



The Beacon

The Monthly Newsletter of Bethel United Church of Christ

May 2014

***Bethel United Church of Christ Our mission is to be and make disciples
In authentic community for the good of the world.***

Beacon Meanderings May 2014

The Season in Lent and Easter has just passed and we now find ourselves well in the Easter Season during this month of May. May is such a busy month for many of us especially after such a long winter season and our longing for spring to really be here. As we journey and walk through the month we are readily checking our calendars, yes Mother's Day Banquet on May 4th, Mother's Day on May 11th, and Memorial Day Weekend arrives May 24-26.

We have to plan for those nice days to plant and prepare the gardens, the vegetable one and the flower one both need to be tended to by turning the soil, fertilizing, planting and mulching. Of course we need to do a little planning ahead to prepare ourselves and what we hope to grow. Some of us will be planning family get a ways and vacation. We all want to be prepared for what lays ahead, none of this surprise stuff for us. Not like the walk to Emmaus, the two companions had in Luke 24:13-16. (NIV) On the Road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

Are we going through our daily tasks', tending the garden, going to work and school or working at your favorite hobby and not recognizing him? What is keeping you from recognizing him, are you too busy, too pre-occupied, unaware or even not knowing he is near? Poor Cleopas was caught unaware as he and his friend walked that stretch of road.

We are not likely to physically see Jesus walking with us but the Holy Spirit and Christ's presence is our guide along our path of life. Jesus can be in our planning and daily living if we only look for him. We use to call it; "**God Sightings**" when we saw and realize God had been present in our daily journeys. Maybe it is helping someone in the store reach that item on the top or bottom shelf. Visiting a friend or homebound person, reading to someone who has difficulty with seeing or reading. Or, maybe just inviting a friend or acquaintance to Sunday dinner. To break bread with them in celebrating life both theirs and ours.

WE are all on the road to Emmaus; we need to tell the story of what happened during Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday. We need to recognize that Christ is walking among us every day. AS Matthew states in 28:19 **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'**

Pastor Haan

Bethel United Church of Christ Notes from Consistory

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Date: April 8, 2014

Finance report: Janette McKibben reported that all bills are paid

A motion was made and passed to reestablish the Church and Ministry team. A consistory member will talk to members to head up the committee and will invite that member to the next open time at the next meeting.

The Financial Secretary (Debbie Cappa) will attend as needed Deacon meeting(s) as per the by-laws of the church. It was voted on and passed that she will be compensated for time spent at Deacon Meetings by taking that amount of time off during her regular day.

A Prayer for Financial concern was given by Anne McKarns

Consistory President's Report: Lee Kornick

In conversation, Lee will use group e-mail list for minutes and the agenda, communications will be a faster and easier way to stay in contact. Lee also commented on the meeting with the Confirmands. He said it was a great experience for all and needs to be added as a yearly event.

Pastors Report: A typed report was provided by Rev. Phelps,. His vacation dates were approved with a fall date for Pastoral vacation to be determined.

All Ministry Reports:

Food Pantry: Lee Kornick reported numbers for March pantry was not available. The snow bird volunteers are beginning to return to serve at the Pantry. He attended the Second Harvest Annual Mandatory Meeting on April 2, 2014 and that produce will be limited or down for the summer. They are working on a new program for a "produce procedure" for easier control to know what is available for the week. We will be able to order online and get what we want from what is available. There was discussion of a "Pantry Track" from Columbiana County to keep better records if we want to use it.

Property Committee: Lee is still waiting for a return call from the logging company to set a meeting date. There was a suggestion to call the State Forestry Department to come look at the property and they would provide free advice.

Lee reported on the approved bids and that work started Monday, March 17 on the lift project.

Rev. Haan shared that the present chair lift needed removed and that Tri-State Elevators will remove it and pay the church \$250 for it.

Worship: Rev. Haan was asked to serve as a volunteer Chaplin at Alliance Community Hospital. He was also asked to preach at Vespers service at Copeland Oaks on May 4, 2014

Old Business:

Lee Kornick talked to Rev. Ron Waters about VBS and what our involvement would entail. Lee said he didn't see a lot of interest for VBS. Lee suggests we provide dates to congregation so if anyone wants to attend VBS they will have the information.

Lee asked if someone could look into internet service for the sound room and Jackie Sanor will look into internet service for Wi-Fi for the church.

Habitat for Humanity "Stud-A-Thon" board dedication decision was to purchase 3 studs to sign. One for Keith, one for past veterans and present veterans and one for church members .

New Business:

Lee Kornick suggested and explained the Habitat for Humanity of Northern Columbiana County (NCC) tool drive .They collect tools every May. Some tools are donated and some are used at site and other tools sold. Lee asked for permission to collect tools for NCC. He will announce in church and put an announcement in the newsletter and on the website.

