

# Bethels Kirche

A Monthly Newsletter of  
Bethel United Church of Christ

March 2014



## PASTOR'S PAGE

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Dear Friends,

St. Peter writes, “Welcome to the living Stone, the source of life. The workmen took one look and threw it out; God set it in the place of honor. Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you’ll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God.”<sup>1</sup> Building Stones. What a great image for Bethel, a church built with the stones gathered from our local fields. But the kind of stones Peter is referring to aren’t field stone but living stone, what’s on the *inside* of Bethel’s sanctuary: *you*, the members of Bethel Church, who each in his or her own way is a living stone serving The Living Stone, the source of life, Jesus Christ.

This is never more true or more relevant than during the season of Lent. Starting March 12<sup>th</sup> and for the following four Wednesdays after that, we’ll journey through the Lenten season together by hearing from individual living stones within our congregation. Each Wednesday evening, after we enjoy a potluck supper together, we’ll listen to stories from individual members who’ll talk about their life, their faith, and their relationship with God and the church; to be followed by open-forum discussion. Most of the living stones in attendance will be your neighbors and friends, others you may not know as well – that’s one of the fringe benefits of these evenings – getting to know each other in the context of Christ centered conversation. Mark your calendars to make Wednesday evenings this Lent a not-to-be-missed time for fellowship and personal spiritual enrichment.

But not to get ahead of ourselves, Lent actually begins on March 5<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday) with an inspirational service of worship among the Manchester area churches. This year the service will be held at Emanuel United Church of Christ in Manchester. I will have the honor of preaching again this year. My text comes from the Old Testament prophet, Joel (Joel 2:1-17). We’ll consider what it means to live “between the vestibule and the altar” – a place that in Joel’s day was occupied only by the priests. I’ll make the argument that you and I occupy this very place ourselves, especially during the forty-days that we call Lent. During the service we’ll all get up and move sacramentally from condemnation to grace, from death to life, as we receive first the imposition of ashes and then the bread and cup of Holy Communion. I’m confident this worship experience will be a memorable and meaningful beginning to the most sacred season of our Christian calendar. I look forward to being with you March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2 and 9!

Faithfully,



Pastor Bucholtz

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<sup>1</sup> Peterson, E. H. (2005). *The Message: the Bible in contemporary language* (1 Peter 2:4–5). Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress.

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE – LAWN MOWING BIDS

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It may be cold and snow is covering the ground, but the Cemetery Committee knows that it will soon be warm and the grass will begin to grow. The committee is seeking bids to mow the cemetery and church grounds. Revised lawn mowing specifications can be picked up in the church office. Bids should be returned to a member of the cemetery committee or to the church office by March 28th.

## PRAYER CHAIN

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**NEW THIS YEAR:** An Email Prayer Chain – When you receive an email to pray for someone sick, injured or whatever the case may be, simply pray. No need to make a phone call or send another email. The email will go to everyone on the Email Prayer Chain at the same time. If you would like to receive prayer chain notifications and you are not on the list, please contact Millie Guenther (734-429-7127), Pastor Dave (734-323-4129), [bucholtz@umich.edu](mailto:bucholtz@umich.edu); Renee at the office (734-429-8530), [office@bethelonthehill.org](mailto:office@bethelonthehill.org) or Mary Sue Moore (734-428-8687), [msjoe56@aol.com](mailto:msjoe56@aol.com).

If you do not have access to the internet but would like to be added to our telephone chain please contact one of those listed above.

To start the prayer chain for a loved one, member of the church, friend or neighbor, you can call any of the names listed above.

## BLANKETS+

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The members of our 7th Grade Sunday School Class, Josh Bunn, Katie Kuebler, Eli Lobbestael, Alyssa Raab and honorary member, Alison Robison, presented the Church World Service Blankets + program for the congregation on February 16. Coordinated by Bonnie Mitchell, the program directed our attention to persons in the world for whom a blanket (it still only costs \$5.00) offers comfort when they have lost everything and for whom other assistance like water, shelter, training and tools, can be given through generous gifts to the Blankets+ offering. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

## MATERIAL AIDS

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The dedication of Material Aids takes place on Sunday, March 2. We will be sending School & Health Kits to Church World Service; eyeglasses to World Medical Relief; quilts to Mott Children's Hospital and the VA; stamps to Stamps for a Living; pop can tabs to Ronald McDonald House; Little Dresses for Africa to Africa and Box Tops for Education to local schools. A report of all these gifts will be in the April newsletter.

