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Bethel United Church of Christ

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

At a Christian high school, a theology teacher strode to the front of the classroom, where he drew a heart on one side of the blackboard and a brain on the other. “The two are as divided as the two sides of the blackboard, he told the class: The heart is what we use for religion, while the brain is what we use for science.”¹ Unfortunately, all too often that is how we as Christian believers understand our faith – a byproduct of how we feel, not necessarily how we think. As much as emotion plays a role in faithful living, it can be dangerous if emotional attachment is not balanced by rational thought. The enterprise of faith demands our whole being – both heart *and* mind.

This is never truer than when it comes to the question of human origin. Were we created as the Bible suggests, on the 6th day of God’s work-week? Or, did we evolve as science suggests, over millions of years of Darwinian development? A recent Gallup poll reported that nearly half (44 percent) of Americans believe God created humans in their present form; nine percent of Americans believe that God had no hand in creation. Interestingly, the rest of us (38 percent) believe God guided human evolution. So which is it?

We live in a world that very much wants to compartmentalize the sacred and the secular. Even as church-goers, we tend to separate our faith practices (worship, etc.) from our lives outside of church (work and school). This either/or style of life is not in keeping with Biblical teaching. Our Judeo-Christian forerunners understood faith holistically. Our ancestors viewed their bodies and souls as a unit, inseparable from one another. To them what was sacred was also secular and what was secular was also sacred. It is only in more “recent times” that we’ve drawn lines of division between the two. In 1633, the Catholic Church made Galileo recant his scientific discovery that the earth was round or risk excommunication. It wasn’t until 1992 (359 years later) that Pope John Paul II admitted the church had erred in condemning Galileo. Are we again making this kind of mistake when we refuse to accept the findings of countless archeologists and biologists who’ve proven evolutionary development in all animal species, including human beings?

Before you make up your mind, read Psalm Eight. It speaks of the wonder of a God who made the heavens and the earth and created you and me. Psalm Eight doesn’t hold us hostage to a literal interpretation of the Genesis account of creation; rather Psalm Eight frames creation in a beautiful, awe-inspiring way that allows for God to be God, beyond any human attempt to constrain him. “When I look at the heavens, the works of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established, what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?” (Psalm 8:3-4). The psalmist who wrote these words didn’t deny God’s hand in creation, but made allowance for God’s grandeur to exceed human expectation – perhaps even the biology of evolution. Let’s follow that lead and let our faith seek understanding with both heart *and* mind. “O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” (Psalm 8:1, 9).

Faithfully,



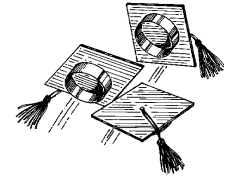
Pastor Bucholtz

¹ Pearcey, Nancy (2008-02-28). Total Truth (Study Guide Edition - Trade Paperback): Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity (p. 19). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

GRADUATES

2014 High School Graduates

Cameron Hibbard - Graduating from Saline High School. Cameron plans on attending Michigan Technological University majoring in Electrical Engineering and playing in the Keewanaw Symphony Orchestra.



Ivy Herron - Graduating from Manchester High School. Ivy plans on attending Michigan State University in the fall.

Branden Hieber - Graduating from Manchester High School. Branden plans on attending Western Michigan University to study Aviation Science.

Matthew Munson - Graduating from Manchester High School. Matthew plans on attending Washtenaw Community College in the fall.

Kristen Timlake - Graduating from Clinton, Mississippi High School. Kristen plans on attending Hinds Community College for two years then transferring to Mississippi State University to study Veterinary Medicine.

2014 College Graduates

Emily Lobbestael - Graduating from Central Michigan University with a degree in Graphic Design. She will be joining the internal marketing team for Diplomat Corporation, the nation's #1 independent specialty pharmacy and residing in Grand Blanc.

Jennifer Vitale-Corker - Graduated from Eastern Michigan University on April 27, 2014. This fall she will be taking graduate classes at Eastern Michigan University.

