



# A Beacon of Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Bethel United Church of Christ

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## From Pastor Glenn

I am honored to be asked to *help* lead our church, our body of Christ, and to conduct our worship into a new year. For that's what we're doing: preparing ourselves to move forward into a new and exciting year for Bethel Church. I have heard laments that we've gotten so small, and we're struggling. I'm sorry, but I don't believe that is exactly true.

I have been preaching in a lot of churches in the last two years. One church has indeed closed its doors. One has gone from two services to one. Some, unfortunately, are open with congregations much smaller than our choir. And they certainly don't have a choir like LuAnn Sanor has gathered for Bethel. You see, Carole and I look at Bethel and marvel at all this church does. Every week a significant gathering comes to worship God and be thankful for our Savior Jesus Christ. Children have been served in some new ways in this building. Many desperate people depend on us to stretch their meager meals to strengthen their bodies.

In addition, we support our church's mission to a reasonable extent, but we are also reaching farther with our significant gifts. We support several local helping agencies, and this summer Jim Buttermore has made sure we heard about each one and where our money goes. Plus, we regularly reach halfway around the world to support a medical clinic in war-torn Ukraine.

I am proud to be associated with this body of Christ. We are doing the work of Christ on several fronts and doing it well. But we've got to believe it! And I know that some of the things we do can grow. We're not going backwards.

In the 13 years I've been a member, we have grown our programs and I am proud. Now if we believe in ourselves, and in the mission, we are called to by Jesus Christ, we will return to working together, helping God's needy people, and loving one another.

I pray that I will be able to inspire you to that. We have a great working team. Carole and I have been looking critically at what has been happening the last three or four weeks. Decisions were made by the book. Everything we have done has been compassionate and generous. We don't have a lot of

rubble to step over or clean up as we move forward. We just must build on who and what we are, and that is the body of Christ. Yes, all of you (not *some* of you) are being asked to go along with us and pick up a piece of the work with us. If we make that commitment, realizing we *are* the body of Christ, we will make Bethel Church the true servant of Jesus Christ in this place. Thanks be to God!

In Christ's forever love,

*Pastor Glenn*

### **Council Corner for September 2023**

**Apostle- Sam Rice** presented samples of the new Welcome Packet for visiting adults and children.

Luanne informed us that the ladies program “WINGS” will be resuming on October 5<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall.

The church will be looking for two additional people to be active on the “Kitchen Committee.”

**Deacon-Jim Buttermore**: The August financial report was presented to the council and approved by unanimous vote.

The 2024 Budget Committee has been meeting and plans to submit a proposed 2024 budget to the church council at the October meeting.

The Stewardship Campaign is coming to a close. The congregation will be asked to rank the top benevolences that they feel best fit into Bethel’s mission.

Core values and mission statement discussions will take place once the stewardship campaign has been completed.

**Elder-Allen Deckerd**: No report in Allen D’S absence

**Church business**: We will be drilling a new well for the church/parsonage going directly through the existing well. This will keep us from needing a permit from the EPA. A lilac bush and part of a tree will need to be removed to gain access for drilling the well.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Kornick

# Veterans Day Recognition

## We need your help!!

- On **November 12<sup>th</sup>** we will be having a special recognition of our local Veterans during our regular **10 a.m. service.**

## What we need from YOU no later than Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>:

- We need names (and branch of service if possible) of ALL Veterans who hope/plan to attend that day.
- Invite your Veteran neighbors, family, and friends!
- If you, yourself, are a Vet...get your name in as well!!!

Each Veteran will be recognized during the service and a small gift of **THANKS** will be presented to each one, **so we need names!!!**

There will be a special **PATRIOTIC** presentation by the Bethel Choir.  
Light refreshments following the service for a time of fellowship.

**\*\*Get Veterans reservations to the church office 330-525-7330 or to Luanne 330-986-5681 no later than Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>!**

**Thanks for your help! See Flyer**





Please join us in  
Honoring  
our local  
**VETERANS**

We encourage ALL Veterans to have a reservation in by November 5<sup>th</sup>, by calling the church at 330-525-7330 or by texting 330-986-5681. Reservations will ensure each Veteran to receive a special gift of THANKS and APPRECIATION.

# Veterans Day Recognition

*Bethel United Church of Christ*

25701 Buck Rd. Beloit, Oh 44609

*November 12, 2023*

*10:00 A.M. Service*



## VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED

*Light Refreshments will be served following the service.*

# CAMPP NEWS

Children's Arts & Music Praise Program

October is a **BIG** month for **CAMPP kids and families** as we get started back the 8th!! We will have a fun meal starting at **5:00** for the whole family! (Please make reservations so we have plenty.) Then cantata practice (with some extra singing fun as well!) And the "HIGHLIGHT" of the evening.....a **HAYRIDE!**.....