We gather all these items year round. If you find a good deal on school or health kit items, pick them up and bring them to church. If you find a good deal on material for quilts, buy it (check with the Quilters on type of material needed). Continue to save pop can tabs, stamps (leave a ¼ inch around them), box tops, soup labels, etc.

Also bring your paper and plastic grocery bags to church and leave them at the back of the church or near the coat rack by the Fellowship Hall. These are used every month for the Manchester Family Service food distribution day. Ask for paper bags when you go grocery shopping. **Thank you!**

And if you have medical equipment that you no longer use check with Cathy Moore. The World Medical Relief organization may be able to use it.

## HEARTS AND HANDS

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The next Hearts and Hands meeting will be held April 10, 7:00 p.m., in the church library.

## EVANGELISM

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The **Ushers, Greeters, Lay Readers, Acolytes and Child Care** lists for March are included in this newsletter. Please mark your calendars where dates apply to you. Your help with these services is appreciated and is a vital part of keeping the life of Bethel Church running smoothly.

As with any other obligation, you are expected to be there. If you are unable to perform the service at your scheduled time, please arrange for a substitute, and inform the church office at 734-429-8530 or Joe Moore (Ushers and Greeters) at 734-428-8687, Renee St. Charles (Lay Readers) at 734-429-8530, Kristi Campbell (Child Care) at 734-330-0029 and Bonnie Mitchell (Acolytes) at 734-665-3068 before the Wednesday of your scheduled Sunday. They can help you find substitutes if you are unable to do so.

## ELVIRA M. VOGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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**Higher Education Scholarships:** This scholarship fund, initially founded by Elvira and her family, was established to sustain Elvira's desire to support laypeople in their training for ministry and to further their faith journeys through a participatory level of church ministry and greater outreach into the worldwide community. The committee has now extended its reach to consider support for church members seeking post-high school assistance, such as colleges, universities, and trade schools on an annual basis. Any person who wishes to apply must contact Mary Sue Moore at 734-428-8687 or msjoe56@aol.com to receive the application form and information. The deadline for submitting scholarship requests is May 15 for each year, with the committee to review all submissions and announce any awards as soon as possible thereafter.

**Other Scholarship Fund Activities:** Other types of educational grants and scholarships will continue to be considered should funds be available. In the past, these have included assistance for church camp fees, high school trips abroad for cultural awareness, youth leadership conferences, classroom supplies, Bethel mission trip expenses, workshops relating to a person's area of expertise, retreats, etc. These applications can be submitted at any time of year. Any person who wishes to request assistance should do so in writing to a member of the committee, the members of which are: Darlene Kuebler, Joann Finkbeiner, Sula Horodeczny, Judy Mann, Cathy Moore, Mary Sue Moore, and Lou & Elvira Vogel's daughters, Virginia, Valorie, and Sue Ellyn.

In February, the committee awarded Tyler Elliott, Lillian St. Charles and Hailey Tursak a \$225.00 assistance scholarship for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to visit historic sites in the east. Congratulations!

## ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

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Our committee of four (Susan Layher, Millie Guenther, Carol Colby and Mary Sue Moore) continue to organize and catalog documents and artifacts that have surfaced. Their next meeting will be planned as their schedules permit.

Persons wishing to serve on this committee should talk to Susan 734-428-9128 or Mary Sue 734-428-8687.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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One Great Hour of Sharing, the refugee, relief and development offering of the United Church of Christ, transforms lives through health, education, agricultural, and emergency relief initiatives in 138 countries. Bethel will take in this special mission offering on **March 30** during worship. You may also mail in your donation to 10425 Bethel Church Rd. Manchester, MI 48158. Another way to donate is directly on their website <http://www.ucc.org/oghs/>

## WOMEN OF BETHEL

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March 2 is dedication Sunday for Material Aids. A huge thank you to everyone that donated items or money for this project. Kitchen steward for March is Jean Martin.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

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The Ecumenical Ash Wednesday service this year is held at Emanuel UCC, Manchester on March 5 at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Dave will be delivering the sermon.