SUMMER CAMPS

Have you registered for Camp Talahi this summer? Bethel Church will pay half of the registration for all members of Bethel. CIT (Counselors in Training) campers please check with Mary Sue Moore regarding assistance available from the Elvira Vogel Scholarship Fund. All camp fees need to be paid by June 15th. If you signed up for multiple camps this summer or have multiple campers from the same family you are eligible for the sibling/second registration discount of \$50. More information is available online at www.camptalahi.org.

Reminder: Saturday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. Camp Talahi Trail Run & Adventure Dash; 1:00 p.m. Open House.

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Adventure Camp	Grades 6-8	July 6-11
Junior Camp	Grades 3-5	July 13-18
Senior High 3 day Camp	Grades 9-12	July 18-20
Senior High 5 day Camp	Grades 9-12	July 20-25
Senior High 7 day Camp	Grades 9-12	July 18-25
M usic A rts D ance D rama Camp	Grades 5-9	July 27-Aug. 1
G ames A nd S cience Camp	Grades 5-8	July 27-Aug. 1
Family Camp	All ages	Aug. 1-3

EMANUEL AND BETHEL JOINT WORSHIP DATES

As in the past, we will combine two summer worship services with our sister church in Manchester. Our friends from Emanuel church will join us here at Bethel on July 13th. Then, on August 3, we will worship and celebrate Holy Communion at Emanuel. Please mark these dates on your calendar and make a special effort to be present on these two special Sundays this summer!

HEARTS AND HANDS

The next Hearts and Hands meeting is **September 11** at 7:00 p.m.



NEW MEMBER CLASS IS FORMING

New member classes will be held on three consecutive weeks beginning on the week of October 5th. Participants will be received into membership on Sunday, October 26th as part of our Reformation Sunday celebration. If you're a visitor at Bethel Church and would like to consider membership or if you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about our Reformed faith, the UCC, or Bethel Church, please take advantage of this opportunity. Attending class does not obligate you in any way. Please submit names of potential candidates to Pastor Bucholtz.

EASTER BALLOON FOUND

Hello Hayleigh,

My name is Shari Hewings and I found the balloon you released from your church when I was walking my dog. I live just outside a small city called Chatham, in Ontario, Canada. I work as a nurse in Chatham. I am a community nurse and that means that I visit people in their homes instead of working in a hospital or nursing home. Sometimes I change bandages for people. Other times I give them medicine or teach them how to take care of themselves.

I come from a small family and have one younger brother. I don't have children of my own yet but I have a niece and nephew. My niece is 8 years old and my nephew is 5 years old. I love taking my niece and nephew to movies and skating. I think that they are both better at skating than I am!

I'm so happy that summer is almost here. I really like warm weather and all the good things that grow in our garden at that time of year. I especially like things like blueberries and strawberries. I always pick extra berries when they are growing and freeze them to make pies later in the year. What is your favourite time of year?

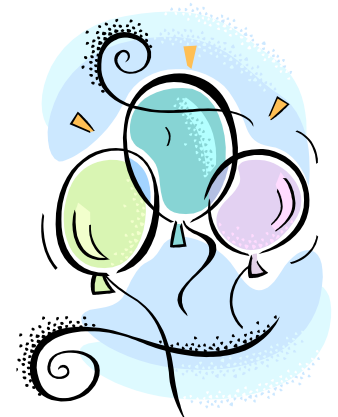
I like to read and listen to music for fun. I also really like camping. I have a little tent that I camp out in. I bring my dog with me and she sleeps next to me on top of the air mattress that I put under my sleeping bag. I went to a campsite called the Pinery last year and they have a special beach where they allow dogs in the water. My dog Clara needed to cool down so I took her in the water. She liked it until her feet couldn't touch the bottom anymore then she panicked and kept trying to climb up my legs like I was a floatie or raft.

Does your family have any special plans for this summer? I hope it's fun for you. School will be done soon. If you want to write back I put my address below. Sorry that I didn't write this letter by hand but I thought that it would be easier for everyone to read if I typed it instead.

Your friend in Chatham,
Shari

My address:

21914 Charing Cross Road,
R.R.3, Chatham, Ontario,
N7M 5J3



VESPERS

Our next Vesper meal for the homeless population of Washtenaw County is Tuesday, July 22, 5:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor. Sign-up sheets will be out in early July. If you can donate or help please contact Susan Luckhardt at sluckhardt@att.net or [734-323-0001](tel:734-323-0001).

