



A Beacon of Hope

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

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Thank you, Glenn, for preaching while I was on vacation and addressing the need, we as a congregation have as we live into the new normal that is upon us because of the pandemic and our move to a new structure for governance. In January 2020 we reorganized the governance of the church with a leadership team and ministry team making up the seven-member General Council that meets monthly. We have an Apostle, “Worship and Faith Formation” Deacon, “Administration and Resources” and Elder “Mission Care Community Outreach Team” that make up the ministry side of the council.

Glenn and I attended a Zoom meeting talking about “Burn-Out in Ministers” and there was a lot of talk about why this is happening, but my takeaway was that pastors have been working for two plus years (mostly alone) and others were not able to do the “normal” church duties. Now many things are different, the new normal, and many people do not know what to do or how to do it. It has become essential for the health of the congregation that we all get on the same page and move into this new normal that is the Church today.

It has become obvious to me that there is some confusion in the church about how matters are to be carried out and who is to be doing them. The church leadership is formed into teams, three ministry teams and the leadership team making up the seven-member General Council. The new structure has added the position of Apostle, to the familiar positions of Deacon and Elder.

The Ministry teams are assigned to one person, but each position represents many people working to get all the work done. I know when Jim Buttermore agreed to be the Deacon, he looked at the list and wondered how he could get all the work done. He cannot, nor is he expect to, there are many people who he should be able to call on to help. There have been many people who have served as Deacon over the years, and they are the people he can call on to help with various tasks.

The Elder has been, and should continue to be, a position that men and women are called to and ordained into for life; at least that is my understanding of polity in the UCC. Bethel has twenty current Elders; I understand there are those who cannot serve because of age and mobility issues but there are many that are still able to assist once or twice a year.

We are living into the New Normal, with New Families, and New Ways to Worship and Serve. We are moving forward as a congregation welcoming people and opportunities into the church. Let's work together to bring the Gospel Good News to all that call Bethel their Church.

Peace & Love

Allen R. Kahler

God's Quad Quartet



Come celebrate

GOD & COUNTRY

SUNDAY, JULY 3RD

10:00 A.M.

**Bethel United Church of
Christ**

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Bethel Summer Music

May 29 - Emilee Sanor

June 5 - Luanne Sanor

June 12 - Bethel Ladies Trio

June 19 - CAMPP Kids

June 26 - Phil Harlan

July 3 - The God's Quad **GOD & COUNTRY!!**

July 10 - CAMPP Kids

July 17 - Dave Scott

Here is a "sneak preview" of what we have coming this summer.

Lot's more to follow so don't miss next month's Beacon for the rest of our FUN schedule!!



COUNCIL CORNER FOR MAY 2022

Apostle: Glenn reports that the spaghetti dinner for CAMPP will be postponed until fall. Also Mother's boxes of candy hand out was well received. Glenn also presented a sample of bottled water with our church information on it with the idea of handing these out up at the soccer field to the kids there.

Deacon: The financial report was presented to and approved by the council. Jim also reported that we are purchasing a new computer from Inspiration Hills Camp to replace an older one in the sound room. Council approved a \$100 donation to "Our Daily Bread", for what they sent to us.

Elder: Allen D. reports that for the month of March the Food Pantry served 44 families for a total of 111 people. Allen D. will be attending the next Knox Twp. Meeting to talk to them about getting the culverts cleaned out on Buck Rd.

Church business: Council is calling a special congregational meeting on Sunday June 12, 2022. Items to be discussed are:

- *Approval of the cost of remodeling in the church sanctuary area
- * Approval of the use of GEM funds to help send kids to summer camp
- * Jim Buttermore presenting a financial review of the church

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Kornick, Council President



Choir Notes



Another great choir season has come to a “temporary” close as all involved take a well deserved summer hiatus to recharge. We certainly do have a dedicated group of folks that love to sing praises to God!! But it is time for a rest. Even God rested.... “And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when He rested from all His work of creation.” *Genesis 2:3*. And we need a rest from our work as well so we can be refreshed and ready to go in the fall.

In the meantime.... we will not be left without music to grace our Sunday services! **Bethel Summer Music** will be starting on **May 29th**. Peggy and I have been working to schedule lots of special guests that will bring us a mixture of delightful, beautiful, inspiring and maybe even some toe-tapping music to enhance our summer worship. We will be welcoming some return guests as well as some new talented friends.

All of our SUMMER SUNDAYs will be special and you won't want to miss any of them..... but do take special note that the **GOD'S QUAD** will be joining us this summer!!! They are a local gospel quartet that will be doing a special **GOD & COUNTRY** service for us on **July 3rd!!** Bring your family, friends and neighbors!! Will be a very special day for sure!!

Luanne Sanor/Music Director





CAMPP News



May 11th was our last **CAMPP Night** before summer where we learned about GROWING with GOD! Ten kids and Eight adults were in attendance for this hour of song, lesson, and fun. The children learned the words to our Garden Song in preparation for Service on Sunday May 15th. We had 4 CAMPP children at Service to sing and worship with the congregation.

June – Sing Practice 6/13/22 @ 6:30-7:00 ; Children Sing @ Service 6/19/22

July – Sing Practice 7/7/22 @ 6:30-7:00 ; Children Sing @ Service 7/10/22

August – Sing Practice 8/9/22 @ 6:30-7:00 ; Children Sing @ Service 8/14/22

CAMPP Awards Received last month (April 2022) were Izzy & Adalyn Ludwig and Jocelyn Phillis received their Youth Bibles along with Tenley & Taci Stitle received their Prayer Crosses and this month (May 2022) Lily Capretta received her **CAMPP Bag!!!**

CAMPP Summer Outings:

June – Noah's Lock Ark (Tentative Date: 6/18/22)

July – Beech Creek Botanical Garden (Tentative Date: 7/16/22)

August – Sevakeen Swim (8/13/22)

Lauren Phillis / **CAMPP** Director



Monthly approved budget

\$17,271.95

19,334.81

Income:	(Offering)	\$ 14,007.36	annual income:	\$ 54,291.12
	(G.E.M.)	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>		<u>\$ 23,624.00</u>
total:		\$ 19,007.36	total:	\$ 77,915.12

Expense:	(overhead)	\$ 16,448.08	annual expense	\$ 69,217.57
	(benev.)	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ 10,073.00</u>
total:		\$ 16,448.08	total:	\$79,290.57

As you can see, our income was \$2,559.28 more than our expenses!! That means our expenses are down to \$1,375.45 more than our income our Year to date. Great job bringing it closer~~ Please prayerfully consider increasing your donations to meet our budget. With your help we support so many good causes - THANK YOU



New York became the first state to designate Decoration Day (aka Memorial Day) a legal holiday in 1873, and by 1890, every other former Union state had followed suit. *In 1873, New York was the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday.* By the late 1800s, many more cities and communities observed Memorial Day, ..

"Age is merely the
number of years the
world has been
enjoying you."

Unknown

Kylie Dillon 6/2

Deborah Scott 6/2

John Yaggi 6/3

Harlan Kestner 6/5

Phil Harlan 6/5

Austin Deckerd 6/8

Sandy Fieldhouse 6/11

Avon Mehaffey 6/12

Frank McBride 6/15

Joanne Meier 6/16

Jackie Mercer-Sanor 6/21

Linda Buttermore 6/24

Janette McKibben 6/26

Laura Scott 6/28



Ken & Linda Harris

6/3/1989

Donald & Betty Schmaker

6/8/1958

Dennis & Darlene Lane

6/14/75

Robert & June Wallace

6/19/1971

Thomas & Vicki Foos

6/24/2000

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