This will start after Easter.

Luanne Sanor asked for some guidance with the review of the organist/pianist (Nancy Howenstine) after Easter.

Next Meeting: May 13th

Devotions for meeting: Anne McKarns

Meeting Adjourn:

Beacon Financial Report: March 2014

Monthly approved budget \$14,437.61

Income: \$ 13,700.31 annual 2014: \$ 37,936.28

Expense: \$ 18,187.23 annual 2014: \$ 45,431.41

Difference \$ -4,486.92 Difference \$ -7,495.13

Please note: out of the expenses, \$7,291.49 was our quarterly budgeted benevolences

Reminders:

Remember, as a congregation, we have made a commitment to tithe at least 10% of our remodeling project money for a minimum of \$17,500

Received through Mar. 2014 for remodeling project: \$3,979.00



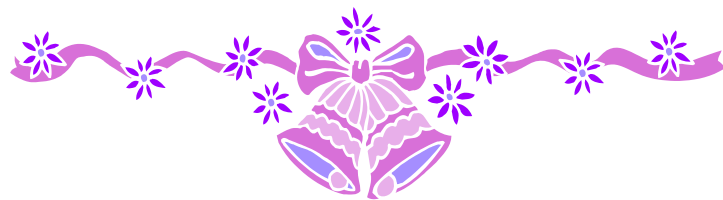
***Our Remodel/ Lift project is going well. Soon we will get the lift we need
And also the latest in Handicap Potties***





May Birthdays

5/2 Delora Anthony
 5/5 Pam Harlan
 5/8 Marjorie Stryffeler
 5/10 Marilyn Gobely
 5/11 Edna Schoeni
 5/12 Darlene Bradley
 5/13 Bonnie Finch
 5/13 Deana Kornick
 5/15 Mark Hergenroder
 5/15 Anne McKarns
 5/23 Kenneth Brunner
 5/24 Jodine Denny
 5/24 Bob Swallow
 5/30 Connie Larson

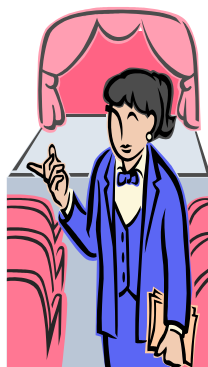


May Anniversaries

John & Darlene Bradley
 5/07/1950
 William and Wanda Humphrey
 5/13/78
 Phil & Pam Harlan
 5/18/1985
 Wayne & Sandy Fieldhouse
 5/22/1971
 Edward & Marie Miller
 5/23/1976
 Rev. Haan & Sue Phelps
 5/24/1980
 Ronald & Vicki Kestner
 5/27/2000

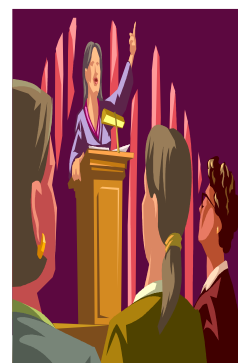
Head Usher Linda Buttermore

May 4
 May 11
 May 18
 May 25



Liturgist

May 4 Youth
 May 11 TBD
 May 18 TBD
 May 25 Lee Kornick



Acolytes— Katherine Harlan

May 4
 May 11
 May 18
 May 25



Coffee Time Host

May 4 TBD
 May 11 TBD
 May 18 TBD
 May 25 TBD



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**Communion Elder or Deacon for the
Month of May
Gloria Kurena**



Prayer Concerns for our beloved: Buss Wyss, For the Kenneth Brunner Family, For the Dorothy Smith Family, For the Liebhart Family, Marilyn Gobely, Wayne & Patsy Harlan, Andy Stahl, Faye Vernon, Linda Stanley Crawford, Mary Jo Dye, Jim Ewing, Jim Orlosky, Mary Lou Scott, Delores Stoffer, Matt Ketterer, Mike Early, Betty Ring, Delores Brunner, Ina Cameron, Maxine Lentz,



We received a nice note from Chaplain John & Daryl Hersh from the Tobin Chaplaincy in Lisbon thanking us for our contribution to their ministry.

The Alliance Area Habitat sends thanks for our support by purchasing the studs for their Veteran Build this spring.

Thanks to our congregation for our most recent effort with the Feinstein Project in the providing food and contributions to our pantry. This effort goes a long way to help stop hunger in our local area.

Thanks to all the people of our congregation who have made special efforts during our remodel project to keep the church clean and dust free as much as possible.

Thanks for the safe return of our snow birds.

We received thanks from the Liebhart Family and the Brunner family for prayers, sympathies and kindness. Mickey also thanks everyone for preparing the dinner.

