

# Bethels Kirche

A Monthly Newsletter of  
Bethel United Church of Christ

February 2014



# PASTOR'S PAGE

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Dear Friends,

Have you been called? No, I'm not asking if your cell phone has a message waiting. I'm asking if you've been called in the spiritual / theological sense of the word. It may seem an unlikely question for our February newsletter, but I believe it's a question deserving of our attention as we make our way into this New Year, 2014.

We get a sense of what it means to be called from the gospel of Matthew (Matthew 4:18-20). Here we find Jesus, walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee when he sees two brothers, Simon and Andrew, doing what they do for a living – fishing. “Follow me,” Jesus tells them, “and I will make you fishers of people.” Then, we are told, they dropped their nets and followed him.

In ministerial circles, clergy will often ask one another to tell their “call-story”. Over time these stories become well-rehearsed. We frame our answer in the context of our lives. We speak of our childhood, our family life, our education, and our experiences in church and in the workplace. Eventually, our sense of “call” becomes self-evident. We discover that the variety of circumstances and relationships throughout our lives has surrounded us with the grace and love of God. God has, for lack of a better term, lured us into God's service. And we, for lack of a better term, have taken the bait.

But don't think you have to be a first-century disciple or an ordained minister to be called. Whether you're aware of it or not, you *are* called, lured into relationship with God. It's easy to miss because God's not calling you to be something that you're not; he's calling you to be something that you are. God is asking you simply to say and do that which you were created to say and do. Your occupation may be a farmer, or an accountant, or a homemaker. Jesus is saying, “Follow me”. Follow me, and I will make you farmers of people, accountants or people, homemakers of people. God in Jesus Christ will take the very things you take for granted – your skills, activities, and relationships – and he will put them to use for God's greater glory. God will use you (yes, you!) to glorify God's holy name, to bring God's grace and mercy to bear upon this world, one person, one relationship, at a time.

But here's the catch (excuse the pun). In order to answer God's call, you and I have to be willing to drop our nets. We have to set aside that which occupies and consumes us and let God take control. We have to let God guide the tractor we drive, the tax return we prepare, the lunchboxes we pack. We have to let God be the primary and consuming influence that motivates and directs everything we say and do – not only in our homes, schools, and places of work – but here at Bethel Church as well.

This February, my prayer for you, my prayer for me, and my prayer for our church is that we heed the call; that we live into the grace, peace, and mercy of a God who wants nothing more than to teach us how to fish.

Faithfully,



Pastor Bucholtz

## ASH WEDNESDAY

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The Ecumenical Ash Wednesday service will be held at Emanuel UCC, Manchester  
March 5, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

## CABINET MEETING

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A Cabinet meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. Please have a representative from each committee attend this meeting. We will be filling events into the calendar.

## CHILI COOK-OFF RESULTS

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10 eager and enterprising Chili cooks stirred up wonderful pots of chili for all of us eager and excited eaters. Thank you to our wonderful cooks: Dean Amrhein, Debbie Austin, Mark Austin, Ava Goff, Jean Holder, Judy Jahnke, Darryl Kuebler, Jennifer Pettigrew, Will Riley and Julie Vogel.

Our panel of judges chose the following winners: Winner for Non-traditional chili - Debbie Austin and Runner up for Non-traditional chili - Judy Jahnke. Winner of Traditional chili - Mark Austin and Runner up of Traditional chili - Julie Vogel. Our People's Choice winner was Jennifer Pettigrew.

We raised approximately \$350 towards our mission projects. Thank you to everyone for enjoying this event.

## UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY

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Bold indicates a change.

Brian Holder  
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**Tecumseh, MI 49236**

Jeff Roberts  
**1457 Mayfield Ave. NE**  
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**PO Box 562**  
**Saline, MI 48176**

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**608 Ironwood Way**  
**Saline, MI 48176**

Kimberly (Hutson) **Swindoll**

## BLANKETS+ SUNDAY

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**Blankets+** kickoff will take place on February 9 when Bonnie Mitchell's 7th grade Sunday School class will present a promotional skit for the congregation. The offering envelopes will be in the pews that day and throughout the month of February. It will be sent to Church World Service.

