!!

And, as the seasons transition, so too do we. I hope all of us had ample occasions to vacation and find time away from the routines associated with the rigors of summer. And I hope that as we all return to our home bases we will have captured pockets of rest and restoration in preparation for the continuing faith and life journey unfolding here at Bethel.

There have been some great Sunday worship services during the summer months. We have had some visiting presenters who shared their experiences and helped us discover God's world in the broader scope – with Dan Heaton (from a Presbyterian perspective) and Stefani Barner (from the Jewish Reformed tradition). And our summer was capped off with the children's wonderful rendition of "Son Seekers Nation Vacation." I believe our fellowship continues to be a gift for all; a way we can explore our faith together and grow thereby. It is also a way we can keep in touch and catch up with the latest happenings among us.

Many of us have been attending to our individual schedules and needs. And our church has been too. Working in anticipation of the upcoming worship calendar... Holy Communion Sundays, special children's programming, confirmation possibilities, Thanksgiving, etc.... all leading into the festivities associated with the celebration of Advent, Christmas, and the New Year...2012 is in view already!

Yes, here at Bethel, there is the anticipation and expectation that good things are happening and God is blessing us in ways yet to be realized. As we all return to our Sunday mornings together, know that you are appreciated – and when you are not here, you are missed and are in our thoughts and prayers. Indeed, it will be nice to gather all together again to renew our journey of faith and life. Indeed, what a blessing and to God be the glory!

Joyous blessings,

Pastor Diane

October No-Gossip Column



Have you ever been tired? So very tired that you wanted to stop the world and get off? I don't mean "work 16 hour day and can a bushel of tomatoes" tired, that is a good kind of tired. I mean the heavy burden of fear and doubt and, yes, pain kind of tired. That is how I felt at the end of August. Lance knew how I was feeling and he found a ten day period with no responsibilities, that couldn't wait and we took some vacation time. We always head toward Franklin, North Carolina where my sister Alberta lives. Thank the Lord she WANTED us. Sunday morning we go to the "Cornerstone Presbyterian Church" where Alberta sings in the choir. The sermon topic was "Labor for the Lord" (it was labor day week-end). I felt at home in the church because it is very much like Bethel, six choir members, an older congregation and they are searching for a new minister. The minister they had for many years had passed away. So I felt akin to these people. As I sat in the pew looking out of this large picture window I could feel God's presence. When the guest minister asked us if we have ever been tired, really tired and burdened, I knew I was getting answers to my prayers in Michigan. He read Math. 11:28-30 and asked us to follow along in the Pew Bible. "Come to me all of you who are tired and carrying heavy loads,....." Well, you can look it up and read it for yourselves. Then the choir sang a song I love "Oh, How I Love Jesus". Everything in this service was speaking to ME. The Elder had announced that after communion they were going to have an anointing with oil for healing for anybody that wished to come forward. Alberta punched me and said, "You go up for your shoulder, I'll go with you." I thought about it all through the service that was speaking to me personally. I didn't think I would want to go in front of everybody until after the offertory when the church sang the Lord's Prayer. I have said the Lord's Prayer so many times in my almost 72 years of life but this time I felt every word that we sang. Lance's deep voice singing beside me was so wonderful. After the Lord's Prayer we listened to the sermon based on Math. 11:28-30 and sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and shared the sacrament of the Lord's supper. Going forward, after all this, felt like the most natural thing in the world to do that Sunday morning in September. Rev. Tennant looked me in the eye and smiled. He kept eye contact until I returned his smile. Then he asked me what I wanted to bring before the Lord. With tears in my eyes I told them about my shoulder surgery and the pain of the physical therapy and the discouragement of not being able to keep going to full arm movement. He made a cross on my forehead with oil and prayed that I would have healing and a renewed strength in my shoulder and spirit. Then each of the six elders of the church put their hands on my shoulder and prayed for me. They each prayed different words but the same idea of no pain and strength for my shoulder. One woman's voice had a catch in it because she had gone through hip replacement and understood the pain of physical therapy. I felt the warmth of their hands flow through my shoulder and the pain has gone away. The strength may take a while longer because that will be hard work on my part. Exercise, exercise, exercise every day is what I need to do.

