

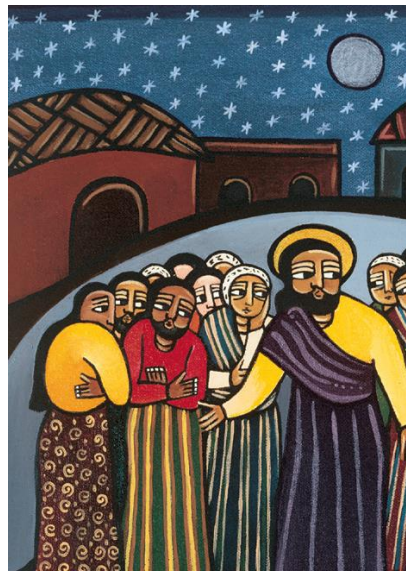


A Beacon of Hope

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Norman Habel comments that the crisis is our environmental frustration, and to place the blame on our scientists.” He goes on to say, who recognize the groaning of Earth. It is our mission to represent Earth. He says: “To do this, we must care for the forests, and the ground. We must care for Earth and recognize that they are the soul of Earth, a spiritual presence suppressed” (p.134). In *Laura One*, (above) what do you think about him? What is he



sound like to you? *Rainbow of Mysteries: Meeting the Sacred in Nature* by Norman Habel, Wood Lake Publishing Inc., 2012, p. 164.

The above article is from *Season of Creation*, Woodlake Publishing 2022. Every year in September Seasons publishes a series of articles highlighting the connection between the church and creation. With the recent celebration of Earth Day, I wanted to highlight the importance of our care for creation. I know there is a farming population in this congregation and the farmers of this nation celebrate earth day each and every day because the earth is their livelihood. As we move from Spring into Summer let us remember our responsibility to the earth, God’s Creation.

Peace and Love

Allen R. Kahler, Pastor

it is easy to be pessimistic about the environment, “to throw up our hands in responsibility on our politicians “but the good news is that those who care for creation can make a difference.” Earth and the creatures of the world must learn to listen to the lands, need to hear the many voices of the earth are a mystery, an expression of the sacred to be heard and not just a James’ image, *Just as We Are* Jesus is saying to the people “voicing”? What does his voice

HOORAY! AWESOME JOB!



**We had SOOOO much fun at the Dessert Auction to
benefit Habitat for Humanity's Apostle Build.**

We raised \$2,055!!!

So here's the scoop:

Lent pancake supper: \$317.97

CAMPP kids donations: \$134.50

Auction: \$2,055.00

Total to date: \$2,507.47

**Less than \$1,000.00 to go to meet our goal of
\$3,500.00. If you weren't able to attend, or just wish to
donate, please make your check payable to "Apostle Build" and send
it to the church.**

COUNCIL CORNER FOR APRIL 2023

Apostle: Glen reports that he has talked with many of his volunteers in the church and they are willing to continue with their duties. Glenn thanks Helen, Phil and Deb Scott. Items for Mother's Day and Father's Day to hand out on those Sundays have been ordered with some of those items already being delivered.

Glenn gave praises to all the children's activities: CAMPP, Children's Church and Children's message and hopes that these programs will continue to grow as the church strengthens.

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

Jim reports that he is starting the search for new candidates for the November council ballot for whose who's terms will be ending.

He also reports that he is working with Pastor Allen on the church's upcoming Stewardship campaign and possible goals.

Elder: Food Pantry continues to boom. There were 42 families served in the month of March which consisted of 82 people.

Second Harvest has been lighter on food available to the pantries, however they are doing an excellent job of providing as much as they can to our pantry.

19 of our people attended the Good Friday service at Damascus Methodist Church.

Church business: Billy Jo has been approved to cut the grass and trim for the weeks of the coming season. A new battery powered mower has been donated this week.

The new sound/video equipment has been installed and awaits training for our people on how to use it.

Respectfully submitted by Lee

LOOKING FOR SOME HELP

Over the last 6 months here's a list of issues that needed dealt with at the church and parsonage:

2 incidents with the church boiler system which needed repairs and/or parts replaced. (Completed)

2 incidents with the water system at the parsonage for repair and/or replacement. (Ongoing)

The installation of the new sound system in the church. (Ongoing)

The refrigerator in the church kitchen blew and a new one needed purchased. (Completed)

2 incidents of wind damage to the church roof which needed to be dealt with including the dealing with the insurance company and getting a contractor for repair work. (Ongoing). Regular problems,

concerns and complaints on a day to day basis. These are issues that Brian and I need some help to get resolved for the Property & Grounds team and for future issues that will arise. For instance, if

someone could handle the plumbing issues or someone could handle heating/AC issues or someone could handle outdoor/landscaping issues or any areas you feel you could help, we could really use

you. We need to work together so that church/parsonage issues can be taken care of quickly and as efficiently as possible.

So, I ask that everyone please put this to prayer and let God lead you to the tasks here at the church

where you can plug in and help. The more help we get, the faster we can address our issues as they occur and keep things maintained here at the church and parsonage.

Blessings to you all,

Lee Kornick - Council Vice President



Vicki Foos 05/02

Darlene Bradley 05/12

Deana Kornick 05/13

Anne McKarns 05/15

BillieJo Mercer 05/18

Connie Larson 05/30

William & Wanda Humphrey
05/13/1978

Phil & Pam Harlan
05/18/1985

Edward & Marie Miller
05/23/1976

Allen & Shannon Kahler
05/24/2008

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.

Communion is May 7th.

Council Meeting will be May 9th at 1:00 P.M.

The 2nd and 4th, Wednesday Evening of May, (May 10th and 24th) the Pantry will be serving food to our local community.

The final Choir practice will be on Wednesdays May 3rd at 6:30 P.M.

Next CAMPP will be on the 14th of May, they will be singing in church on the 21st of May.

Next Staff Meeting will be May 17th.

Helen McBride will be on vacation May 27-June 17th.

Pastor Allen will be on vacation from May 23rd to May 29th.

Pastor Glenn will be doing the service May 23rd and May 29th

These are the causes Bethel gives to each quarter.

Please prayerfully consider donating to their cause.

Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity		250.00	✓
20000 · Accounts Payable	4th qtr		
Alliance Domestic Violence Center		250.00	✓
20000 · Accounts Payable	4th qtr		
Alliance Pregnancy Center		187.50	✓
20000 · Accounts Payable	4th qtr		
Crossroad.		250.00	✓
20000 · Accounts Payable	4th qtr		
CRU		250.00	✓
20000 · Accounts Payable	4th qtr		
CUE		200.00	✓
20000 · Accounts Payable	4th qtr		
Living Water Association		2,125.00	✓
20000 · Accounts Payable			
SARA/Bethel Hofer Clinic		250.00	✓
20000 · Accounts Payable	4th qtr		

Tobin Center

187.50

SUMMER MUSIC

That's right, folks!!!!

It is time to get our **SPECIAL SUMMER MUSIC** schedule filled up!
If you would like to share your talents with us during a summer worship service.....or you know someone else who might..... let me know **RIGHT AWAY** as the schedule usually fills up quickly.

Already have a few dates reserved!! **YAY!!!**

Our **AMAZING BETHEL CHOIR** will finish out the **Month of May** and then break for a well deserved summer “breather” starting June 4th.

Many thanks to our Bell and Choir Members for their dedication!!!



Music Director – Luanne Sanor

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