



# A Beacon of Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Bethel United Church of Christ

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*from the Pastor's (messy) desk*

## **Matthew 23:1-12**

1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: 2 “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. 3 So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. 4 They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

5 “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; 6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues;

7 they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.

8 “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. 9 And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. 10 Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah.

11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

**This is a scripture from the lectionary for November 5, when I will not be with you. Perhaps you’ll hear a larger explanation of this text. I want to deal with the last couple of verses. It speaks of acting appropriately on our faith. We are not to demand honors. We are to be humble.**

**You see, those who seek exaltation, who want to “puff themselves up”, will find that they are not as important as they think. They will face humility. But if we humble ourselves to serve, we will find that we are in partnership with God as we fulfill Christ’s ministries.**

**I am proud to be asked to fill in as your Pastor for a short while. Because I believe we are already in partnership with Jesus in his ministries, as we are tasked with these ministries in Matthew 25. (Matthew 25:31-46; look it up and read it. It’s good Bible study for you.) We can feel the satisfaction that we are fulfilling this partnership with Christ.**

**My goal, over the next couple of months, is to make you realize how well you are serving your Lord, and how exciting a congregation we'll be to someone new, who is looking for a congregation to lead that will be making them proud. And I know your leadership is planning the same things.**

**It is --- or it can be --- an exhilarating time for us all. Let's make the most of it. Put these plans and opportunities on your calendar, so you can be here to support your church as it moves boldly into tomorrow.**

**While I will not be with you November 5, I will be celebrating a joyous occasion, as I conduct the marriage service for my granddaughter, Alexa Roggenkamp and Jesse Greenstein, in Washington, D. C. While it will not be a full blended service, it will pay homage to some traditions of the Jewish faith. The marriage will be finalized by the breaking of the glass, and the joyous shouts of *Mazel Tov*.**

***Pastor Glenn***



#### COUNCIL CORNER FOR OCTOBER 2023

Apostle – Sam Rice reported that the Welcome Bags are just about ready to go.

Luanne reported on the recent CAMPP night was attended by 13 kids and 11 adults.

Deacon – Jim Buttermore: The 2024 church budget was presented starting with the new proposal of the increase of the GEM fund needed to meet our financial

responsibilities from the current \$7000 per month to \$10000 per month. The rest of the proposed budget was reviewed, and the council voted unanimously to approve and present it to the congregation for approval at the November 5th congregation meeting.

Discussion was held on the compensation for Pastor Glenn Swope to serve as our temporary supply minister.

Elder - Allen Deckerd: Allen D. has made several congregational visits over the last month.

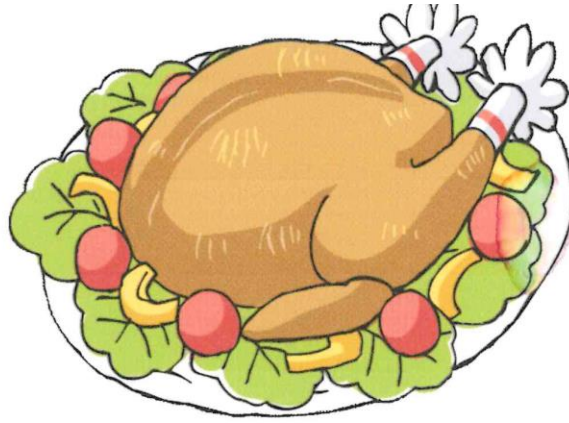
He has been working with Pastor Glenn to get others involved in the prep and cleanup of communion.

They will be working to set up an "Elder on Call" for each month to help Glenn with setting up monthly home visitations and distribution of communion to our homebound.

Church business: Nayiri Karjian of the Living Water Association will be attending and speaking to the council at our November meeting.

Lee K. will be checking on the turkeys needed for the free Thanksgiving meal offered in the Alliance area for this year. We will be needing to cook and debone them in the church kitchen.