## LENTEN POTLUCKS

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On Wednesdays, beginning March 12, at 6:15 p.m. Lenten potlucks begin. One of the groups at Bethel will provide a main dish and beverages and you will bring a side dish or dessert. Lenten Worship will follow at 7:00 p.m. Please read *Pastor's Page* for more details.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL UP-DATE

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It's not too early to begin thinking about the event. The committee has picked **Thursday, July 10, 2014** as the Bethel Ice Cream Social date. Please mark your calendars.

## LENTEN FAIR, BUNNY CAKE BAKE-OFF AND BAKE SALE

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### **Sunday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m.**

All church members, young and old, are invited to enter a cake (or an item of your choice) into the Bunny Cake Bake-off. Please have your item in the Reineck Fellowship Hall before 9:30 a.m. on March 16. There will be individual items available for purchase to enjoy with your morning coffee or tea as well as items to purchase to take home and enjoy. This bake sale is sponsored by The Board of Christian Education with the proceeds going to Mission.

This will also be the date of our annual Lenten Fair where kids of all ages can dye an Easter egg, enjoy some delicious hot cross buns, make-n-take craft items and possibly see some baby lambs. We are in need of a few volunteers to instruct children on how to make the craft, please contact Patty Lambarth at [splambarth@aol.com](mailto:splambarth@aol.com) or 734-662-8439 if you are interested. Thank you! See you there!

## ALPHA HOUSE

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Bethel is a supporting church of Alpha House family shelter in Ann Arbor. Several Saturday evenings during the year Bethel is responsible for making and serving dinner and activity time with the children. The following dates for 2014 are: **May 10, July 19, September 20, November 22 and December 20.**

There are opportunities to provide food for dinner, serve dinner (arrive at Alpha House at 5:30 p.m.) and also supervise evening children's activities from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

If you would like to learn more, please talk with Tammy Wakevainen, Bethel's volunteer coordinator or send an email to: [tammywake@gmail.com](mailto:tammywake@gmail.com).

## VESPERS

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Our next Vesper meal for the homeless population of Washtenaw County is March 25, 5:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor. Please contact Susan Luckhardt ([sluckhardt@att.net](mailto:sluckhardt@att.net)) if you are interested in helping with either serving, donating or preparing food. Thank you!

## LOCAL MISSION TRIP

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Our next Local Mission trip to the World Medical Relief Warehouse was postponed from February 15 to March 15. Please join us and experience an amazing local mission. We leave the church at 7:45 a.m. and are back to church by 1:00 p.m.

If you have questions ask Pastor Dave or Cathy Moore. Spare a few hours of your time to help others. It will make you feel good!

## BETHEL SCRIP GIFT CARD MISSION FUNDRAISER

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Great Lakes SCRIP company is celebrating its 20th year anniversary in 2014! They will celebrate with fun and exciting promotions and events throughout the year. There is a video looking back over their past 20 years. If interested, copy and paste the following link into your web browser:

([http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2VPQLG7RM\\_M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2VPQLG7RM_M)).

In 2014 we hope you will try purchasing SCRIPNOW! cards which can be ordered as eCards to shop online or printed on one's home computer and saves \$7.75 shipping costs! We now have members successfully using the RELOAD feature, which allows you to reuse the same card, and again, saves shipping costs, and a lot of time. Also we had 2 individuals who opened and used PRESTO PAY accounts, which allows them to pay Great Lakes Scrip directly and receive any RELOAD or SCRIPNOW! cards within hours. We have earned \$70.05 for 2014 orders through 2/15/2014.

Any questions, don't hesitate to ask Bonnie Mitchell (734-665-3068) or Cathy Moore (734-649-7431).....AND please visit the Great Lakes Scrip website: [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com).

## BETHEL MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM FUNDRAISER

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THANKS to the 35 members who signed up to participate in the Meijer Community Rewards program. Our total earnings for 2013 were \$387.03 and this with only 19 active members! If you would like to sign up, there are forms at the back of the church that explain how to use an 800 number (1-800-962-7011). There is a special code from Bethel which is noted on these forms. If you don't have the form but would like to sign up, please call Bonnie Mitchell (734-665-3068) who can give you the 800-telephone number as well as Bethel's special code. We have been advised NOT to post this code online or in newsletters.

