



# A Beacon of Hope

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

On June 12, 2022 during the congregational meeting Deacon Jim Buttermore asked us three questions:

**Why** Do You Attend Bethel?

**What** Would You Like Out Of Bethel That You Don't Get Now?

**What** Are You Willing to Do For Bethel That You Don't Do Now – Time, Talent, Treasures?

Too often questions get asked and there is never an answer to those questions. I would like to start the process of answering these questions and helping you to come up with answers of your own.

I am at Bethel because God has called me and you as a congregation called me to this church as your pastor. That is the theological answer, but my heart is here with the people of Bethel working to bring the Good News of Jesus to you all.

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My answer to the second question will be from a different perspective than you because of the position I serve as your pastor. I would like to see more people get involved and taking initiative to explore and create groups or programs that would enhance the mission of the church. I hear a lot of talk about classes that used to be active in the church. These classes or groups would meet in people's homes and in the church, they would take trips and work on projects together. I know these are from the past, but I am sure there are groups of people in this church that have common interests and they could meet and share their common interests.

I am willing to explore ideas and interests of people and direct them to resources that could help them get together. There are many things like the environment, children, pets, games, and trips that can bring folks together. Please explore some of these.

Peace & Love

Allen R. Kahler, Pastor

July 10th Please  
welcome Pastor Mike  
Billy Bones

# God's Quad Quartet



**Come celebrate**

**GOD & COUNTRY**

**SUNDAY, JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Bethel United Church of  
Christ**

25701 Buck Road, Beloit, Ohio 44609 For more info call 330-525-7330

# Special Summer Music

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

July 10 - Allen Deckerd

July 17 - Dave Scott

July 24 - John Reese

July 31 - Bethel Trio

Aug. 7 - Rachelle Joy-Tupaj

Aug. 14 - CAMPP Kids

Aug. 21 - Audrey Nolte

Aug. 28 - Marie Miller

Sept. 4 - Kayla Gilmore

Can you believe a month of our summer music is already behind us?? Here is the line-up for the rest of the summer. ENJOY!!!



## **COUNCIL CORNER FOR JUNE 2022**

**Apostle:** Glenn reports that he is very pleased with the job Deb Scott is doing with lining up greeters for Sunday services. Glenn also reported that there would be a handing out of candy at the Father's Day service. Glenn is still looking for a company to make the custom labels for our water bottle distribution at local events.

**Deacon:** The financial report was presented to the council and approved by unanimous vote. Jim reported that he attended the Church & Ministry meeting to discuss updating the church's job descriptions. He also reported that the church council members are now listed on the church website.

**Elder:** Allen D. reports that for the month of May the Food Pantry served 49 families for a total of 115 people. Allen D. is still working with the Knox Twp. trustees to get the culverts cleaned out on Buck Rd.

**Church business:** Discussion was had regarding a summer outdoor service/church picnic for August 14 th . Allen D. will check on that dates availability.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Lee Kornick, Council President**

## What's Happening at Bethel

CAMPP Kids will not be practicing or singing in July but they will be going to Beech Creek on July 16th. It would be great if as many of the congregation would attend also.

The CFF meal that Bethel provided this past Monday went well.

The Thursday morning devotional (Our Daily Bread) at 10:30 continues this month.

July Food pantry will be the 13th and 27th

God's Quad will be performing here on Sunday July 3rd there for we will move the Communion to July 10th. Also there will be no nursery attendant on July 3rd.

Our new copier was installed on June 29th. We were also trained to use it.

Allen Deckerd will be singing "Let there be Peace on Earth" on July 10th.

The church office will be closed on July 4th to celebrate our Nation's independence.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office for anyone who wants to signup to be a Greeter.

The cost of ordering flowers for the altar is \$20.00.

Announcement: In order to keep our Congregation's information up to date please tell Deb if any of your information changes. Information that may change is Address, Phone Number, additions or subtracted members in the family, addition such as birth anniversaries. Etcetera.