BETHEL MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM FUNDRAISER

Our total earning to date in 2014 is \$233.99. THANKS to those who recently signed up for the program. The greater the number of members participating will increase Meijer's reward amount and add to Bethel's Mission Fund.

If you would like to sign up, there are forms at the back of the church that explain how, by using an 800 number (1-800-962-7011). There is a special code for 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 Missions!

BETHEL SCRIP GIFT CARD MISSION FUNDRAISER

THANKS to all who are RELOADING SCRIP Gift Cards as well as ordering SCRIPNOW cards. These orders allow reuse of an existing card and printing cards on one's home computer. Both of these options then forgo the shipping charge of \$7.75 which decreases the amount of money earned. We have placed 15 orders this year, and only 4 required shipping charges. There are always cases where a "real" gift card is preferable, and we can receive these within one week. Mail orders are sent in whenever needed, but we try to have an order large enough to cover the shipping costs. We have earned \$254.11 for 2014 orders through 6/15/2014.

Remember SCRIP cards for upcoming graduation, birthday, wedding, and anniversary celebrations: we have over 50 SCRIP gift cards ON HAND and ON SALE after the Sunday services in the Annex: \$25 Bath & BodyWorks, \$25 Cabela's, \$10 Dominos, \$25 Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy, \$15 iTunes, \$25 JoAnn Fabrics, \$25 K-Mart, \$20 Lowe's, \$25 Speedway, \$10 SUBWAY, \$25 Target, \$10 Panera's, \$25 Sears cards and \$10 Wendy's. You may also order from the 7-page list of vendors at any time.

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

BEN'S BARN DANCE & BBQ

SAVE THE DATE! - SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

A BENEFIT TO SUPPORT RE-MEMBER

This fun event will be held right around the corner from Bethel at 14108 East Austin Road from 5:00-10:00 PM. Cost for the dinner and dance is \$50 per person (\$35 tax deductible), ages 14 & above.

The evening will include:



BBQ dinner (vegetarian available)

Square Dance

Silent Auction

Handmade Quilts

Handmade Native Crafts & Jewelry for sale



Ticket Deadline: August 8, 2014

To order tickets see Cathy Moore or pick up an order form at the back of church & mail it in.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – JULY 10TH

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP – IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY SIGNED UP OR BEEN CALLED

DURING THE DAYS BEFORE

1. ASSIST WITH FOOD PREPARATION

Potato Salads, American & German – Wed./Thurs. - July 9/10 Judy Mann (428-8473) & Joann Finkbeiner (429-5793) are in charge

Baked Beans - Darlene Kuebler is in charge (429-4239).

Cold Chicken Salad on Mini Croissant - Chairperson, Judy Laberdee 517-447-3322

Sloppy Joes - Karen Weidmayer (428-8641) & Amy Riley (428-1114) are in charge.

Cole Slaw - Chairperson, Peg Diuble (662-9046)

Macaroni & Cheese - Joann Finkbeiner (429-5793) & Linda Young (662-9916) are in charge.

2. HELP WITH SET-UP

Evening before, beginning at 6:00 p.m. - There are lots of tables and chairs to be moved. & table service needs wrapping.

DAY OF.....

1. HELP WITH FINAL SET-UP

Beginning at 12:00 noon - table and chairs final set-up, prepare supply kits for each station, set up serving line tables, etc.

2. BRING

BLOCK ICE (freeze it ahead in empty milk jugs & cartons)

TWO HOMEMADE CAKES (please cut 9 X 13 cakes ahead of time in small pieces)

FISHPOND ITEMS (small, inexpensive toys for children, infants and up)

BAZAAR ITEMS (baked goods - the hot selling items are cookies, pies, pretzels, yeast breads and rolls)

AND (fresh produce or homemade jams and jellies are also popular items)

3. GO TO WORK

Waiting Tables - Cathy Moore in charge; sign-up sheet in back of church

Serving Line - Mary Sue Moore is in charge (428-8687). Sign up by phone call

Dipping Ice Cream - David Roehm is in charge (476-7930)

Cashiering - Duane Kuebler is in charge (429-4239)

Washing Dishes - Judy Laberdee and helpers

Washing Roasters - Jean Holder and helpers

CLEAN UP! CLEAN UP! CLEAN UP!