THANKS for your continuing support of Bethel Mission!!!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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Mark your calendars for June 23-26!! It's excitement galore as we head to Answers in Genesis's *IncrediWorld Amusement Park*, where kids take a thrill ride through God's creation.

So strap yourself in and get ready for the ride of your life!



## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

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Beginning March 9, Jeff Elliott will lead a biblically based curriculum that teaches how to take control of your money, invest for the future and give like never before. If you missed the introduction to Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* but know that you would like to participate please contact Jeff Elliott at [jelliott@tlassoc.com](mailto:jelliott@tlassoc.com) or the church office at [office@bethelonthehill.org](mailto:office@bethelonthehill.org).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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**Sunday School rotational learning for March includes instruction about The Lord's Supper.**

Volunteer teachers for this rotation are: Cookery - Deanna Henderson; Craft - Julie Vogel; Story - Diane Wahl

### **February 23**

Preschool - Story

Kindergarten & 1st grade - Cookery

2nd grade - Craft

3rd & 4th grade - Story

### **March 2**

Preschool - Cookery

Kindergarten & 1st grade - Craft

2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Story

3rd & 4th grade - Cookery

### **March 9**

Preschool - Craft

Kindergarten & 1st grade - Story

2nd grade - Cookery

3rd & 4th grade - Craft

You will notice that we have begun to incorporate our preschoolers into our rotations. This gives them exposure to what the rest of the children are learning. The volunteer that is helping with the preschool should go down to the preschool room after "Time with Children." Becky Mann and Kristi Campbell will organize rotational teaching materials. If you feel something is missing or can be improved for the following week please let either of them know.

**Grades 5 - 8 will explore the meaning and teachings of scripture lessons read during worship as follows:**

March 2 – *Glimpsing Glory* (Matthew 17:1-9). Our children will study Matthew's account of the transfiguration and identify how Jesus encourages them when they face chaotic situations.

March 9 – *In and Out of Bounds* (Genesis 2:15 – 3:7). Our children will learn how they, like Adam and Eve, have trespassed God's boundaries and now are recommitted to ways of living within God's will.

March 16 – Lenten Fair and Bunny Bake-off

March 23 – *Any Questions* (John 4:5-42). Our children will learn, as did the woman at the well, that Jesus honors questions and will appreciate how questions help nurture faith.

March 30 – *Don't Dismiss David* (1 Samuel 16:1-13). Our children will hear the story of young David's anointing and challenge assumptions about how people evaluate one another's potential.

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

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The Board of Christian Education will meet on March 6 at 6:00 p.m., in the Reineck Fellowship Hall. The members include Susie Amrhein, Jeff Elliott, Rachel Heuser, Darryl Kuebler, Patty Lambarth, Linda Perkins, Jennifer Tasker

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

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March 9 - Set your clocks forward one hour.



## SMALL GROUP

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If you are interested in leading or attending a Small Group Bible Study please contact Judy Jahnke at [fjahnke123@aol.com](mailto:fjahnke123@aol.com) and 734-213-8459 or Pastor Dave at [bucholtz@umich.edu](mailto:bucholtz@umich.edu) and 734-323-4129.

## YOUTH SMALL GROUP

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All College-age Young Adults and High School Youth are invited to the Coffee Hour on March 2 for fellowship and nourishment! We'll meet at a back corner table to catch up with everyone and have a quick group discussion. The tentative plan is to then have small group discussions on Sundays (every week or every other week?) for about 30 minutes following the service. See you on Sunday!

## ♪ ♪ TAKE NOTE ♪ ♪

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SPECIAL MUSIC scheduled for March is:

- 2nd YOUTH CHOIR PLUS *Create in Me a Clean Heart* by Jeff Reeves
- 9th CHILDREN'S CHOIR *I Will Dwell in the House of the Lord* by Ronald F. Stinnett
- 16th SENIOR CHOIR *We Will Worship the Lord*; Susie Amrhein, Flute by J. Paul Williams & Joseph M. Martin
- 23th YOUTH CHOIR PLUS & Percussion, *Bwana Asifiwe* Arranged by Mark Burrows
- 30th CHILDREN'S CHOIR *Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens, Adore Him* by John Stainer Arranged by Austin C. Lovelace

CHOIR REHEARSALS in March are as follows:

- Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir
- Sunday, March 9 at 11:45 a.m. Youth Choir Plus

Bethel Chamber Orchestra rehearsals, TBA

## UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY

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Tom and Julie Kreitzer (517) 815-1918

## LECTIONARY READINGS

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- March 2 Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21 and Matthew 17:1-9
- March 9 Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19 and Matthew 4:1-11
- March 16 Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 and Matthew 17:1-9
- March 23 Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11 and John 4:5-42
- March 30 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14 and John 9:1-41



## OFFICE HOURS

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### Office hours for Pastor Bucholtz:

Tuesday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Other times by appointment: (734) 323-4129

### Office hours for Renee:

Tuesday 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Thursday 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Friday 1:00-4:30 p.m.



Please call ahead (734-429-8530) before coming to the church to make sure Renee is in the office and expecting you. Office hours are subject to change. If you need pastoral assistance during non-office hours, please call Pastor Bucholtz. (734-323-4129)

## IN THE COMMUNITY

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**Community Memorial Service “They Will Not Be Forgotten”** on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. You and your family are invited to join other members of the community that have experienced a loss through death to attend this service of fellowship and remembrance. The host church this year is New Song Community Church, Tecumseh. Should you have any questions, please call 517-423-2525.

**All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper** at Manchester United Methodist Church on Tuesday, March 4 at 5:00-7:30 p.m. \$6/person or \$20/family. All proceeds are designated for the *Imagine No Malaria Mission Project*. Call 734-428-8495 to reserve your tickets or you may purchase them at the door.

**Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner** at St. Andrew’s United Church of Christ on Thursday, March 6, 2014. Tickets available at the door for dine in or carry out meals. Adult tickets \$8, Youth (ages 5-12) \$5 and children 4 and under are free.

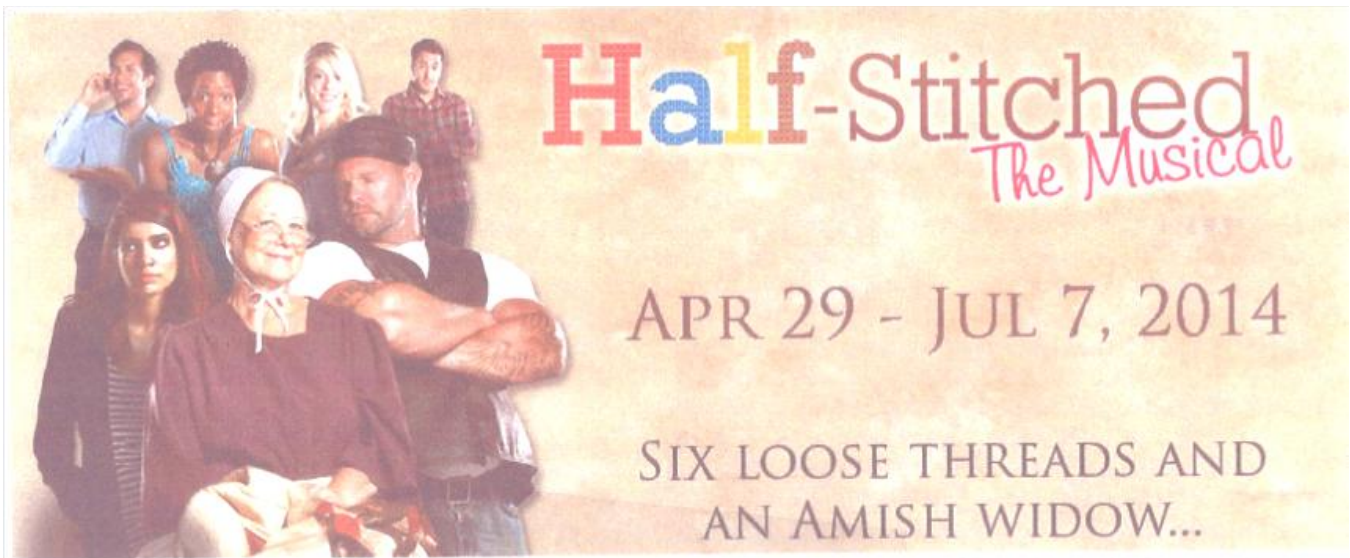
**Spaghetti Dinner** at Zion Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 15 at 4:00-7:00 p.m. Benefit for Matt Grau who has been diagnosed with glioblastoma (brain cancer). Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has agreed to help with funding and will match one dollar for every two dollars raised, up to \$5,000. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution, an account has been opened at Chelsea State Bank.

