



A Beacon of Hope

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

September is upon us once again, the time when we start looking toward cooler temperatures, harvesting fields, and watching school buses in the morning. The church also gets started with new programs and choir music. I know I am looking forward to a new season of music from the choir, and lessons from the familiar stories of the Bible, always seeing new and interesting teachings in them.

The four Sundays of September will be a time for us to use Seasons of the Spirit curriculum and its focus on the environment. Seasons will no longer be published, after November. This has been a great resource that I enjoyed using since I arrived here at Bethel. The scripture stories that we have read for worship were great ways to hear the familiar stories in a new way with different words helping us see them in new ways.

I would like to thank Lauren Phillis for her leadership of CAMPP for the past two years. Our Children's program is crucial to the church, and we need to look at the direction the church wants to take as we move forward. The past 7 years have been great for the children to learn and sing the words of the Bible.

Getting other people involved in the work we do at the church is also critical to the growth and development of new families and different programs that work to help new people feel comfortable with us. I know that there are a lot of things that have been done in the past that have fond memories attached to them, but as we invite new people to join our church, we need to allow them to build new memories around events that mean a lot to them. I am encouraged by folks who bring new ideas to the church.

Please enjoy the new church year as we launch into another wonderful season of praise and devotion to God, through our Savior Jesus.

Peace and Love

Allen R. Kahler, Pastor

Disaster Ministries - Hawaii Wildfires

Supporting communities impacted by health, ecological, environmental, and economic disasters, the UCC Disaster Ministries team and its partners stand poised to help people rebuild their lives. Your support allows UCC Disaster Ministries to bridge the gaps between the assistance offered by first-time responders and community revitalization.

Our volunteer network includes UCC congregations, conferences, and Conference Disaster Coordinators. UCC Disaster Ministries seeks to serve the most vulnerable population while focusing on disaster preparedness, identifying, and meeting unmet needs, and providing spiritual and emotional support.

Internationally, we maintain direct relationships and partnerships with organizations and faith communities able to respond to emergency and long-term needs appropriately and effectively.

With your support, we will continue this important work. If you have questions or need further information, please contact us at giving@ucc.org or 1-800-846-6822. Thank you for your support.

COUNCIL CORNER FOR AUGUST 2023

Apostle – Mention was made that the new monthly information handouts are being well accepted and folks are talking about them.

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

Jim hopes to start the budget meetings within 2 weeks.

Jim is thankful to all those who have given church benevolence information during the church services. The presentations have been very informative and well received.

Core values and mission statement discussions will take place once the stewardship campaign has been completed.

Elder - Allen Decker: Allen continues to make visitations each month which he very much enjoys. Some folks are even requesting his visits personally.

We are finding that about half of the people that come to our food pantry are senior citizens and we need to start looking for the next step in how we can offer more help to that age group.

Church business: Miychell Ciccaraone, a professional representative of Congoil presented to the council an option to plug many “old wells” on church property There would be no charge to the church for this service.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Kornick

CAMPP NEWS & Kids Cantata Info

Hello to all **current** and **future** CAMPP Families!! Since the fall/winter CAMPP nights and the kids Cantata practices pretty much run hand in hand I thought I would just combine the info to make it more streamlined for everyone!! Lauren and I have lots of fun lined up over the next few months with a variety of things going on.

Many families may have already received some of this info, but if you are seeing it here for the first time and have children or grandchildren ages 3 and up that may be interested in coming to CAMPP and/or taking part in this year's Christmas cantata program please contact the church office as soon as possible at 330-525-7330 and they can put you in touch with either Lauren or myself to answer any questions or get the kids all signed up. **The kids won't want to miss the fun.**

See the CAMPP and cantata schedules below:



OCTOBER: CANTATA PRACTICE BEGINS AND SO DOES CAMPP !!!!!!!

- Oct. 8th - CAMPP & Cantata practice 5:00 – 7:00 **(Hay Ride/Weiner Winks!!!)**
- Oct. 22nd - Cantata practice only 6:00 – 7:00

NOVEMBER:

- Nov. 5th - CAMPP & Cantata Practice 5:30 – 7:00 **(Pizza Party!!!)**
- Nov. 19th - Sing at church and Cantata Practice during Youth/Children's Church !!
- ***All who come to sing that day will receive a SPECIAL SURPRISE !!!!!!!***

DECEMBER: Current line-up of Cantata Month!!

- Dec. 3rd - CAMPP & Cantata practice 5:30 – 7:00 **(Ice Cream & Christmas Cookies!!!)**
- Dec. 10th - Final Cantata Practice 6:00 – 7:00
- **DECEMBER 17TH!!!! CANTATA AT BETHEL 10:00 A.M. SERVICE**
- **DECEMBER 27TH!!!! CANTATA at COPELAND OAKS starts at 7:00 P.M.**

Luanne/Music Director

♪ Choir Notes ♪

WELCOME BACK BETHEL CHOIR!!!!!!

*It is so exciting to see **AND HEAR** the choir again!!! Hopefully everyone is rested up and ready to go for another fun and “harmonious” season of music.

*Our FALL and WINTER schedule is a super mix of old favorites, brand new material, and some GREAT songs we haven’t done for quite a while!! **So, FUN!!!**

***Choir practice** begins Wednesday, **September 6th, at 6:30**. We will sing on that following **Sunday, the 10th**, which is our **FALL KICK OFF!!!!**

*The **Bell Choir** will begin practice on **October 4th at 6:00** and will play on **Sunday, October 22nd**.

***Now.....some cantata news!!!!** IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN SINGING IN THE CANTATA AND HASN’T REACHED OUT TO ME YET IT ISN’T TOO LATE.

Contact

me right away! We would LOVE to have you join us!!! We have an absolutely BEAUTIFUL program this year. The songs are gorgeous and easy to learn. If you have ever thought about it..... **NOW is the time!!** Let me know!!

*Cantata books and practice CDs will be available September 6th & 10th so everyone can start reviewing. First official practice will be **Wednesday, October. 11th**.



Thank You

to all who shared their talents with us over the
past three months during our
SPECIAL SUMMER MUSIC TIME!!!!

Thank You

for such a great variety of talent and music
making each service a little different and special
in its own way.

Thank You

for complementing our time of worship by
adding your own special touch.



Dave Julia Linda D. Emilee Darrel Blair Phil Adam
Michal Missy Peggy Marie Kay David Linda B. Allen D.



TEEN TIME

When: September 24, 2023, 10:00
A.M.

Where: Bethel United Church of Christ
— Youth Room upstairs

Who's Invited: 6th grade - 12th grade.

Questions: Anne McKarns anneblc@yahoo.com

Happy Birthday



Carole Swope	9/01
Kamella Scott	9/03
Scott Kurena	9/06
Thad Mercer	9/12
Elvin Barnett	9/17
Olivia Brunner	9/30

James & Marilyn Ramsey

09/05/1957

Mike & Molly Daley

09/08/2008

Brian & Anne McKarns

09/11/1976

Vincent & Sherry Brunner

09/17/1988

Walter & Marcia Smith

09/27/1969

Please check your mailbox in the hall by the office.

Please submit articles for the Beacon by the 20th 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 10:30 Tuesday Devotional Bible Study.

Special Music continues through Sept. 3rd.

The Adult Choir will begin practice at 6:30 Sept. 6th.

The choir is back Sept. 10th.

Next Council Meeting will be Sept. 11th at 1:00 P.M.

The Pantry will be serving food to our local community.

On the 2nd and 4th, Wednesday Evening of Sept. (13th and 27th)

Teen's Journey into the Bible Sept. 24th.

CAMPP will resume Oct. 8th.

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