Hi Everyone!!! Just an **EXCITING** quick reminder that **this Sunday \*\*\* JULY 3rd\*\*\*** we will welcome the **GOD'S QUAD GOSPEL QUARTET** to **Bethel** during our **10:00 service**. They will be doing a wonderful **CELEBRATION** of **"GOD & COUNTRY" CONCERT** during that hour!! Hope to see you **ALL** there for this **VERY SPECIAL EVENT!!! DON'T MISS IT!!!!**

#### **Singing Lead: Jay Clark**

Started singing with GQQ in 1994, two years after the original quartet was formed.

Jay was born, raised, worked and is still living on the family farm near Salem, OH. Jay and his wife Mary of 36 years are both retired after 34 years of teaching and nursing. Jay enjoys singing, selling custom woodworking products, handmade jewelry, and doing motivational speaking at churches, high schools and other organizations. They are members of the Zion Hill Church in Columbiana, OH.

#### **Singing Tenor: Kelly Dunlap**

Started singing with GQQ in the fall of 2021.

Music has been in her blood from the time she remembers. Kelly has a music ministry singing in nursing homes and social events. She also sings on the Praise Team of Greater Life Church in Boardman. Kelly is married to David, our GQQ sound technician. Kelly is employed as a hair stylist; David works full-time as a construction worker. They have one son and reside in North Lima, OH.

#### **Singing Baritone: Dan Shipley**

Started singing with GQQ in the fall of 2021.

Singing in many aspects of ministry, Dan has been a licensed and ordained Pastor and Chaplain for 22 years serving as a children's pastor, lead pastor, IFOC Chaplain and worship leader. He currently works as a school bus driver and substitute teacher for the last 17 years in Mahoning and Columbiana counties. His wife, Krystal and their children live in Struthers OH. The entire family enjoys riding motorcycles and traveling to minister to bikers around the country.

#### **Singing Bass: Darrel Clegg**

Started singing with GQQ in the spring of 2020

His roots grow deep in the rich soil of southern gospel music. He remembers singing in the back seat of the car with his parents and at church services. Darrel is a PK (preacher" kid) and quickly learned to play the guitar and bass guitar and sing natural harmony. His occupational background is in Kids Crusades/ VBS on a full-time basis singing southern gospel, contemporary and traditional music. Creating Gospel Tracts and teaching Personal Evangelism, including "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" seminars and preaching the Word. Married to Dottie a Registered Nurse and they have grown children. Darrel is employed as a multimedia artist creating designs in wood, metal, including wall art and unique one-of-a-kind jewelry. They reside in Canfield, OH.

**Gods Quad Quartet sings** in churches and church parking lots, concert halls, fairs, festivals, and volunteers in fund raisers. We have sung in 6-states and produced several recorded CD's. We have opened for many national known southern gospel artists and groups, such as: Ivan Parker, The Inspirations and others. Audiences can expect a time of laughter, high-energy singing and praise and worship songs. We enjoy "singing for the enrichment of your faith".

You can also find our ministry on YouTube under, Gods Quad Quartet, and Facebook. As part of our ministry and responsibility we promote your event greatly through social media and supply marketing materials.



Monthly approved budget

\$17,271.95

19,334.81

Income: (Offering) \$ 11,497.52  
(G.E.M.) \$ 5,000.00  
total: \$ 16,497.52

annual income: \$ 65,788.64  
\$ 28,624.00  
total: \$ **94,412.64**

Expense: (overhead) \$ 16,201.04  
(benev.) \$ -  
total: \$ 16,201.04

annual expense: \$85,418.61  
\$ 10,073.00  
total: **\$95,491.61**

As you can see, our expenses were \$396.48 more than our income!! That means or expenses are \$1,078.97 more than our income Year to date. Please prayerfully consider increasing your donations to meet our budget.

With your help we support so many good causes - THANK YOU



**Celebrate Independence Day July 4th**

**Church office will be closed**



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

Unknown

Abraham Yeagley  
7/1

Delora Anthony  
7/17

Estella Smith  
7/21

Allen Deckerd  
7/31



Joe & Janette McKibben  
7/02/2005

James & Linda Buttermore

**Bethel Worship in the Ruritan Park**  
**Sunday August 14, 2022**  
**10:00AM**

**CAMPP Kids will be singing**  
**Carry-in Lunch to follow Worship**

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