The rest of our vacation was wonderful, too. We visited, played cards, cooked together, shopped and just enjoyed each other's company. I got paperback books free to last all winter. Well they weren't really free, I traded in a whole bunch of books I had collected and had \$1.75 left on my account.

Nola WFIM

Youseetimmy : People respond only to what they are prepared to believe!



Council News, October 2011

Pastor's Report:

I don't know when Pastor Diane has time to study for her Doctoral degree with all she is involved with in Bethel's life. Her Pastor's report to the council each month makes me tired just reading it. Maybe she burns the midnight oil late into the wee small hours of the morning or gets up at two or three am.

I do know that she does occasionally relax and take some time off from her busy schedule. I, personally, have seen Diane and Dean at the Clarkston Village Players' Depot Theatre three times in the past year. So she does take a bit of time away from her duties once in a while.

Finance:

The first installment of the funds authorized to be taken from the Legacy Fund has been transferred to the general fund. A large portion of that will be used to pay for the church and parsonage sewer hookup.

Offering envelopes for 2012 have been ordered.

Mission / Christian Ed:

Bethel has collected a bunch of crayons, notebooks, pencil boxes, glue sticks, Scotch tape, etc., for our neighbor, Beaumont. Some money both given this year and left over from last year will be given to the school to be used as they need.

Lighthouse is our focus for September. We will collect food items.

Crop Walk will be our focus in October.

Fellowship / Membership / Worship:

Greeter for October:

Rose Sanok

Ushers for October:

Lee Collins and Friend

Communion servers October 2:

Rita Milner, Gary Bussard

Dot Sherrit, Jane Ellen Bussard

The September adult dinner will be on the 22nd, at The Lion's Den hosted by Ed & Joan Matthews.

The October Ladies Luncheon is set for October 13 again hosted by the Matthews'.

When you sign up, you will know where.

The October potluck will be on the 30th, the day before Halloween and my wife's birthday. (she's really not a witch, you know)

Property:

The sewer hookup fees have been paid so permits can be obtained and Arron Excavation can begin actually working on getting both buildings connected to the sewer.

No Trespassing signs will be put up at the entrance to the woods behind the church to hopefully limit Bethel's liability should someone get hurt back there

Other items discussed:

Be sure to visit Bethel's website, www.betheluccwat.org Diane's sermons are available on our website.

Our blood pressure clinic will be October 2, the first Sunday in the month. Teri and Craig are taking a vacation which they richly deserve.

Continued

Looking ahead:

Teri will be on vacation October 9-16 and the 30th

Fall clean up is scheduled for November 5. Chris will contact WAM for help.

Hanging Of The Greens will be November 26, the Saturday before Advent.

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

We began to collect school supplies in August, which were donated to Beaumont Elementary School. We had quite a large amount of supplies including, notebooks, folders, binders, pencils, tissue, glue, tape, crayons, etc. We also had a monetary donation of \$220.00, which they intend to apply to a reading program called Raz kids. They were so happy to receive all of these donations.

Our mission for September was lighthouse.

For October our mission will be for the Crop Walk.



Thanks for all of your donations. All of you have such generous hearts.

Mission Committee

Shirley Milligan
Dorothy Sherrit

Benevolent Contributions thru August



Altar Flowers	11.00
Baldwin Center	55.00
Grace Centers of Hope	70.00
OGHS	271.00
Power Company Kids Club	145.00
Bethel UCC	589.92
Habitat for Humanity	230.00
Haven	130.00
Beaumont– School supplies	100.00

Gary Bussard
Financial Secretary





MEMORIALS



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

September Memorials

In Remembrance

Nicholas Bussard
Born: January 28, 1981
Died: September 09, 2005

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

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Presented By

His grandmother-Jane Ellen Bussard

His wife-Virginia L. Hudnell

Jolene & Thom Davis
(His daughter and Son In Law)

His Grand Children &
Great Grand Children

OCTOBER



Christopher Eve II	10/08
Kimberly Eve	10/19
Paul Crook	10/28
Nola Shew	10/31



Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Spurrier
October 04, 1980



Bob & Starr Yarbrough
Were blessed by the birth of
their new baby boy,
William Paul Yarbrough

Congratulations and God Bless!