It goes fast when everyone helps!

FISH POND AND BABY DOLL HELPERS NEEDED

All youth, including those completing fourth grade, are invited to sign up to help at the ice cream social which will take place on July 10. Fish Pond helpers are those going into fifth grade through going into eighth grade. Baby Doll game helpers are those in high school. Shifts are usually 1 1/2 hours or 2 hours. Sign-up sheets for both are in the back of the church. Contact Becky Mann for questions about the Fish Pond. See Julie Roberts about the Baby Doll game.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL UP-DATE

Great places for fellowship and food are the ice cream socials that are held throughout the summer. Dates for socials coming up this summer are:

- Tuesday, July 1, St James UCC on US 12 between Saline & Clinton
- Thursday, July 10, Bethel UCC, on the hill
- Tuesday, July 15, Zion Lutheran Church, 3050 S. Fletcher Road., Corner Fletcher & Waters Road
- Thursday, July 24, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 210 West Main, Manchester
- Thursday, August 7, Emanuel UCC, 324 West Main, Manchester

Note, Zion Lutheran Church has been added since last month.



SEE YOU AT THE ICE CREAM SOCIALS!

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

The Board of Christian Education will meet on **July 7 at 6:30 p.m.** The members include Susie Amrhein, Jeff Elliott, Rachel Heuser, Darryl Kuebler, Patty Lambarth, Linda Perkins, Jennifer Tasker.

13 YOUTH ATTENDED FRIDAY THE 13TH LOCK-IN!

A full moon...Friday the 13th...13 youth...Yes, we had lots of fun during our gathering. Four square, kick ball, snacks, a tour of the property, pop tab race, flashlight tag, campfire and s'mores all occurred to help everyone have a great time! Due to busy schedules, we ended the evening at 11p.m. Look for another youth event in August.

SMALL GROUP

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

MATERIAL AIDS

Remember to continue to save the following items all year round: Campbell soup labels, Box Top labels, pop can tabs, no longer used eyeglasses, lenses, hearing aids, cell phones, and cancelled postage stamps (leave at least a ¼ inch around the stamp).

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.

P.S. Keep a lookout for school and health kit supply items on sale this summer. And bring them to church. We collect these items year round.

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY

Lorelei Baron
2165 43rd St. SE Apt. D11
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
734-649-6966

Carol Colby
734-358-6307



POP CAN TAB CONTEST

Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Contest begins September 1 until the date of the University of Michigan vs. Ohio State University football game. The last 3 years the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus more than doubled our collection, so start collecting now! These tabs can come from pop cans, soup cans and even tennis ball cans. We will donate our tabs and donate them to the Ann Arbor Ronald McDonald House. The House that collects the most tabs will receive \$1,000 from the Coca-Cola Company.

WOMEN OF BETHEL

Thursday July 10th is our annual ice cream social. Everyone is needed to make this a success. We always need bazaar items. Some of the favorite baked goods are pies, breads, cookies and cakes. Joann is busy with her pretzel bakers again this year. Check the sign-up sheets in the back of the church for a spot or two that is good for you.

Funeral luncheon co-chair woman for July, August and September are Joann Finkbeiner, Judy Mann and Etta Beckett. Kitchen steward for July is Judy Mann.

EVANGELISM

The **Ushers, Greeters, Lay Readers, Acolytes and Child Care** lists for July are included in this newsletter. Please mark your calendars where dates apply to you. Your help with these services is appreciated and 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 429-8530 or Joe Moore (Ushers and Greeters) at 428-8687, Renee St. Charles (Lay Readers) at 429-8530, Kristi Campbell (Child Care) at 330-0029 and Bonnie Mitchell (Acolytes) at 665-3068 before the Wednesday of your scheduled Sunday. They can help you find substitutes if you are unable.

THANK YOU!

Over the past several weeks, the main chandeliers in the sanctuary have been cleaned and new bulbs placed in all of them. The overhead spotlight bulbs have also been replaced. Thank you to Duane Kuebler, Jeff Mann, and Vic Mann for climbing in the eaves, lowering the fixtures and getting this important job done. There are still a few more lights to clean and one more work day will be scheduled sometime this summer to complete this job.