For over 60 years, CWS has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including:

- Blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster
- Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields
- Wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens
- Literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential

Please be generous with your Blankets+ offering.

## WOMEN OF BETHEL

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The ingathering of material aids are Sunday, February 16 and 23. There is always a big need for these items. Please plan to give your support to help those less fortunate. Catherine Moore and Joan Egeler are the coordinators. Diane Wahl is the kitchen steward for February.

## EVANGELISM

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The **Ushers, Greeters, Lay Readers, Acolytes and Child Care** lists for February 2014 through January 2015 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 by the Monday of your scheduled week. They can help you find substitutes if you are unable to do so.

## HEARTS AND HANDS

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April 10, 2014 is the next Hearts and Hands meeting at the church.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## LOCAL MISSION TRIP

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Our next Local Mission trip to the World Medical Relief Warehouse will be on Saturday, February 15th. 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 Cathy Moore. Spare a few hours of your time to help others. It will make you feel good! Please sign up with Pastor Dave (bucholtz@umich.edu) or Cathy (catherinemoore@att.net) by Wednesday, February 12th.

## MISSION FEST SPAGHETTI SUPPER

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Our Mission Fest fundraising Spaghetti Supper and Choice Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2014. Save the Date! There will be entertainment to enjoy, lots of good food to eat and many wonderful donated items to take your chances of winning. And in the process you will be supporting the missions of Bethel.

If you have something you would like to donate for the raffle please see Susan Luckhardt at sluckhardt@att.net or Cathy Moore at catherinemoore@att.net. We need to know by February 2.

Some of the Choice Raffle item ideas from the past are: shelled hickory nuts; gift cards for gas, restaurants and stores; sports memorabilia or tickets to sporting events; firewood; homemade handcrafted items such as quilts, wood worked items, knitted/crocheted items and canned foods; gift baskets... the list goes on and the variety is endless.

## 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: **February 8, 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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February 25 is our next Vesper meal for the homeless population of Washtenaw County. Please contact Susan Luckhardt (sluckhardt@att.net) if you are interested in helping with either serving, donating or preparing food. Thank you!

## 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.

## REMINDER ABOUT RECYCLING BULLETINS

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Think green! Remember to leave your bulletins on the back pews of the sanctuary or annex for recycling.

## RE-MEMBER MISSION TRIP MEETING

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If you've ever thought about being part of Bethel's summer trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, please come to a general information session on Sunday, February 9, in the church library following worship. The Pine Ridge experience of service and fellowship is unforgettable. More importantly, the Pine Ridge experience of service and fellowship is transformational. It will forever change how you think about Native Americans and how you view our church's call to mission. Our travel dates are July 18 – July 26. We are especially keen on new people (those who've never been before) to share in this mission. *All are welcome!* Your inquiry does not obligate you in any way. Our trip coordinator is David Strobbe ([strobbebieter@gmail.com](mailto:strobbebieter@gmail.com)). Please let David know if you have interest but cannot attend our meeting.

## 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. See you there!

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

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Money and stewardship are not only hot button topics in church, they provoke spiritual questions. Jesus said you cannot serve both God and money. But could better money management lead to better means for God's service? To this end, the Board of Christian Education would like to offer a nine-week course on financial management. The course is called, Financial Peace. It is taught through a series of DVD's produced by economic advisor, Dave Ramsey. Ramsey asks, "What could the people of God do for the kingdom of God if they were debt-free?" According to his website, class participants, on average, pay off \$5,300 in debt, save \$2,700, and increase their church giving by 30%. If you have any interest in participating, please contact Jeff Elliott at 734-751-4931 or email [jelliott@tlassoc.com](mailto:jelliott@tlassoc.com). You may also call or e-mail the church office at 734-429-8530 and [office@bethelonthehill.org](mailto:office@bethelonthehill.org). The course would be led and facilitated by one of your fellow church members, and would meet after church on Sunday (10:30 till 11:45). For more information about the course, visit <https://www.daveramsey.com/church/home>.

## BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH

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Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, is *Bring a Friend to Church Sunday*. During worship over the past couple of weeks, we've read how Jesus' called his disciples using words such as "Come and See" and "Follow Me." As the Church, the Body of Christ, it is our charge to be the voice, hands, and feet of Jesus. February 16<sup>th</sup> is our opportunity to say, "Come and See" to someone we know. It may be a friend, a co-worker, a classmate, or even someone in your extended family, including members of our Bethel family whom we haven't seen of late. There will be a coffee hour following worship to personally welcome our visitors. Make your phone call or send your e-mail today. Discipleship is not an obligation, it's a privilege.

## MATERIAL AIDS

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February is our month to gather in the School Kits and Health Kits that we send to Church World Service (CWS). CWS distributes these kits all over the world where ever there is a need. To assemble either of these kits see the specifics below:

### School Kit

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles (This bag is provided by Jean Martin; pick one up at church to fill with all of the items)

### Health Kit

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16"x28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure. Please do not add toothpaste to the kit. CWS will add toothpaste to shipments of kits just prior to shipping.

The value of a School Kit is \$15 and a Health Kit is \$10. If you don't have time to assemble a kit consider donating the money towards purchasing a kit. See Cathy Moore to donate.

CWS also needs help with the processing/shipping costs, which are \$2.00 per kit. Consider donating money towards this cost.

Remember to continue to save: Campbell soup labels, Box Top labels, pop can tabs, no longer needed eyeglasses, lenses, hearing aids, cell phones, and cancelled postage stamps (leave at least a ¼ inch around the stamp PLEASE). We also are collecting the fronts of greeting cards to send to St. Judes for their recycled card program.

Also bring your paper and plastic grocery bags to church and leave them at the back of the sanctuary or near the coat rack by the Reineck 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.

## 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 and 734-213-8459 or Pastor Dave at bucholtz@umich.edu and 734-323-4129.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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For the Sunday School rotations for the next 3 weeks, the children will be learning about The Beatitudes.

Volunteers for The Beatitudes rotations are:

Cookery – Deanna Henderson

Craft – Diane Wahl

Story – Jody Munson

## February 2

Preschool - Story

Kindergarten & 1st grade - Cookery

2nd grade - Craft

3rd & 4th grade - Story

## February 9

Preschool - Cookery

Kindergarten & 1st grade - Craft

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

3rd & 4th grade - Cookery

## February 16

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 and Kristi will make sure all items needed for each station is ready and waiting. 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:

- Feb 2 Our children will ponder Jesus’ good news of the kingdom of God by investigating the Beatitudes and their meaning for their lives.
- Feb 9 Our children will wrestle with Jesus’ teaching about being salt and light and decide how to respond.
- Feb 16 Our children will hear Moses preach about choices and consequences and begin to discern how these words may shape their lives.
- Feb 23 As they encounter Leviticus 19, our children will define holiness and explore what it means to live as God’s holy people.

## ♪ ♪ TAKE NOTE ♪ ♪

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SPECIAL MUSIC scheduled for February is:

- ♪ 2<sup>nd</sup> BETHEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA *Song without Words* by Holst/arr. J. Bucholtz
- 9<sup>th</sup> CHILDREN’S CHOIR *Gentle Jesus* by Anna Laura Page
- 16<sup>th</sup> SENIOR CHOIR *I Will Give Thanks* by Allen Pote
- 23<sup>rd</sup> SOLOIST, Alison Robison *A Simple Song* by Leonard Bernstein

CHOIR REHEARSALS in February are as follows:

- Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Children’s Choir: **Exception, no rehearsal on February 17 (Presidents’ Day)**
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir
- Sunday, February 16 at 11:45 a.m. Youth Choir Plus

Bethel Chamber Orchestra rehearsals, TBA

At the end of last year when all of our musicians have completed a very busy December up through Christmas, several women met once again and learned the anthem *Christ Child, Christ Child* by Marian Chaplin, arranged by Hayley Ades and sang it on December 29. Julie Kreitzer remembers singing it when she was younger and had



suggested it as a possible anthem. Thanks, Julie.

Duane Kuebler was our Special Music on January 5 when he sang, in his usual thoughtful way, *I Wonder as I Wander* an Appalachian carol arranged by John Jacob Niles.

