



A Beacon of Hope

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

This month I would like to offer a few prayers related to the start of school. As a pastor and a parent of three grown children, I wonder about the sorts of things that parents, kids, teachers, school administrators, and community leaders might be anxious about the unpredictable realities that face them this fall.

Prayer works in a deeply personal way to bring us closer to the love of the Good Shepherd who knows each of us by name. My goal for all of us is to pray as we can and when we can, trusting always that the Spirit prays in and for us when we can no longer find the right words or the time to pray. Join me in these prayers:

God, who makes all things new, brighten the thoughts of each mind, and body, and cause a fresh explosion of praise to surge from our hearts so that we might taste the Life that is life today. In the name of Jesus, whose face is like the shining sun; Amen.

Jesus, your promise is to be with us always, I pray that you would be with all children today as they go to school. Bless their going and coming. Bless all the learning and playing today. Please protect hearts from fear and keep all safe. Give us good friends and joy this day and thank you for loving every child from head to toe. In your name we pray; Amen.

Jesus you are the strength we all turn to in each day. As the school year begins help our teachers and administrators know that you are with them. Let the lessons taught and the lessons learned know that you are always in these moments. May the school board and administrators be led by you as they help the students and teachers have the tools, they need to succeed in this year to come. In your name we pray; Amen.

Pray with me daily this month for the teachers and administrators that are in our area as they prepare our children for the future that they will live into. Have a great September.

Peace & Love

Allen R. Kahler

CAMPP News

Sunday September 11th from 5:30-7:00 will be our back to CAMPP kick-off program! NEW this fall with CAMPP will be dinner as part of our time together. Our Dinner will be Pizza, Chips, and Fruit Cups. The youth will be learning a new song in preparation for Service on Sunday Sept 18th! Also as we are getting back to school we are also going to be getting back to prayer with our lesson and Craft.

Another change this year is we will be having a raffle each CAMPP night with one big winner of a \$10 Amazon Gift Card. Raffle tickets are earned by attendance to CAMPP, Bringing a Friend, Giving to the Giving Jar, and other starting the 1st CAMPP NIGHT! The Youth are still able to earn points for which they can receive CAMPP rewards such as CAMPP t-shirts, backpacks, bibles, and more!!! HOPE TO SEE YOU AT CAMPP!!!

Keep an Eye Out Parents/Grandparents of CAMPP Youth for weekly devotionals emailed to you by Pastor Allen.

CAMPP Dates to Save

September – CAMPP Sunday 9/11/22 5:30-7:00pm
Youth Sing @ Service Sunday 9/18/22 10am

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





You don't have CAMPP Youth but want to HELP??

Sunday September 11th will be our back to CAMPP kick-off program! Our Dinner will be Pizza, Chips, Fruit Cups, and Cookies. If you would like to donate items for our DINNER, please text me for details.

Items Needed: Individual bags of chips, applesauce cups, fruit cups, cookies, water, juice boxes

Lauren Phillis / CAMPP Director

Text – 330-509-3805

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

Income: (Offering)	\$9,773.00	annual income:	annual income:	\$	85,433.21
(G.E.M.)	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>			\$	<u>43,684.00</u>
total:	\$ 14,773.00	total:		\$	129,117.21

Expense: (overhead)	\$ 17,438.56	annual expense:	annual expense:	\$124,684.33
(benev.)	<u>\$ 2,472.17</u>			<u>\$ 12,545.17</u>
total:	\$ 19,910.73	total:		\$137,229.50

Please Note: we continue to get farther behind in our budget. As of the end of July, we have unpaid bills. PLEASE help!

Thank You!!

A HUGE SHOUT OUT to ALL who took part and shared their GIFTS during our SPECIAL SUMMER MUSIC season this year!!!! We have certainly been blessed to have so much talent in our church as well as our surrounding community.

Music is an essential part of our worship service here at Bethel. We appreciate “immensely” those willing to give of themselves in order to enhance our weekly worship experience.

God Bless each of you and Thank You so much!!



Choir Notes

Welcome back choirs!!!!



It's that time already!!! Time for our Bethel Choir and Bell Choir to get back in the swing of things with having fun and making music for the Lord!!! What better way to use our talents than to give back for God's Glory.

Choir and bell practice will resume on Wednesday, September 7th. Bells will start at 6:00 with choir following at 6:30 p.m. The choir will sing on Sunday, September 11th and the bells will ring on the 18th. We have a very exciting year ahead of us with some great songs..... some familiar, some new, some challenging and others downright FUN!!!!

We will also be starting on October 12th with our Christmas Cantata rehearsals. If anyone would like to join us "just for the cantata"....NOW is the time to let me know so we have plenty of books. Some great songs again this year and it is always fulfilling to be a part of this special program.

Still looking for a few extra bell ringers to fill in when needed. It really is a fun time and easy to learn. If God is calling you to do a little extra for the church this could be the perfect opportunity. God calls us to share our time and talents in many ways.



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.



 **HEARTLAND
CONFERENCE
ANNUAL
GATHERING**

**Thursday, September 22
& Friday, September 23**

*An in-person event
with an online option*

**Westerville Community
United Church of Christ
in Westerville, OH**

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

COUNCIL CORNER FOR AUGUST 2022

Apostle: Glenn reports that he is working with Lauren to put together a dinner for the CAMPP kids and parents sometime in September.

Deacon: The financial report was presented to the council and approved by unanimous vote. Jim reports discussion regarding moving money from the benevolence savings account to the general funds to pay some budgeted benevolences and leaving a base balance of \$2000 in the savings account. This was unanimously approved by council.

Elder: Allen D. reports that for the month of July the Food Pantry served 73 families for a total of 1170 people. Allen D. reports that compared to July of 2021, our families served are up 125% and people served are up 120%. Lee reports that the food pantry has received the Capacity Building Grant for 2022 and we will be trying to obtain additional wire racks on wheels along with a laptop/tablet for pantry use. Allen D. reports that he will be sponsoring a hayride for the CAMPP kids on his farm in October.

Church business: There will be a special congregational meeting on August 28,2022 for the purpose of requesting approval for 18K for the update of sound equipment for the church to be paid from GEM's fund. At this meeting there will also be a presentation for a "Second Mile" giving donation for the victims of the flooding in Kentucky with the church matching the congregation's donation. Finally, the fall congregation meeting was scheduled for Sunday November 6,2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Kornick, Council President

What's happening at Bethel

CAMPP will be moving to one Sunday evening a month. September 11th @ 5:30 will be the first Sunday. There will be a simple meal and they will be practicing the song they will be singing on September 18th.

Morning "Our Daily Bread" Devotion will also be moving. September 1st remains on Thursday. Then on September 13th the schedule changes to Tuesday.

Bell and Choir practice will begin on September 7th. Bells will begin at 6:00 P.M. and Choir will follow at 6:30 P.M. The Choir will be singing starting September 11th.

We have a new form for all requests. You can put your request in the collection plate or on the administrators desk. (Deb's desk). This is an example:

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



Carole Swope

9/1

Scott Kurena

9/6

Lorie Wallace

9/9

Thad Mercer

9/12

Elvin Barnett

9/17

John Korosy

9/25

Olivia Brunner

9/30

Marvin & Mary Jo Dye

09/02/1956

James & Marilyn Ramsey

09/05/1957

Brian & Anne McKarns

00/11/1976

Vincent & Sherry Brunner

09/17/1988

Walter & Marcia Smith

09/ 27/1969

Robert & Patricia Brogan

09/29/1973

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