



The Beacon

The Monthly Newsletter of Bethel United Church of Christ

June 2014

***Bethel United Church of Christ Our mission is to be and make disciples
In authentic community for the good of the world.***

Beacon Meanderings June 2014

The Joseph Group>>the name given to our travel group to the Holy Lands. There will be sixteen of us making our way through **The Land**. This small piece of land slightly larger than the State of New Jersey who's population is estimated at 8.9 million in 2013, while Israel's population is estimated at 7.5 million. Both serve as important crossroads in their perspective areas of the world.

We will travel by the Mediterranean Sea, the mountains, the deserts, the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea (which is the lowest place on the earth 1,400 feet below sea level). Just as the Land of Knox Township in Columbiana County, have stories to tell of its inhabitants so too do the inhabitants of Israel, but for a much longer period. The Land, the People and the Word are awaiting us.

Why go to the Holy Lands? Well for one who is a struggling Biblical scholar it is a place of the source of the journey of the many whom we read about and hear about from the writings in the Bible. Israel is the land of Abraham, Isaac, Moses, John the Baptist, the disciples, Paul and most importantly Christ. A number of years ago my wife and I had a chance to take a trip to Greece and Turkey on "The Footsteps of Paul". Today when we read of Paul and the location of the story he is sharing for us, the words jump out to me as a 3D movie does for each of us when we watch it on the big screen.

The hope is that the group will experience the toil, struggles, hope and joy that those of "The Land" experienced. To bring it alive in 3D, in your face, here it is, soak me up. We all have similar moments in life, when we hear about a place or a person and then when we, read and then actually see that place or person up close it changes our world view of life and those around us. Sit by the Sea of Galilee and then take a ride in a similar fishing boat as the disciples; **"Walking on it may be problematic"**; dip our feet into the Jordan and float on the Dead Sea. The Land, the Water and the People, how did they as vital sources of life, become life for many?

WE are truly blessed to be able to participate and go on this trip. Thanks to congregation and Consistory to allow me to put two weeks of study leave together. Even though the journey is long, we hope and pray to gather the fruit of the vine, the bread of the people and share our experience upon our return. Your continued prayers are welcomed as we go forth on this journey.

Pastor Haan

Beacon Financial Report: April 2014

Monthly approved budget \$14,437.61

Income: \$ 13,730.14 annual 2014: \$ 51,666.42

Expense: \$ 11,370.69 annual 2014: \$ 56,802.10

Difference \$ -2,359.45 Difference \$ -5,135.68



Reminders:

Remember, as a congregation, we have made a commitment to tithe at least 10% of our remodeling project money for a minimum of \$17,500

Received through April 2014 for remodeling project: \$4,874.00



July/ August Beacon will be combined so If you have an article or something you want to share for that time period please have it in to the office by the 23rd of June.



www.DTBL.net. (PDF) **ISRAEL – A BIBLICAL JOURNEY 2014** (PDF).

During Rev. Haan's absence, Elder Lee Kornick will lead worship on Sunday June 1 and Rev. Don Schumaker will lead worship on Pentecost Sunday June 8 with communion.



Pastor Haan and Sue left on their trip to Israel. If you wish, you can follow their journey from the schedule Haan provided the congregation or look at the map in the overflow room. If you like face book Haan will be putting posts and hopefully pictures on the Bethel Travels page. You can also go to www.bethelucbeloit.wix.com/love#.



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**Communion Elder or Deacon for the
Month of June**

LuAnne Sanor



Prayer Concerns for our beloved: Pastor Haan & Sue Phelps, Orm Smith, Buss Wyss, Marilyn Gobely, Wayne & Patsy Harlan, Andy Stahl, Linda Stanley Crawford, Jim Ewing, Jim Orlosky, Mary Lou Scott, Delores Stoffer, Matt Ketterer, Mike Early, Betty Ring, Delores Brunner, Ina Cameron, Maxine Lentz, Randi Ring, Kylie Dillon, John Handschin, Betty Simpkins, Janice McLaughlin, and our military.

An expression of our appreciation

Thank You to AJP Floral for collecting can goods for our pantry from people who bought cor-sages in his shop.

Thank You to Sebring, Beloit and Homeworth post offices for all the canned goods collected and brought to our pantry.

Thank You Knox Ruritan for bringing us the food from their pantry and giving a monthly dona-tion to our pantry.

