



A Beacon of Hope

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



The Heartland Conference held its annual gathering at the Westerville Congregational UCC on September 23-24. I attended virtually on Thursday and joined the conference on Friday in Westerville. It was great to see people in person this year and most enjoyable was the worship I was able to attend.

Music for the event was provided by The Many, this is an uncommon, intentionally diverse collective making music for people to sing together about peace and justice and a world where all belong.

Opening worship was led by The Rev. Joanna D'Agostino. She is the Senior Pastor of Lakewood Congregational Church since June 2018. Joanna has a passion for Restorative Justice, which she learned as a Restorative Justice facilitator in Wisconsin state correctional institutions.

Thursday's Keynote speaker was The Rev. Jacqui Lewis, Ph.D. she uses her gifts as author, activist, preacher, public theologian toward creating an anti-racist, just, fully welcoming society in which everyone has enough.

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On Friday we finished the business of the Heartland Conference with the major news being that a recommendation will be taken to Synod next year to only have Synod every three years instead of two.

Then we had the instillation service for the Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins, at last year's Annual Gathering, the Heartland Conference elected to call the Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins as the settled Heartland Conference Minister (he had served as the Transitional Conference Minister for the previous three years). This service was my first to see a conference minister installed. The Reverend Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr., gave the sermon and he is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) US and Canada. He serves as executive director of the Columbus-based Ohio Council of Churches. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Sullivan is an internationally-known leader, ecumenist, preacher, justice advocate, and death penalty abolitionist. This was a fantastic day of re-connecting with people and worshipping God in song and praise.

The Living Water Association ONE will have its Annual Meeting Saturday November 12, 9AM-12PM at the First Congregational Church of Hudson if you would like to attend, I will be driving.

Peace and Love

Rev. Allen R. Kahler



COUNCIL CORNER FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Apostle: Working on a process to have the altar paraments dry cleaned on a regular basis. Looking into cost to develop a schedule.

Deacon: The financial report was presented to the council and approved by unanimous vote.

Sweetwater Syrup has been permission to tap and collect sap from the trees the church property to the west of our building. This will begin in 2023.

Church & Ministry has completed all the staff evaluations for 2022.

The 2023 church budget is moving along and will be finalized and ready for Council approval at the October meeting.

Elder: For the month of August the Food Pantry served 64 families for a total of 146 people. Compared to the same month in 2021 this is an increase of over 100% showing the real need for our food pantry to serve the community.

Allen D. has begun making Elder visits on his own and will continue to do so moving forward.

Church business: All church business was covered during team reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Kornick, Council President

CAMPP NEWS

Sunday September 11th was our **CAMPP Night KICK OFF** on our new night. Also new this year is supper and we kicked off with pizza and chips! Our lesson this month was on prayer and how to pray in our own words. Each youth received a Prayer block to help start our prayers and we made prayer beads to guide us in the Lord's Prayer. Twenty **CAMPP** youth, Two youth volunteers and Thirteen adults were in attendance for **CAMPP**. We also did a raffle for a \$10 Amazon Gift Card, where the Youth could earn tickets by Attendance, wearing their favorite Team or **CAMPP** shirt and also by giving to the Giving Jar. Our big winner for the night was Wayne Jr!!

The children learned the words to a new song **STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER** in preparation for Service on **Sunday Sept 18th**. We had **13 CAMPP** youth at Service to sing to the congregation!

Our next **CAMPP Night** will be **Sunday Oct 9th** at 5:00pm and sing at Service the following **Sunday Oct 16th**. We will be celebrating Fall along with a Hay Ride by Mr. Deckerd! **HOPE TO SEE YOU AT CAMPP + Sunday Service!!!**

October – CAMPP Sunday 10/9/22 5:00-7:00
Youth Sing @ Service Sunday 10/16/22 10am

November – CAMPP Sunday 11/6/22 5:00-7:00
Youth Sing @ Service Sunday 11/20/22 10am

December – CAMPP Sunday 12/11/22 5:30-7:00
Christmas Cantata Program @ Service Sunday 12/18/22

Lauren Phillis / **CAMPP** Director

Pastoral Visit

The pandemic is something we have lived through, and we have not visited with folks, I miss that. In the last few months of this year, I would like to get around and visit with folks in the congregation. This is to get one on one with the families in the church and to have some time to hear your ideas and dreams for Bethel. Please call the office to schedule a time for me to drop by or give me a call, 330-621-4281.