Choir rehearsals got off to a slow start in January when the first rehearsal scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> was canceled because of lots of snow. Music plans were changed because of that. Musicians who filled in at the last minute were Pastor Dave and Alison Robison with their duet *Mary Did You Know* by Buddy Greene and Mark Lowry, arranged by Lloyd Larson on January 12 and a trio, Linda Perkins, Julie Roberts and Pastor Dave singing *Lamb of God* by Twila Paris arranged by B. Knight & J. Bucholtz on January 19.

Thanks to all of these choir members for their efforts on behalf of Bethel's music program.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

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- February 2 Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 and Matthew 5:1-12  
February 9 Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 and Matthew 5:13-20  
February 16 Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 and Matthew 5:21-37  
February 23 Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 and Matthew 5:38-48

## REVISED 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.

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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- February 1 Kim and Dave Thompson  
February 2 Brad Whitehouse and Melissa Stewart  
February 14 Jeff and Sheryl Feldkamp  
February 15 Jill and Andrew Corwin  
February 18 Michael and Wendy Guenther  
February 22 Bruce and Shirley Haeussler  
February 29 Billy and Jasmine Kuebler



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

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

Bulletin information is due on Wednesday of each week.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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2	Dean Amrhein	9	Marie Cornell	16	Beverly Whitbeck
3	Andrew Diuble Jeff Elliott Clare Humphrey Susan Luckhardt Mariel Peck		Klara Kuebler Justin Porter	17	Raven Carson Gage Drake Kathleen Kuebler
5	Bonnie Hieber Mona Pieske	10	Samantha Henes Jacob Reineck	19	Emma Seeger
6	Garrett Corwin	11	John Beckett Gene DeRossett Tammy Pieske	20	Joe Moore
7	Mike Horodeczny Ron Mann	12	Ivy Herron Cathy Moore Victoria St. Charles	21	Valerie Hieber Megan Young
8	Diane Seeger	13	Eldean Bauer Daniel Perkins	23	Stephanie Timmerman
		15	Kimberly Swindoll James Wild	24	Jaccari James Julie Roberts
				25	Eric Kruger
				26	Hunter Carson
				29	Cassidy Hieber



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

## PRAYER CHAIN

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If you signed up to be part of the prayer chain, either by phone or e-mail, the lists are below.

To start the prayer chain for a loved one, member of the church, friend or neighbor, you can call Pastor Dave (323-4129), Renee St. Charles at the office (429-8530), Millie Guenther (429-7217) or Mary Sue Moore (428-8687). If a request is received close to 9:00 p.m. on any day, the telephone chain will not be started until the morning of the next day. The email message will go out immediately to all people listed, no matter what time it is received.

### TELEPHONE

Ava Goff	734.428.8076
Jean Holder	517.423.6115
Kay Martin	734.428.7381
Emily St. Charles	734.428.9513

### EMAIL

Pastor Dave	Mary Knapp	Cathy Moore
Nancy Bihlmeyer	Nancy Loudin	Mary Sue Moore
Kristi Campbell	Susan Luckhardt	Stacey Neigebauer
Elaine Creech	Becky Mann	Lou Ann Preston
Denise Davis	Sue Mann	Julie Roberts
Sandy DeRossett	Tom Mann	Michelle Roberts
Joyce Guenther	Susan Mann	Renee St. Charles
Mildred Guenther	Vicki Miller	Cathy Koefoed-Smith
Jennifer Harris	Bonnie Mitchell	Tammy Wakevainen
Michelle Jedele		

# GREETERS

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## FEBRUARY 2, 2014 - JANUARY 25, 2015