**Lenten Movie Series - “The Robe”** at Sharon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public and accessible. Popcorn and drinks available for purchase

**Manchester First Steps Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction** on Saturday, March 29, 2014 in the Manchester High School Commons.

Manchester First Steps works with families of children ages 0-5 in the Manchester School District. A play group is offered on Tuesdays 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays 9:30-11:00 a.m. For more information contact Becky Brewis at 734-428-9711 x1343.

**Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council, Inc.** invite all seniors (age 55 and above) to join us for our Tuesday and Thursday lunches hosted at Emanuel UCC. There is easy access at the back of the building. Cost is \$4.00 per meal which includes entrée, dessert and beverage for seniors. Non seniors pay \$4.50 per meal. Please call 734-428-7630 for a reservation. Home delivery is available at \$5.00 per meal. Come at 11:30 a.m. to meet new friends and rekindle old acquaintances. For transportation to the meals and for home delivery call Pam at 734-385-6308. Round trip transportation from your home to the meal is \$2.00. Our bus is also available for medical runs, shopping, and outside activities. For more information call Pam.



### Bethel Quilters Field Trip

**Half Stitched The Musical – Six Loose Threads and an Amish Widow**

**Based on the book by Wanda Brunstetter**

**Wednesday June 11, 2014**

**Shipshewana The Blue Gate Restaurant and Theater**

**Travel by bus (with the Jackson Trippers)**

**Cost; \$74 includes lunch, play and travel  
Handicapped accessible (need prior notice)  
Checks made payable to Jackson Trippers**


**The Jackson Trippers bus fill quickly if you are interested in going please  
contact Susan Luckhardt ASAP  
Payment due with reservation**

Amish widow Emma Yoder's first quilt class brings the most unlikely people together. There's Star, a young woman yearning for stability; Pam and Stuart Johnston, a struggling couple at odds in their marriage; Paul Ramirez, a young widower hoping to find solace in finishing a quilt; Jan Sweet, a rough and tough biker doing some creative community service; and Ruby Lee Williams, a preacher's wife looking for relaxation when parish problems mount. But as these beginning quilters learn to transform scraps of material into beauty; their fragmented lives begin to take new shape with the helping hands of each other and the healing hand of God.

Join the club of unlikely quilters who show up for Amish widow Emma Yoder's quilting classes. A troubled young woman, a struggling couple, a widower, a rough and tough biker, and a preacher's wife make up the mismatched lot. But as their problems begin to bind them together like the scraps of fabric stitched together in a quilt, they learn to open up and lend a helping hand. Is this what God had in mind to heal hurting hearts and create beauty from fragments?

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1  | Ron Davis<br>Bryan Diuble<br>Joshua Herter                    | 13 | Justin Henderson<br>Alan Holbrook<br>Cody Turk        | 26 | Rhonda Holbrook   |
| 2  | Anna Guenther<br>John Zigila                                  | 14 | Berlin Atsalakis<br>Stacey Burmeister<br>Judy Laberde | 27 | Aaron Carson<br>Anthony Colby<br>Susan Mann<br>Bonnie Mitchell<br>Jeff Shankland    |
| 4  | Madelyn Harris<br>Fred Jahnke<br>Eva Marie Raeburn Reineck    |    | Earl Meyer<br>Colleen Roberts                         | 28 | Richard Hardy<br>Jeff Andreone  |
| 5  | Matthew Layher<br>Nancy Loudin                                | 15 | Joyce Paulsen<br>Julie Greene<br>Owen St. Charles     | 29 | Randy Baker<br>Tom Matson<br>Tammy Turk   |
| 6  | Collin Campbell   | 16 | Steven Merz   | 30 | Cameron Corwin<br>Emma Lutz   |
| 8  | Susie Amrhein   | 17 | Quentin Brook<br>Carter Haeussler<br>Benjamin Heuser  | 31 | Ashton Drake<br>Jeffrey Horodeczny  |
| 9  | Heather Feldkamp<br>Larry Henes<br>Gail Merz<br>Hailey Tursak | 18 | Alena Weidmayer                                       |    |   |
| 10 | Amelia Herron<br>Cassidy Horodeczny<br>Mike Meranuck          | 20 | Sue Andrews   |    |  |
| 11 | Phyllis Meranuck-Golka  | 23 | Jordan Campbell<br>Alexis Colby<br>Margaret Egeler    |    |   |
| 12 | Brandon Henes<br>Michelle O'Rourke<br>Amy Preston             | 24 | Andrew Feldkamp                                       |    |   |
|    |   | 25 | Michael Diuble<br>Ron Finkbeiner                      |    |   |

