



A Beacon of Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Bethel United Church of Christ
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From the Pastor

As we move into summer it is a time for us to rest, spend time with family and friends. It is also a great time to plan for what is coming in the fall. The rhythm of academia makes a lot of sense and when I entered college after working in the factory for 11 years after high school. In the summer academia takes a break and works on projects that are on the horizon. As the church we will make our way through summer with special music and even different styles of worship added into the experience.

We are on the other side of the pandemic; we are still in a world where Covid-19 is a factor, but we can worship in the new ways God has given us during the nationwide pandemic. I would like to get others involved in leading worship and work on that during the summer. We need some people who can take the microphone around to people with announcements and prayer concerns, we also need people who are willing to lead worship. The microphone is needed so people can hear what you are saying, and worship leaders are needed to have other voices in worship reading announcements and prayers and scripture.

Through the summer months I would like to meet with individuals that are interested in either of these areas of worship. Learning how the microphones work and practicing

the emphasis and rhythm of the service. There is a definite theology and style that is essential to the worship experience. The worship experience is always focused on God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, never on the people leading it.

Spend some time this summer taking a break and focusing on your physical and mental health. Spend some time with family and friends and let me know what parts of worship you would like to help with in the future as we continue to praise and worship together. Have a Happy, and Safe Summer!

Peace and Love

Allen R. Kahler, Pastor



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We ask for Prayers for our congregation to be well and healthy.

COUNCIL CORNER FOR MAY 2023

Apostle: Glen reports that all is set to give out Mother's Day gifts. Also, they volunteered to make that happen.

Deacon: The April financial report was presented to the council and approved by unanimous vote. Jim spoke on the Stewardship Campaign and how it should be an ongoing matter within the church and not just on Stewardship Sunday. He suggests a Stewardship Education Team be formed to find more ways to increase giving and income. Much discussion was held within the council on this important subject.

Elder: Allen D. has started meeting with the directors of the local Ruritans about helping with our Food Pantry delivery charges. There were 6 new families at the pantry last week and we continue to see new families at every distribution.

Allen D. has been making visits during the month and finds that our folks are doing well.

There will be a spaghetti dinner fund raiser to help us reach our Habitat for Humanity 2023 committed goal. The date has been set for Tuesday June 13th.

Church business: A new battery powered lawn mower has been purchased and is in use. Thanks to Jim Buttermore for donating the mower.

The new roof and water issues are almost completed and will be reported on at the next meeting. The church is looking to pay for past due West Branch lunch balances with a suggested donation of \$1000. Dave Yaggi will get us the amount needed.

Respectfully submitted by Lee



Kylie Dillon	6/02	Ken & Linda Harris
Debbie Scott	6/02	06/03/1989
John Yaggi	6/03	Dennis & Darlene Lane
Phil Harlan	6/05	6/14/1975
Harlan Kestner	6/05	Bob & June Wallace
Austin Deckerd	6/08	6/19/1971
Avon Mahaffey	6/12	Thomas & Vicki Foos
Frank McBride	6/15	6/24/2000
Joanne Meier	6/16	
Jackie Mercer	6/21	
Linda Buttermore	6/24	
Janette McKibben	6/26	Please submit articles for the
Dylan Garlock	6/26	Beacon by the 20 th of each month.
Laura Scott	6/28	When submitting article please do
		them in word or excel not pdf.

Thank You !!!!

A great big “THANK YOU” to all choir and bell choir members,
as well as all the CAMPP kids, for a great season of singing,
ringing and beautiful music!!!! Such a wonderful way to
Praise the Lord during our worship services!!!

Psalm 100:1-2

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the
LORD with gladness; come before his presence with singing.
I have often told the choir members that they are disciples.
They are serving the Lord each time they share His Word
through our songs and music. What a wonderful privilege to be
able to Praise God by doing something we love to do.....
using God-given talents to give back to the Lord.

Thank you and enjoy your
summer break!!

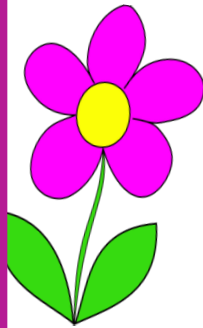
Summer Music

Here is a lineup of **SPECIAL MUSIC** for the first two months. **HOW**

EXCITING !!!!!!!!!!!!!

June

- 4 - Dave Scott
- 11 - Julia (Harris) Beck
- 18 - Linda Diver
- 25 - Emilee Sanor



July

- 2 - *The Messengers*
- 9 - Adam Deeter
- 16 - John Reese
- 23 - Michal & Missy
- 30 - Outdoor Service

What's happening at Bethel?

Church office will be closed Monday May 29 in observance of Memorial Day

We will be continuing our 10:30 Tuesday Devotional Bible Study.

Communion will be offered June 4th.

Special Music begins June 4th .

Next Council Meeting will be June 13th at 1:00 P.M.

The 2nd and 4th, Wednesday Evening of June, (14th and 28th) the Pantry will be serving food to our local community. This past Wednesday the Pantry served 48 families totaling 98 people bringing the total number of families served for the month of May to 92 for a total of 182 total people.

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2023 will occur on Monday, May 29.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings, and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.



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