February	2	William and Kathryn Martin
	9	Ron and Peggy Diuble
	16	Vic and Susan Mann
	23	Ken and Bonnie Hieber
March	2	Eldean and Marie Bauer
	9	Andrew and Jill Corwin; Drew and Garrett
	16	Derald and Amanda Bauer
	23	Ray and Ava Goff
April	30	Fred and Judy Jahnke
	6	Don and Nancy Hieber; Kevin Haeussler
	13	Phyllis Meranuck and Tom Golka
	17	Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Jim and Lora Wiedmayer
	18	Good Friday Ecumenical Service, 1:00 p.m. Volunteers
	20	Easter Sunrise, 7:30 a.m., Doug and Mariel Peck
	20	Easter, 10:00 a.m., Dave and Diane Seeger
May	27	Larry Helber and Lou Ann Preston
	4	William and Kathryn Martin
	11	Jeff and Tammy Elliott; Tyler and Bailey
	18	Brian and Mary Finkbeiner; Jacob and Emily
	25	Betty Schneider and Cathy Koefoed-Smith
June	1	Fred and Judy Jahnke
	8	Todd and Michelle Jedele; Sydney and Siera
	15	Stephen and Lynn Strobbe; Joseph and David
	22	Ron and Joann Finkbeiner
	29	Mike and Ashlie Haeussler; Carter and Liam
July	6	Gerry and Beverly Merz
	13	John and Lori Tursak; Hailey
	20	Lyle and Diane Wahl
	27	John and Nancy Bihlmeyer
August	3	Jean Holder and Norma Brees
	10	Jim and Alison Robison
	17	Pat and Judy Laberde; Amanda
	24	Kristi Campbell; Courtney, Jordan and Collin
	31	Mike and Sula Horodeczny; Jeffrey and Cassidy
September	7	Will and Amy Riley; Lauren and Liam
	14	Harvey and Marcella Luckhardt
	21	Brandon and Melissa Henes; Mackenzie and Samantha
	28	Jean Martin and Carol Colby
October	5	Elizabeth Baron, Marc, Lorelei, Steve and Annelise
	12	Tom and Julie Kreitzer; Kyle
	19	Bruce and Lori Lobbestael; Emily, Eric, Ethan and Eli
	26	Darryl and Kolleen Kuebler; Kylie, Kathleen and Klara
November	2	Darrell and Susan Loy
	9	Tom and Sue Mann; Megan and Ryan
	16	Shane and Stacey Neigebauer; Dillon

	23	Jeff and Becky Mann; Jessica and Jacob
	30	Michael Meranuck Family
December	7	Earl, Cat and James Meyer
	14	John and Sarah Heuser; Ben, Jordan and Rachel
	21	Rhonda Holbrook and Misty Holbrook
	24	(5:30 p.m. service) Jack and Elaine Creech
	24	(7:30 p.m. service) Rudy and Susan Layher; R.J. and Matthew
	28	Tom and Emily St. Charles
January	4	Stan and Patty Lambarth
2015	11	Larry and Patsy Aiken
	18	Julie and Joe Roberts; Colleen and Michelle
	25	Doug and Mariel Peck

NOTE: Please arrange a trade or find a substitute if you are unable to greet on a scheduled Sunday. Call the church office by Monday of that week with your replacement (429-8530). If you are unable to find a substitute, call Joe Moore (428-8687). THANK YOU! Please read Greeters' Responsibilities included in this newsletter.

### **GREETERS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Thank you for offering to serve as a greeter for Bethel Church. As a greeter, you are usually the first to welcome people when they arrive for worship. The spirit in which you do this will make them feel glad they have come. You should see yourself as an extension of God's love and warmth as you offer the hand of Christian fellowship.

#### **YOUR SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES ARE:**

1. Arrive at church thirty minutes before the service. Dress appropriately to make a good impression on members and visitors. Your name tag will be on the guest book stand.
2. As members and visitors arrive, greet them in a manner that makes them feel welcome.
3. Ask visitors to sign the guest book.
4. Visitors with young children and/or infants can be told about the Sunday School classes that meet during worship (3 and 4 year olds and Kindergarten) and child care for infants through 2 year olds. Ask someone to direct them if they are interested.
5. Visitors with older children may want them to attend Sunday School. Ask someone to direct them to a Sunday School teacher or Education Team leader.
6. If you are unable to greet when you are scheduled, please find a substitute if possible. Then notify the church office (429-8530) or Joe Moore (428-8687). Do this by Monday of the week you greet so the correct information can be listed in the worship bulletin.
7. Continue to greet until the service begins.
8. Please leave your name tag on the back pew or table.