**WOOHOO!!!!** .... Compliments again this year of Mr. Allen Deckerd!!!!!!

**THANK YOU ALLEN!!!!** **Don't miss this fun evening !!!!**

If by chance we end up with crummy, rainy weather that night we will still have **CAMPP**, but we may have to reschedule the hayride for the 22 nd . Let's all pray for a great fall evening on the 8 th !!!

Below is our schedule information for the next three months. Hope to see you all there!!! And bring your friends!!!!!!



## CAMPP and CANTATA Schedule

**OCTOBER: CANTATA PRACTICE BEGINS AND SO DOES CAMPP !!!!!!!**

- Oct. 8 th - CAMPP & Cantata practice 5:00 – 7:00 (**Hay Ride/Pizza Party!!!!**)
- Oct. 22 nd - Cantata practice only 6:00 – 7:00 (may be done earlier??)

**NOVEMBER:**

- Nov. 5 th - CAMPP & Cantata Practice 5:30 – 7:00 (**Weiner Winks!!!**)
- **Nov. 19 th - Sing at church and Cantata Practice during Youth/Children's Church !!**
- **All who come to sing that day will receive a SPECIAL SURPRISE !!!!!!**

**DECEMBER: Current line-up of Cantata Month!!**

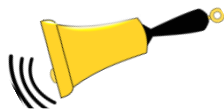
- Dec. 3 rd - CAMPP & Cantata practice 5:30 – 7:00 (**Christmas Cookies & Ice Cream!!!**)
- Dec. 10 th - Final Cantata Practice 6:00 – 7:00
- **DECEMBER 17 TH !!!! CANTATA AT BETHEL 10:00 A.M. SERVICE**
- **DECEMBER 27 TH !!!! COPELAND OAKS starts at 7:00 P.M.**



*Just for Chuckles!!*

## Ten Commandments for Bell Ringers

- 1.) Thou shalt attend thy rehearsals with steadfast faithfulness.
- 2.) Thou shalt not touch graven metal with thy bare hands.
- 3.) Thou shalt not take thy sharps and flats in vain.
- 4.) Remember thy performance dates and keep them holy.
- 5.) Honor thy director that thy days may be long upon this earth.
- 6.) Thou shalt not let bells ring after director cuts song off at end.
- 7.) Thou shalt not tap thy foot with exceeding loudness.
- 8.) Thou shalt not steal thy neighbor's pencil.
- 9.) Thou shalt return thy bells to their cases, shiny and unscathed.
- 10.) Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's bell assignments.



# Choir Notes

## THE CHOIR IS BACK!!!!!!!

And what an awesome sight and sound it is!!! On our **KICK OFF SUNDAY**, September 10<sup>th</sup>, we had **\*\*18\*\*** choir members gracing the front sanctuary and singing beautiful praises of glory to our God as we gathered for worship. And each Sunday since has been equally as inspiring.

**WELCOME BACK CHOIR!!!!!!**

**Fun at  
choir  
practice!!**



We are also gearing up to begin our cantata practices on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, with a beautiful and exciting program in store for this year. There is still a little time left if anyone would like to join with us. There are a couple of books still left and one can easily have YOUR name on it so let me know right away.

Bell Choir practice starts on October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00, and they will play for the service on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have another new ringer this year! Regan Daley will be joining us and we are excited to welcome her!!! Let the music and fun begin!!!!!!!





**Ladies:** You are cordially invited to attend the re-organizational gathering of Bethel **WINGS – Women IN God's Service.**

**When:** Thursday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10:00 A.M.

**Where:** Bethel Fellowship Hall

**What:** Light Refreshments and Discussion of ideas and fun projects for the group.

***All Ladies Welcome!!***





## TEEN TIME

When: Sunday Mornings, 10:00 A.M.

Where: Bethel United Church of Christ  
— Youth Room upstairs

Who's Invited: 6th grade - 12th grade.

Questions: Anne McKarns [anneblc@yahoo.com](mailto:anneblc@yahoo.com)

# Happy Birthday



Kelly Ewing	10/01
Colton Foos	10/03
Nathan Phillis	10/09
Luanne Sanor	10/11
Ann McDaniel	10/15
Cindy Hergenroder	10/24
Allen Kahler	10/26
Molly Daley	10/29

Willian & Joanne Meier  
10/04/1980

Dale & Kathy Stryffeler  
10/07/1977

Lee & Dee Kornick  
10/23/1976

Ben & Amy Humphrey  
10/30/2010

Please check your mailbox in the hall by the office.

Please submit articles for the Beacon by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. When submitting article please do them in word or excel not pdf.

## **What's happening at Bethel?**

We will be continuing our Devotional Bible Study Tuesdays 10:30A.M.

Teen's Journey into the Bible will meet each Sunday during Church.

Bell Choir Practice starts Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 P. M.

The Adult Choir Practices Wednesday at 6:30P.M.

Wings Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> 10am.

CAMPP & Cantata practice will be Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00 P.M.

Next Council Meeting will be Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M.

The Pantry will be serving food to our local community on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday Evening of Oct. (11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>)

CAMPP Cantata practice Oct.22

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