*Please contact the church office if your anniversary or birthday is in March and your name is not on this list.*

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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| March 20 | Russell & Sheri Hieber |
| March 20 | Jim & Lora Wiedmayer   |
| March 24 | Ted & Mildred Guenther |



# TREASURER'S REPORT

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## Bethel United Church of Christ Report from the Treasurer - General Fund

	January 31, Month Ended	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Receipts:		
Offering	\$ 9,137.00	\$ 9,768.00
Loose Offering	\$ 326.50	\$ 217.00
Initial offering	\$ 84.00	\$ 142.00
Hall & chair rental	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00	\$ -
Memorials	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Sunday School	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Benevolences (OCWM)	\$ 508.00	\$ 650.00
Local benevolences	\$ 361.00	\$ -
Blanket Sunday	\$ -	\$ -
Neighbors in Need	\$ -	\$ 20.00
Camp Talahi	\$ -	\$ 65.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>\$ 10,541.50</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 11,112.00</u></b>
Disbursements:		
Personnel (salaries & related expenses)	\$ 9,386.34	\$ 9,212.05
Building costs (custodian, utilities & propane)	\$ 2,711.24	\$ 3,249.34
Operations (phone, office & worship supplies)	\$ 435.74	\$ 1,018.28
Kitchen & Local Outreach	\$ -	\$ 145.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b><u>\$ 12,533.32</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 13,624.67</u></b>
Excess (Deficit)		
Receipts over Disbursements	<b>\$ (1,991.82)</b>	<b>\$ (2,512.67)</b>
Beginning Cash	\$ 6,918.23	\$ 4,805.42
Ending Cash January 31	<b><u>\$ 4,926.41</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,292.75</u></b>

January receipts were less than last year by \$571., but our expenses were \$521. lower. This resulted in a loss for the month which reduced our cash balance down to \$4,926.. We are just beginning our year, so try to keep your giving consistent throughout the year to support our Church. As you know we are experiencing a cold snowy winter this year, which increases our heating costs, and lowers attendance. Please keep this in mind, and thank you for your support.

Lyle R. Wahl, Treasurer

# BETHEL CHURCH BOARD MINUTES

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**January 8, 2014**

President: Jeff Mann called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

Prayer led by: Pastor Bucholtz

Members Present: J. Mann, M. Meranuck, P. Henes, L. Wahl, A. Robison, J. Holder

Not present / excused: W. Riley

**Guests:** Jeff Elliott, discussion of BCE

**Secretary's Minutes:**

Motion made to accept December minutes with corrections: A. Robison

Seconded by: L. Wahl

Approved: All

**Treasurers / Financial report:** Read by all.

**Treasurers Report  
For Month Ended December 2013**

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 6,204.65	\$ 24,645.75	\$ 23,935.17	\$ 6,918.23
Building Fund	\$ 22,676.04	\$ 299.50	\$ -	\$ 22,975.54
Mission Fund	\$ 2,284.76	\$ 4,618.50	\$ 2,276.56	\$ 4,626.70
Memorial Fund	\$ 67,735.59	\$ 3,035.88	\$ 50.00	
Change in Market Value		\$ (786.82)	\$ -	\$ 69,934.65
Discretionary Fund	\$12,046.62	\$ 732.96	\$ -	
Change in Market Value		\$ (236.19)	\$ -	\$12,543.39
Sabbatical	\$ 1,727.65	\$ 53.61	\$ -	
Change in Market Value		\$ (62.35)	\$ -	\$ 1,718.91
Planned Giving Endowment	\$473,702.68	\$ 10,495.23	\$ (9.70)	\$ -
Change in Market Value		\$ (4,726.34)	\$ -	\$479,481.27