Thank you again,  
The Evangelism Committee

**USHERS FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2014 - JANUARY 25, 2015**

**TEAM 1**

DAVE HERTER  
Mike Haeussler  
David Strobbe  
Lynn Strobbe  
Stephen Strobbe

**TEAM 5**

DAVID SEEGER  
John Bihlmeyer  
Mike Horodeczny  
Diane Seeger  
Jeff Shankland

**TEAM 9**

RON MANN  
Jeff Mann  
Tom Mann  
Vic Mann  
Gery Merz

**TEAM 2**

LARRY EGELER  
Fred Jahnke  
Judy Jahnke  
Phil Miller  
Vicki Miller

**TEAM 6**

LARRY AIKEN  
Patsy Aiken  
Brian Finkbeiner  
Jacob Finkbeiner  
Mary Finkbeiner

**TEAM 10**

LORI TURSAK  
Jack Creech  
Cameron Hibbard  
Debbie Hibbard  
Joe Roberts

**TEAM 3**

DUANE KUEBLER  
Julie Kreitzer  
Tom Kreitzer  
Darryl Kuebler  
Mike Meranuck

**TEAM 7**

JEAN MARTIN  
Courtney Campbell  
Kristi Campbell  
Cathy Koefoed-Smith  
Amanda Laberde

**TEAM 11**

RICK JONES  
Jim Burmeister  
Larry Helber  
Beverly Nelson  
Betty Schneider

**TEAM 4**

SCOTT DIUBLE  
Ron Diuble  
Rudy Layher  
Bruce Lobbestael  
Ethan Lobbestael

**TEAM 8**

DAVID HAEUSSLER  
Derald Bauer  
Jeff Elliott  
John Heuser  
Jordan Heuser

TEAM 1:	Feb. 2	Apr. 17 *	June 22	Sept. 7	Nov. 23	Jan. 25, 2015
TEAM 2:	Feb. 9	Apr. 20, 7:30 a.m.	June 29	Sept. 14	Nov. 30	
TEAM 3:	Feb. 16	Apr. 20, 10:00 a.m.	July 6	Sept. 21	Dec. 7	
TEAM 4:	Feb. 23	Apr. 27	July 13	Sept. 28	Dec. 14	
TEAM 5:	Mar. 2	May 4	July 20	Oct. 5	Dec. 21	
TEAM 6:	Mar. 9	May 11	July 27	Oct. 12	Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m.	
TEAM 7:	Mar. 16	May 18	Aug. 3	Oct. 19	Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m.	
TEAM 8:	Mar. 23	May 25	Aug. 10	Oct. 26	Dec. 28	
TEAM 9:	Mar. 30	June 1	Aug. 17	Nov. 2	Jan. 4, 2015	
TEAM 10:	Apr. 6	June 8	Aug. 24	Nov. 9	Jan. 11, 2015	
TEAM 11:	Apr. 13	June 15	Aug. 31	Nov. 16	Jan. 18, 2015	

NAME AT TOP OF EACH TEAM'S LIST IS USHER CAPTAIN.

NOTE:

\* Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m.

Please arrange a trade or find a substitute if you are unable to usher on a scheduled Sunday or mid-week service. Call the church office by Monday of that week with your replacement (429-8530). If you are unable to find a substitute, call Joe Moore (428-8687)

THANK YOU! Please read Ushers' Responsibilities included in this newsletter.

## USHERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Thank you for being part of one of our ushering teams. Besides serving in a most practical way, you are very much involved in outreach and evangelism. As members and visitors enter church, ushers are generally the first to welcome them after the greeters do. Take advantage of this golden opportunity to create a friendly atmosphere where they feel at home and where the mood is established that prepares them for worship.