ANOTHER THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Elvira Vogel Scholarship Committee for helping to send us to Washington D.C. We went on a Battlefield Tour in Gettysburg, Capitol Building tour, the Lincoln Memorial and war memorials, U.S. National Archives and Records, George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and so much more! We really appreciate the generous donation that gave us the ability to attend this trip.

Sincerely,

Tyler Elliott, Lillian St. Charles and Hailey Tursak

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

The Archives Committee has purchased supplies for proper storage of documents, etc. Rudy Layher has **rototilled members' gardens** for a donation to the committee for these purchases and was able to raise \$300.00. **THANKS, RUDY!**

Members of our committee of four (Susan Layher, Millie Guenther, Carol Colby and Mary Sue Moore) invite you to join them if you would like to help maintain the record of Bethel's rich history and heritage. They will be assisting the 175th Anniversary Committee as it prepares for the Celebration next year. Please contact either Susan at 428-9128 or Mary Sue at 428-8687 if you would like to serve on this committee.

ELVIRA M. VOGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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.

The deadline for submitting these higher education scholarship requests was May 15. The committee reviewed and granted all requests. The recipients and amounts are:

- Cameron Hibbard, \$1,000.00 to attend Michigan Technological University, freshman year
- Matthew Munson, \$1,000.00 to attend Washtenaw Community College, freshman year
- Ben Heuser, \$700.00 to attend Duke University, sophomore year
- Amanda Laberde, \$700.00 to attend Wayne State University, graduate school
- Colleen Roberts, \$700.00 to attend Grand Valley State University, sophomore year

Congratulations Cameron, Matthew, Ben, Amanda and Colleen!

Two Bethel youth were awarded CIT scholarships to Camp Talahi. They are Victoria St. Charles and Lauren Riley.

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.

As most of you know, the Elvira Vogel Scholarship Fund is supported by our Sauerkraut Supper held in the fall. This year's Sauerkraut Super will be held on **Friday, October 17. Please mark your calendars.**

♪ TAKE NOTE ♪

SUMMER MUSIC began with the third Sunday in June and will continue through September 8 or 15. Many persons will be taking part on the summer Sundays.

SPECIAL MUSIC for July is:

- ♪ 6th - KATIE and/or KOLLEEN KUEBLER *Selection(s) TBA*
- ♪ 13th - SOLOIST Sarah (Luckhardt) Burrell *Selections TBA*
- ♪ 20th - SOLOIST Alison Robison *Steal Away to Heaven, Traditional Spirituals/arr. M. Hayes*
- ♪ 27th - SOLOIST Webb Seegert *Selections TBA*

CHURCH GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

Work in the gardens will be an on-going thing for the next few months. Perennials have been thinned as well as weeding and watering as needed. The annuals have been planted. All that remains is to trim bushes and spread the mulch.

- A work evening on Monday, June 30, beginning at 6:00 p.m. is planned for trimming bushes and shrubs. Help is needed then and at the next work evening at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, to spread mulch, weather permitting for both of these work evenings.
- Weeding and watering is a given and will go on as needed.
- One of the big pine trees in the parsonage front yard had to be cut down because it had died after being struck by lightning about 3 years ago.

REVISED OFFICE HOURS

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 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Friday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 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)

REMINDER ABOUT RECYCLING BULLETINS

Our Sunday worship bulletins are **recycled**. If you don't wish to take yours home, please leave it on the back pew. If you leave through the annex, please leave your bulletin on the back pew there. THANKS!

MAY ATTENDANCE

May 4	Holy Communion	143
May 11	Mother's Day	182
May 18	Children's Day	118
May 25	Memorial Day	108

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to those who provided the beautiful altar flowers for May.