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# Free Thanksgiving Day Meals

***DELIVERY in ALLIANCE AREA OR PICK-UP***

**BY RESERVATION ONLY**

330-823-7136

330-823-6620

**\*\*Deadline to call is Tuesday, November 21\*\***

Delivery will be between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.  
Pickup time slots between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Volunteers and roasted turkeys also needed!**

Organized by Christ United Methodist Church  
470 East Broadway Street (for Pickups)  
Alliance

and First Christian Church  
Alliance



WINGS

Women IN God's Service

*Ladies!*

Please join us at WINGS on the first Thursday  
of each month at 10:00 a.m.

**Bethel Fellowship Hall**

Light refreshments, time of devotion,  
discussion, various activities, fun fellowship!

***Next meeting: November 2<sup>nd</sup>.***



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.*

# Christmas Caroling

Sunday,

December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:30

**Come join the fun and share the joy of the season with friends and church family we don't get to see very often!!**



***Joy to the World!***

**Bring your jingle bells, your smiles and your Best Christmas Wishes.**



# Choir Notes



It is great to hear the Bell Choir playing for us again. Always a bit of a challenge getting the whole group at practice..... all together..... all on the same night. But things always manage to come together in the end. We look forward to hearing from them again this month.



## **Bethel Bell Choir Members**

Since you can't see who is playing bells (*with us being hidden up in the balcony*) let me give a quick rundown again this year of who our wonderful bell ringers are: (L – R) Leah Barnett, Regan Daley, Vicki Foos, Kay DeTray, Michal Cope, DeAnna Cameran, Helen McBride, Linda Buttermore, Missy Brand, JoAnne Meier, Phil Harlan and Pam Harlan. **Thanks to all of you!**

Cantata practice is officially underway for the adult choir....AND for the kids as well. Things are going very well and excitement is mounting. Much more information will be posted in the December Beacon, but for now....**SAVE THE DATE OF Dec. 17th**....for this very special program!



## **Having Fun at Cantata Practice**

# CAMPP News

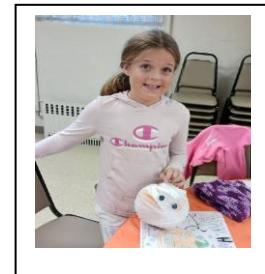


Our fall kickoff CAMPP NIGHT on Oct 8<sup>th</sup> was 2 hours of non-stop activities. We had a lively group of 13 kids of all ages and 11 adults. Things started off with a fun, typical, fall, hayridin' hotdog meal for everyone with all the FUN extras.

During our music time, things didn't go "quite as planned" with our first cantata practice, but we DID have lots of fun with practicing our song for the Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> service. KIDS were even challenged against the parents/grandparents to see who could sing louder. The parents tried hard to convince us that THEY won...but there was really "no doubt" that the kids won that one by a landslide!!! How fun!!



**Lauren had the cutest pumpkin "mummy" craft that the kids enjoyed! The finished products were**



**All kids and adults present once again had the opportunity to choose from AMAZING, colorful scarves and hats made by Debbie Edling. She does BEAUTIFUL work and everyone loved picking their SPECIAL ONE to take home. Thank you again Debbie!**



**Then...the highlight of the night was when Allen Deckerd arrived with his tractor and hay wagon all set for a fun hayride. Twenty-two kids and adults climbed aboard!! So glad the rain decided to stay far away for that night. Thanks so much Allen! Great way to end the evening.**





# Happy Birthday



Marilyn Ramsey	11/03
Deborah Cappa	11/09
Shelby Ullman	11/09
William Humphrey	11/10
Alice Brunner	11/14
Cricket Yaggi	11/15
George Cappa	11/18

Frank & Helen McBride  
11/09/1967

John & Beverly Yaggi  
11/09/1970

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 6:00 P. M.

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

Wings Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10am.

Next CAMPP will be Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 P.M.

Next Council Meeting will be Nov. 14<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 NOV. (8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)

The Church office will be closed November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> .

Church decorating Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Caroling Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:30

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