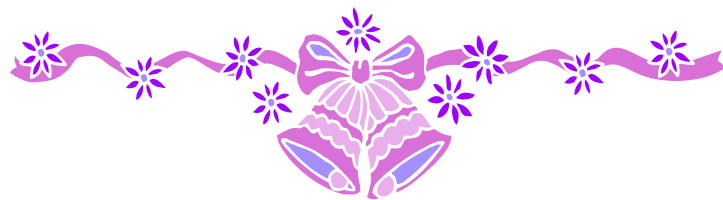
Thank You to the Feinstein foundation for supporting our food pantry by giving us part of the \$1,000,000 they have to give away to Feeding America. We will know late August how much we will be getting.

Thank you Mary Lou Scott for filling in each Sunday , playing the organ, while Nancy How-
enstine is on vacation



June Birthdays

6/1 Ruth Brunner
 6/2 Debbie Scott
 6/3 John Yaggi
 6/5 Phil Harlan
 Harlan Kestner
 6/10 Leslie Weibush
 6/11 Sandy Fieldhouse
 6/15 Frank McBride
 6/16 JoAnne Meier
 6/21 Jackie Mercer-Sanor
 6/24 Linda Buttermore
 6/26 Dylan Garlock
 Janette McKibben

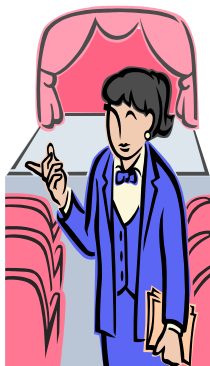


June Anniversaries

Ken & Linda Harris
 6/03/1981
 Dennis & Darlene Lane
 6/14/75
 James & Diane Orlosky
 6/15/2013
 Robert & June Wallace
 6/19/1971
 Tom & Vicki Foos
 6/24/2000
 Edward & Dorothy Ramsayer
 6/29/1959

Head Usher

June 1 LuAnne Sanor
 June 8 LuAnne Sanor
 June 15 Larry/Lorie Wallace
 June 22 Larry/Lorie Wallace
 June 29 Larry/Lorie Wallace



Liturgist

June 1 Dylan Garlock
 June 8 LuAnne Sanor
 June 15 tbd
 June 22 tbd
 June 29 Lee Kornick



Acolytes— Katherine Harlan

June 1
 June 8
 June 15
 June 22
 June 29



Coffee Time Host

June 1 June Wallace
 June 8 Lorie Wallace
 June 15 tbd
 June 22 tbd
 June 29 Brian Bandy





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Bible Study 10am Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:00 Bible Study 10am Worship Pentecost Sunday Communion	9	10	11	12 Girl Scout Meeting 5:30-7 pm	13	14
15 9:00 Bible Study 10am Worship Father's Day	16	17 Consistory Meeting	18	19 Girl Scout Meeting 5:30-7 pm	20	21
22 9:00 Bible Study 10am Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:00 Bible Study 10am Worship	30					31

Summer Music.....2014

- June 1 - Claire Brunner, Kat Harlan, Alyssa Barnett.....
"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"
Also...little girls will sing a song
- June 8 - Phil, Dave, Linda, Debbie..... "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
- June 15 - Kathy Stryffeler, Linda Buttermore..... "His Eye is on the Sparrow"
- June 22 - Olivia Brunner..... "To The Sky"
- June 29 - Debbie Garlock (maybe Harlee too???) not sure of song yet

- July 6 - Michael Cope
- July 13 - Julia Harris
- July 20 - Loving God Quartet
- July 27 - Luanne Sanor

- August 3 - Kathryn and Jim Lynn (not sure of spelling...
check w/ Elvin & Carol)
- August 10 - Marie Miller
- August 17 - Sue Phelps
- August 24 - (Vicki Foos) ??????????
- August 31 - Phil Harlan

- Sept. 7 - Nancy and Alan Howenstine
- Sept. 14 - ****Choir starts back****

Congratulations Graduates

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (NIV)



This year we have three graduates who are either members of or relatives of members of our congregation.

Jesse Della Penna - Jesse's parents are Chris and Gary Della Penna and his Grandparents are Jim and Marilyn Ramsey. Jesse graduated from Eastern Gateway Community College in Steubenville, Ohio. He has an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Engineering Technology. Presently Jesse is working with his dad in the construction business where his degree will be a great asset.

Allison Harris— Allison is a recent confirmation graduate and a member of Bethel Church along with her Parents Ken & Linda Harris. Her Grandparents are Elvin and Carol Barnett and Kay Harris. Allie is a graduate of West Branch High School . Allie plans on going to John Carroll University where she plans on majoring in Business. Her focus is on Accounting

Damian Wallace—Damian Wallace's parents are Jeremy and Jennifer Wallace and his Great Grandparents are Larry and Lorrie Wallace. Damian has graduated from Alliance High School. Damian plans on going into the army. He has been participating in training for the past year. Damian wants to work on anything with wheels.

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