Monthly approved budget \$17,271.95 Monthly approved budget \$17,271.95 19,334.81

Income: (Offering)	\$ 9,340.00	annual income:	annual income: \$ 94,773.21
(G.E.M.)	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 48,684.00
total:	\$ 14,340.00	total:	\$ 143,457.21

Expense: (overhead)	\$ 17,137.57	annual expense:	annual expense: \$141,821.90
(benev.)	\$ -		\$ 12,545.17

Please note: We continue to fall farther behind in our budget. Please note: We continue to fall farther behind in our budget.

G.E.M. income total includes \$3,624.00 for Hofer Clinic and \$5,060.00 for copier. G.E.M. income total includes \$3,624.00 for Hofer Clinic and \$5,060.00 for copier.



Choir Notes



Bethel Choir and Bells are off and running with a very BUSY start to the season. We have had a lot of fun getting back into the swing of things. Seems like never a dull moment at our Wed. evening practices. HA!!

We have been working on a wide variety of old and new anthems to enhance our worship services. The month of October will start us off with World Communion Sunday. This will be a special day as the choir will offer not one, but two BEAUTIFUL songs for that service. A day that Christians all over the world will symbolically come together to celebrate, in their own traditional ways, the Blessings of Holy Communion.

As the month moves on we hope that some of our selections will touch your hearts and that others may bring a smile to your face. One will take us back “generations” in our faith, while another is very powerful. And if you like toe-tapping music DO NOT miss October 23rd. The choir song for that day is so fun and just may get a few of you bouncing in your seats!! I know we will definitely see some SMILES that day for sure!!! 😊

It was so GREAT to hear the bell choir again after a long break. We look forward to being back in November!!! Thanks to ALL my ringers!! Since you can't see them very well up in the balcony you may not even know who is ringing. Though some ringers do change from time to time, this past month we had Pam and Phil Harlan, Missy and Jon Brand, Leah Barnett, Helen McBride, Vicki Foos, Jackie Sanor, Linda Buttermore and Allen Kahler. BEAUTIFUL JOB!!!!



Bethel Bell Choir in the Balcony



Bethel Chancel Choir at practice

What's happening at Bethel

As you can see from Luanne's article the Choir has begun and Luanne is already starting practice for the cantata.

We are continuing our Devotional study on Tuesdays at 10:30

We are still wanting to know the answers to the 3 questions that Jim Buttermore posed to the congregation at the last congregational meeting.

1. Why do we attend Bethel Church?
2. What would you like out of Bethel Church that you aren't getting now?
3. What are you willing to do for Bethel that you don't do now?

To share your answers to these questions you can just grab one of the questionnaires and put it in the collection plate.

The CAMPP Kids begin cantata practice on Oct. 9th at 6:00 P.M.

The kids will be singing Sunday Morning Oct. 16th

Below I have left the office request form on the Beacon so you have one in case you need to make a request or to communicate something to the Church

Office request form to be used for misc. request	
Date of Request _____	Date needed _____
To the attention of: _____	
Subject of request _____	

Signature of contact/phone _____	002 8.22.2022



Kelly Ewing

10/01

Colton Foos

10/03

Luanne Sanor

10/11

Ann McDaniel

10/15

Cindy Hergenroder

10/24

Allen Kahler

10/26

William & Joanne Meier

10/04/1980

Dale & Kathy Stryffeler

10/07/1977

Lee & Deanna Kornick

10/23/1976

Ben & Amy Humphrey

10/30/2010

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