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
November newsletter is
October 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

**Ladies luncheon is Thursday,
October 13th at 12:30**

**Hosted By: Ed & Joan Matthews
Location: To be determined**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**There will be a Bethel Potluck
luncheon on
Sunday, October 30th
After worship service**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
THERE IS A PASTORAL
RELATIONS TEAM
MEETING AT 1:00 PM.
OPEN MEETING-ALL ARE WELCOME**

REMINDER

**Blood pressure Sunday is October 2nd after
worship service. Visit Craig in the
fellowship hall to have your blood pressure
taken. Early detection of a problem saves
lives!**

COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
AT
6:00 PM**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

TIME CAPSULE

**What would you like to see go in it
this time?**

**We are compiling ideas of what to
put in the Time Capsule, so if you
have any let us know. The contents
will be revealed again in ten years.**

How fun to see how we've changed!

**We are planning to put the capsule
together and seal it on
Sunday, October 30th at the
potluck lunch.**

**The Pastoral Relations Team would like to start
an Outreach Group to contact visitors through
letters or by phone. We would like to ask for
volunteers from the congregation for this. If
you would be interested in doing this, please
contact one of the Pastoral Relations Team
Committee members and let them know (Jane
Ellen , Virginia, Rita, Lee, Pastor Diane, or you
can contact Kim in the church office for more
information.**

THANK YOU!



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**Adult Fellowship Dinner is Thursday,
October 27th at 6:00pm**

**Hosted By: Lee Collins
Location: Gino's Restaraunt**



PUMPKIN SAUSAGE SOUP

Time: 30 minutes

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 1/2 lb. breakfast sausage (or turkey sausage)
- 1/2 c. minced onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 c. mushrooms, finely chopped
- 1 tbs. Italian seasoning
- 15 oz. canned pumpkin
- 4 c. chicken broth
- 1/2 c. water AND 1/2 c. half & half
- OR 1 c. milk

Directions

1. Brown sausage, drain, and then add onion, garlic, mushrooms and Italian seasonings.
2. When the onions and mushrooms have begun to soften, stir in the pumpkin. Stir in the broth and mix well.
3. Simmer 20 minutes.
4. Stir in the half & half and water (or the milk) and simmer on low another 10-15 minutes.
5. Taste and add salt and pepper as needed

NOTE: Use either the half & half mixture OR just milk-not both.



AUTUMN MUSINGS

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.
~Albert Camus

For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together.
For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad.
~Edwin way Teale

Bittersweet October. The mellow, messy, leaf-kicking,
perfect pause between the opposing miseries of summer
and winter. ~Carol Bishop Hippy

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil
painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.
~Stanley Horowitz

No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace as I have
seen in one autumnal face. ~John Donne

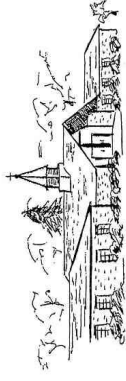
A woodland in full color is awesome as a forest fire, in
magnitude at least, but a single tree is like a dancing tongue
of flame to warm the heart. ~Hal Borland

How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and
color are their last days. ~John Burroughs

Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn.
~Elizabeth Lawrence

“Autumn begins with a subtle change in the light, with
skies a deeper blue, and nights that become suddenly clear
and chilled. The season comes full with the first frost, the
disappearance of migrant birds, and the harvesting of the
season’s last crops.” ~Glenn Wolff and Jerry Dennis

October 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 BP Sunday Choir 9:30	3	4 QQ 9 -1	5	6	7	8
9	10 Council Meeting 6:00 pm	11 QQ 9 -1	12	13 ** Ladies Lunch 12:30	14	15
16	17	18 QQ 9 -1	19 Pastoral Rela- tions Team mtg 1:00	20	21	22
23 Choir 9:30	24	25 QQ 9-1	26	27 Adult fellow- ship dinner 6:00 pm at Gino's	28	29
30 Potluck	31				**Location to be Announced	