Summer Music

We are once again looking to fill our summer worship services with special music. If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing your talents and would be willing to provide us with one or two songs please contact Luanne Sanor. It is always a pleasure to experience the individual talents that God has blessed so many of you with. Sign up soon to get the date you want. Thanks everybody!



Annual Tool Drive

We are in need of your used in good condition:
Hand tools, Power Tools, Lawn Tools and Hardware
to be used on our build sites or sold in our
ReStore!

All proceeds from our sale will be given to our building committee to purchase new tools and building materials to be used in their efforts to help eliminate poverty housing in Columbiana County.

Tool Sale May 31, 2014 9:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m

1965 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem Oh 44460 * 330-337-4808

Geranium Sales— Geraniums are from Miller Flowerland. They are \$2.40 each. The Geraniums can be picked up Saturday May 10th. Just in time for Mother's Day. The Proceeds from the sale of Geraniums go to the 10% tithe to the lift project.



Geranium Sale
Annual Bethel Builder's Sale
2014

Proceeds go toward the Remodeling and Lift Project

Cost -- \$2.80 per plant

Order Deadline May 4th

Pick-Up Date – Saturday, May 10th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Name_____

Number of Plants _____

Total \$ _____

(Plants are from Miller's Flowerland)

FYI May Pastor News

Pastor Haan will be gone from May 15 through the 18th and Rev. Sally Ketterer will be leading worship on May 18.

Pastor Haan will also be gone May 28 through June 10 on Study Leave to the Holy Lands. This is a very intense study experience in exploring many areas of the Holy Lands. Haan and Sue will be traveling in a group of seventeen with the "Discover the Bible Lands Tour". We ask you to keep them in your prayers as they go forth discovering and exploring the Holy Lands. If you would like to follow along you can access the attached site and explore as they travel on a daily basis.

www.DTBL.net. (PDF) **ISRAEL – A BIBLICAL JOURNEY 2014** (PDF).

During this absence, Elder Lee Kornick will lead worship on Sunday June 1 and Rev. Don Schumaker will lead worship on Pentecost Sunday June 8 with communion.



ACT 2

Great Day of Service Saturday, May 10 9 am - noon Meet at Sebring Community Center on Texas Ave. (near pool) at 8:45 am. Bring gloves, rakes, etc. Cleanup parks, yards, road. Hope to see you there! For info contact Acts 2 Rhonda Rodgers, vbrrr@yahoo.com, 330-821-9912

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Colossians 3:17

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

**Happy Mother's Day to everyone:
Mums, Dads, Daughters, Sons.
We're all related to mothers
and there are some special ones.**

**Some who take on a mothering role
are not related through birth
but love as much as any mother could.
That type of love sustains our earth.**

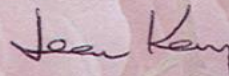
**Some men take on a dual role,
as "stay-at-home" Dads they excel,
which gives mothers opportunities
to have an outside career as well.**

**Adoptive parents are special,
they open their home and heart,
providing a child with a loving bond
and a family in which they are part.**

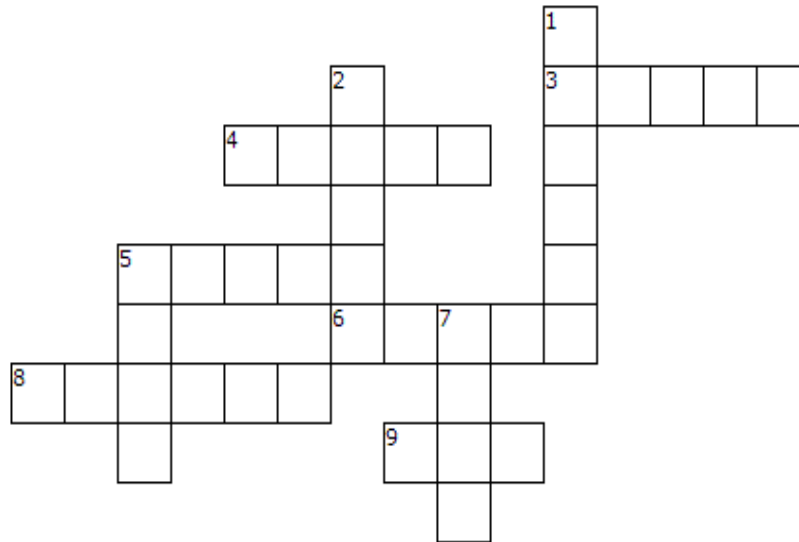
**Mothering is tender, loving care,
a strong desire to guide and protect,
to keep their children safe from harm.
Mothers of all kinds deserve respect.**

Happy Mother's Day

Jean Kay



Kids Page



ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE	DOOR	HANDS	FAITH	HAPPY
NAIL	THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	DOUBT

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