May 4	The family of Fred Bourbeau
May 11	Joe and Julie Roberts in honor of their 30 th wedding anniversary
May 18	Phyllis Meranuck in memory of Jim
May 25	<i>Altar:</i> Betty Schneider in memory of Ty <i>Piano:</i> The members of the Financial Peace University class in memory of their debt



Available dates to provide altar flowers: **July 13 & 27**

RE- MEMBER

Please keep the folks going on our mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in your thoughts and prayers. They leave on July 18 and will return on July 26. Our worship service and coffee hour on July 27 will be designed to welcome them back and to hear about their experiences. Our participants this year are: David Strobbe (coordinator), Lynn Strobbe, Vi Kellersohn, Jake Kellersohn, Lora Wiedmayer, Larry Aiken, Brienna Scott, Deanna Henderson, Jennifer Bucholtz, Laura Merz, Jordan Heuser, Gage Smith, and Sarah Stroud. Thanks to all our congregation for your support, both financial and spiritual, to make this important mission possible.

ALPHA HOUSE

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: **July 19, September 20, November 22 and December 20.**

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

In June Bethel received the Strengthen the Church special mission offering. This offering totaled \$246. This money was passed on to the Michigan Conference of the UCC. Thank you for your contribution!

LECTIONARY READINGS

- July 6 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- July 13 Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:1-11; and Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 20 Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25 and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 27 Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Psalm 128; 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39 and Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Every Thursday **4:00-7:00 p.m.** Manchester Farmers Market
- Every Thursday **7:30-9:30 p.m.** Manchester Gazebo concerts
- Every Mon. & Fri. **11:00 a.m.** Healthy Communities Walking Group
- Every Wednesday **5:30 p.m.** Healthy Communities Walking Group
- Thursday, July 3 **10:00 p.m.** Manchester Fireworks
- Thursday, July 17 **4:00-8:00 p.m.** Manchester Chicken Broil

Once there was a tree, and now she's gone. You may have noticed one of the pine trees in the center of the circle drive at the parsonage with dried branches and withered, fallen needles. Many thanks to Richard Lutton and crew who came out and addressed the situation with amazing proficiency.



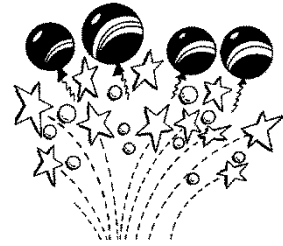


JULY BIRTHDAYS

1st Sandy DeRossett
Evelyn St. Charles
2nd David Herter
Benjamin Holder
Karsyn Klein
Lois Vitale
4th Audrey Gauthier
Debbie Kelly
5th Lisa Henes
Betty Luckhardt
6th Elizabeth Diuble
7th Vicki Roehm
8th Bill Holder
9th Karl Gebhardt
10th Lori Lobbestael
11th Betty Jean Harper
13th Serenity Spinks

15th Etta Beckett
Ken Junkins
Jacob Mann
Jessica Mann
17th Shirley Grimm
18th Phillip Miller
19th Madison Andreone
Nancy Guenther
21st Darryl Kuebler
22nd Steven Brus
23rd Jeff Brook
Shirley Haeussler
Mary Sue Moore
25th Eugene Pieske
26th Alyssa Raab
Linda Perkins
27th Judy Mann

28th Dale Bond
Sarah Stroud
Jean Holder
29th Ellen Egeler
Beverly Merz
Joyce Wild
30th Karen Edman
Amanda Holsten
31st Glenn Haeussler



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

3rd Susie & Dean Amrhein
9th Marie & Mike Cornell
10th Fred & Judy Jahnke
11th Justin & Tiffany Henderson
11th Emily & Darryl Uphaus
14th Jeff & Karla Shankland

12th Lyle & Diane Wahl
21st Tom & Sue Mann
24th Jeff & Becky Mann
26th Tammy & Dale Wakevainen
29th Tom & Phyllis Golka



Please contact the church office if your birthday or anniversary is in July and is not listed.

Newsletter articles are due on the 15th of each month.

Bulletin information is due on Wednesday of each week.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