Motion to pay all monthly bills: J. Holder

Seconded by: A. Robison

Approved: All

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: M. Meranuck

Seconded by: P. Henes

Approved: All

**Committee Reports:** Next Cabinet meeting scheduled Tuesday, February 4 @ 6:45 p.m.

**Cemetery: (Alison)** No money requested for lawn mowing for 2013, reviewed items for the Annual Meeting.

**Endowment: (Lyle)** No meeting/report

**Evangelism (Mike/Jeff):** New website for Bethel Church is up and running.

**Stewardship (Jean):** Reviewed the amounts pledged and Time and Talent sheets have been completed.

**Board of Christian Education (Patti):** Discussion on Adult classes to be offered to congregation. Sunday school rotation is going well. Lenten Fair and Bunny Bake-Off, March 16, 2014.

**Mission (Lyle):** No meeting

**Memorial (Patti):** Still reviewing sound system.

**Communion (Mike /Will):** No report / meeting.

**Archives:** Cabinet placed on casters by James Burmeister

**Hearts and Hands:** No report / meeting. Organized who will send cards.

**Pastor Dave's Report/ Activities:**

- EHM Saline and Brecon village visits: 8
- Pastoral care visits (Home / Office / Abroad): 20

**Maintenance / Building:**

- Outside parking lot light/signage. Lights to be fixed.
- Move thermostat out of annex and into the hallway so the system does not try to heat the whole church.
- Safe church item: Reviewing bids to replace door downstairs. Fire and safety drill schedule in the spring of 2014.
- Bulletin Boards have been installed near the drinking fountains.

**Old Business:**

- Evangelical Home Chapel Sponsorship. Committed \$5,000 over 5 years, \$1,000 our commitment ends in 2014.
- Review of Alban Weekly & UCC Weekly emails.
- Outdoor signage: Schneider Rd. Still investigating.
- Wedding Policy Committee: working on completing new policy. Meeting to discuss flexibility and weddings held at Bethel Church.
- Planning for the 175th Anniversary in 2015
- Discussed water samples and all have passed.
- Discussed future Bethel Property for the Annual Meeting, the board recommends to purchase property next to the parking lot.
- Annual Meeting is January 19, 2014
  - o Elections
  - o 2014 Budget

**New Business:**

- Correspondence: None reviewed / received.
- Stacey Gingras is working on a picture of Pastor Dave for the Fellowship Hall.

**Adjourn Meeting: 10:45 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn meeting: P. Henes

Seconded by: L. Wahl

Approved: All

Adjourned at 10:45 p.m. by joining together in the Lord's Prayer

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday February 11, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: P. Henes



# MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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## **GREETERS**

- 2 Eldean and Marie Bauer
- 9 Andrew and Jill Corwin; Drew and Garrett
- 16 Derald and Amanda Bauer
- 23 Ray and Ava Goff
- 30 Fred and Judy Jahnke



## **USHERS**

- 2 David Seeger, John Bihlmeyer, Mike Horodeczny, Diane Seeger and Jeff Shankland
- 9 Larry Aiken, Patsy Aiken, Brian Finkbeiner, Jacob Finkbeiner and Mary Finkbeiner
- 16 Jean Martin, Courtney Campbell, Kristi Campbell, Cathy Koefoed-Smith and Amanda Laberde
- 23 David Haeussler, Derald Bauer, Jeff Elliott, John Heuser and Jordan Heuser
- 30 Ron Mann, Jeff Mann, Tom Mann, Vic Mann and Gerry Merz



## **ACOLYTES**

- 2 Eli Lobbestael
- 9 Alyssa Raab
- 16 Katie Wakevainen
- 23 Josh Bunn
- 30 Katie Kuebler



## **LAY READERS**

- 2 Becky Mann
- 9 Fred Jahnke
- 16 Catherine Roberts
- 23 Judy Laberde
- 30 Nate Munson



## **CHILD CARE**

- 2 Michelle Jedele and Jordan Campbell
- 9 Stacey Neigebauer and Eli Lobbestael
- 16 Michelle Roberts and Megan Mann
- 23 Sue Mann and Lauren Riley
- 30 Jill Corwin and Garrett Corwin



Newsletter articles are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Bulletin information is due on Wednesday of each week.