	May		Year to Date	
	Month ended			
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Receipts:				
Offering	\$ 9,389.00	\$ 8,580.50	\$ 54,033.00	\$ 51,781.50
Loose Offering	\$ 426.55	\$ 260.00	\$ 2,863.75	\$ 1,873.55
Initial offering	\$ 3.00	\$ -	\$ 153.00	\$ 246.00
Hall & chair rental	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 400.00
Christmas	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -
Maundy Thursday & Easter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,649.00	\$ 2,756.00
Lenten & Family Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 256.00	\$ 224.00
Memorials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Sunday School	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 530.00
Sunday School Programs	\$ 71.00	\$ 214.00	\$ 71.00	\$ 214.00
Benevolences (OCWM)	\$ 322.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 2,326.00	\$ 2,452.00
Local benevolences	\$ 233.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,098.00	\$ 760.00
Blanket Sunday		\$ -	\$ 522.00	\$ 521.00
Neighbors in Need		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		\$ -	\$ 537.00	\$ 1,246.00
Camp Talahi		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65.00
Vespers		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mission Team	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 265.00
Transfer from Endowment Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,300.00
Transfer from Building Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Receipts	\$ 11,109.55	\$ 15,879.50	\$ 67,223.75	\$ 69,754.05
Disbursements:				
Personnel (salaries & related expenses)	\$ 8,521.81	\$ 8,012.93	\$ 43,865.69	\$ 42,161.63
Building costs (custodian, utilities & propane)	\$ 3,774.02	\$ 3,183.26	\$ 23,004.51	\$ 18,079.33
Operations (phone, office & worship supplies)	\$ 562.46	\$ 450.44	\$ 2,772.03	\$ 3,561.26
Kitchen & Local Outreach	\$ 76.88	\$ 20.70	\$ 101.87	\$ 310.70
Education & Conferences	\$ 178.65	\$ 184.72	\$ 178.65	\$ 184.72
Church World Service Blanket	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 522.00	\$ 521.00
Mission Re-Member Trip donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 255.00
Amanda Laberde Mission Trip	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Transfer to Building Fund	\$ -	\$ 5,550.00	\$ -	\$ 5,550.00
David Stobbe & Lilly Diuble- Mission	\$ 750.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 250.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 13,863.82	\$ 17,652.05	\$ 71,194.75	\$ 71,373.64
Excess (Deficit)				
Receipts over Disbursements	\$ (2,754.27)	\$ (1,772.55)	\$ (3,971.00)	\$ (1,619.59)
Beginning Cash	\$ 5,701.50	\$ 4,958.38	\$ 6,918.23	\$ 4,805.42
Ending Cash May 31,	\$ 2,947.23	\$ 3,185.83	\$ 2,947.23	\$ 3,185.83

The 2014 amounts for donations compare favorably over 2013 with a \$4,000 increase. This helped to finance the increase in heating cost, \$4,925, which was a result of our severe Winter. We are now beginning our Summer Season when attendance, and giving tend to take a little dip. So remember your commitment to Bethel, because our bills, unfortunately, don't decrease during this time of the year. Thanks for your support,

Lyle R. Wahl, Treasurer

BETHEL CHURCH BOARD MINUTES

May 13, 2014 at 7:03 p.m.

President: Patti Henes called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Prayer led by: Pastor Bucholtz

Members Present: M.Meranuck, P. Henes, A. Robison, J. Roberts, L. Wahl & K. Weidmayer

Not present / excused: W. Riley

Secretary's Minutes:

Motion made to accept March: K. Weidmayer

Seconded by: A. Robison

Approved: All

Secretary's Minutes:

Motion made to accept April: K. Weidmayer

Seconded by: M. Meranuck

Approved: All

Treasurers / Financial report: Read by all.

**Treasurers Report
For Month End April, 2014**

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$5,701.50	\$11,109.55	\$ 13,863.82	\$ 2,947.23
Building Fund	\$23,885.54	\$ 24,061.00	\$	\$ 47,946.54
Mission Fund	\$ 7,858.88	\$ 1,923.00	\$ 3,604.95	\$ 6,176.93
Memorial Fund	\$ 72,522.82	\$ 398.64	\$ -	
Change in Market Value		\$ 361.59	\$ -	\$ 73,283.05
Discretionary Fund	\$12,896.99	\$ 3.32	\$ -	
Change in Market Value		\$ 190.45	\$ -	\$ 13,090.76
Sabbatical	\$ 1,778.04	\$	\$ -	\$
Change in Market Value		\$ 38.39	\$ -	\$ 1,816.43
Planned Giving Endowment	\$482,488.27	\$ 423.80	\$ 24,470.58	\$ -
Change in Market Value		\$ 5,363.69	\$ -	\$463,805.18

Motion to pay all monthly bills: J. Roberts

Seconded by: K. Weidmayer

Approved: All

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: M. Meranuck

Seconded by: J. Roberts

Approved: All

Committee Reports:

Next Cabinet meeting scheduled Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.

Cemetery: (Alison) Trimming around stones continues to be completed. Stones continue to be evaluated in cemetery. Discussion on repairing the foundations of the stones.

Endowment: (Lyle) Survey completed and Township meeting attended by Lyle Wahl for land purchase. Discussion about land purchase. Lyle will continue the land purchase discussion with seller about the \$2,300.00 survey cost. Three Proposals discussed will be presented to seller:

Motion to accept 3 proposals: J. Roberts

Seconded by: A. Robison

Approved: All

Evangelism (Julie): No meeting

Stewardship (Church Board): No meeting. Discussion on purchasing envelopes.

Board of Christian Education (Julie): VBS is scheduled June 23-26 here at Bethel. Children's Day is on May 18.

Financial Peace University discussion on process and possibilities to have a class again in the fall of 2014. Friday evening prayer group being led by Jackie Martin.

Mission (Lyle): Quilters attended the meeting to discuss joining Mission Team. The Remember second installment has been sent for July Mission Trip.

Memorial (Karen): No meeting, meeting scheduled May 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Communion (Mike /Will): Everything is good.

Archives: (Karen) No meeting.

Hearts and Hands: (Mike) Meeting held and moving forward.

175th Anniversary in 2015: Meetings to be scheduled

Pastor Dave's Report/ Activities:

- EHM Saline and Brecon village visits: 10
- Pastoral care visits (Home / Office / Abroad): 25
- Discussion of compliance of safe church policies.

Maintenance / Building:

- Outside parking lot light/signage, one light remaining to repair.
- Move thermostat out of annex and into the hallway so the system does not try to heat the whole church. This needs to be completed over the summer to be ready for fall of 2014.
- Safe church item: Fire and safety drill schedule in the spring of 2014. Review of the Safe Church discussion.
 - Fire extinguishers were installed.
 - Review as a Board to have a Sexton, to schedule the repairs and oversee repairs of the church.
 - Broken window on the outside of the Quilting room. Will be fixed.
 - Lights in sanctuary needs to be replaced. Duane Kuebler and Pat Laberdee will complete this process.

Old Business:

- Delinquent members, reviewed inactive members. Target date September to have list updated.
- Outdoor signage: Schneider Rd. Still investigating.
- Wedding Policy Committee: working on completing new policy. Meeting to discuss flexibility and weddings held at Bethel Church.
- Sound System bids are being reviewed.
- Discussed water samples and all have passed.
- Discussed future Bethel Property.
- Parking lot resurfacing reviewed to complete this year.
- Brick walkway next to the annex to be repaired, bid process being completed.

New Business:

- Correspondence:
- Ice Cream Social is July 10, 2014
- Graduation Breakfast, June 1, 2014
- Other

Adjourn Meeting: 9:50 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting: M. Meranuck

Seconded by: K. Weidmayer

Approved: All

Adjourned at 9:50 p.m. by joining together in the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: P. Henes

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

GREETERS

- 6 Gerry & Beverly Merz
- 13 John & Lori Tursak, Hailey
- 20 Lyle & Diane Wahl
- 27 John & Nancy Bihlmeyer



USHERS

- 6 Duane Kuebler, Julie Kreitzer, Tom Kreitzer, Darryl Kuebler and Mike Meranuck
- 13 Scott Diuble, Ron Diuble, Rudy Layher, Bruce Lobbestael and Ethan Lobbestael
- 20 David Seeger, John Bihlmeyer, Mike Horodeczny, Diane Seeger and Jeff Shankland
- 27 Larry Aiken, Patsy Aiken, Brian Finkbeiner, Jacob Finkbeiner and Mary Finkbeiner



ACOLYTES

- 6 Josh Bunn
- 13 Katie Kuebler
- 20 Eli Lobbestael
- 27 Alyssa Raab



LAY READERS

- 6 Jean Martin
- 13 Jody Munson
- 20 Michelle Roberts
- 27 Ava Goff



PLEASE NOTE: The Child Care room will not have volunteers during the summer months of June through August.