### YOUR SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES ARE:

1. Arrive at church thirty minutes before the service. Dress appropriately to make a good impression on members and visitors. Your name tag will be on the back table.
2. Turn on lights, open windows and set up fans (summer) and turn up heat in entryway (winter). Place some bulletins in the balcony entrance at the top of the stairs and in the annex.
3. Reserve rows for choirs or other groups as needed. Check with minister and choir director before the service.
4. As worshipers arrive, usher them to the pew of their choice. Encourage members to sit near the front if they are willing and to sit as close together as possible. Give them a bulletin.
5. Families with young children and infants can be reminded that the Sunday School for 3 & 4 year olds and a child care room for infants through 2-year olds are both available during the worship hour.
6. If you think someone is a visitor, ask them to sign the guest book. Try and seat visitors with a church member in the main sanctuary. If that is not possible, please escort them to the balcony or annex. Don't seat them alone in a pew if possible.
7. Seat latecomers during a hymn or announcement time. Avoid seating during a prayer, anthem or scripture reading.
8. Help to take the offering. Collect offering by starting a plate down a row and recovering another plate as it comes toward you down an adjacent row. Continue in this way. Remember to collect in the balcony and annex. Do not collect from choirs.
9. If your name is the first one listed on your team, you are the HEAD USHER. Please remind your team the week they should usher. You should take attendance during the service and enter the numbers on the sheet provided. Include those in choir, three, four and five year old Sunday School classes and child care (nursery).
10. Be prepared to deal with emergencies. Know the location of fire extinguishers, first aid kits and telephone for dialing 911.
11. Following the service:
  - a. Collect bulletins and other papers left behind and leave them on the back pew for recycling.
  - b. Straighten hymnals. Turn down heat in entryway to 50 degrees. Leave your name tag on the back pew or table.
  - c. Pick up debris and articles for lost and found (church office).
12. If you cannot usher when you are scheduled, please arrange for a substitute if possible. Then notify the HEAD USHER and church office (429-8530 or Joe Moore (428-8687). Do this by Monday of the week you usher so the correct information can be listed in the worship bulletin.

Thank you again.

The Evangelism Committee

## CHILDCARE 2014

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February 2	Sue Mann and Ryan Mann
February 9	Michelle Jedele and Eli Lobbestael
February 16	Jill Corwin and Drew Corwin
February 23	Michelle Roberts and Garrett Corwin
March 2	Kristi Campbell and Jordan Campbell
March 9	Stacey Neigebauer and Eli Lobbestael
March 16	Michelle Roberts and Megan Mann
March 23	Sue Mann and Lauren Riley
March 30	Jill Corwin and Garrett Corwin
April 6	Kristi Campbell and Collin Campbell
April 13	Stacey Neigebauer and Drew Corwin
April 20	Easter Sunday Volunteers needed
April 27	Michelle Roberts and Eli Lobbestael
May 4	Stacey Neigebauer and Megan Mann
May 11	Michelle Jedele and Eli Lobbestael
May 18	Children's Day Volunteers needed
May 25	Sue Mann and Megan Mann
June 1-August 31	Summer months - Volunteers as needed
September 7	Kristi Campbell and Courtney Campbell
September 14	Sue Mann and Ryan Mann
September 21	Jill Corwin and Garrett Corwin
September 28	Michelle Roberts and Eli Lobbestael
October 5	Kristi Campbell and Collin Campbell
October 12	Sue Mann and Megan Mann
October 19	Stacey Neigebauer and Drew Corwin
October 26	Michelle Jedele and Lauren Riley
November 2	Michelle Roberts and Courtney Campbell
November 9	Jill Corwin and Eli Lobbestael
November 16	Kristi Campbell and Jordan Campbell
November 23	Jill Corwin and Collin Campbell
November 30	Michelle Jedele and Garrett Corwin
December 7	Michelle Roberts and Drew Corwin
December 14	Sue Mann and Ryan Mann
December 21	Stacey Neigebauer and Courtney Campbell
December 24	Christmas Eve Service Volunteers as needed
December 28-January 4	No Sunday School Volunteers as needed
January 11	Michelle Jedele and Lauren Riley
January 18	Jill Corwin and Drew Corwin
January 25	Sue Mann and Ryan Mann

# LAY READERS

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## February

2 Rick Jones  
9 Ava Goff  
16 Jeff Elliott  
23 Fred Jahnke

## March

2 Becky Mann  
9 Jean Holder  
(Daylight Savings)  
16 Catherine Roberts  
23 Judy Laberde  
30 Nate Munson

## April

6 Confirmation Presentations  
13 Lisa Novess  
17 Alison Robison  
(7:30p Maundy Thursday)  
18 Carol Colby  
(1:00p Good Friday)  
20 Amanda Laberde  
(7:30a Easter)  
28 Susan Luckhardt  
(10:00a Easter)

## May

4 Lori Lobbestael  
11 Bonnie Mitchell  
18 Jill Corwin  
25 (10:30a Children's Day)

## June

1 Joe Moore  
8 Fred Munson  
15 Stephen Strobbe  
22 Diane Wahl  
29 Cathy Moore

## July

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

## August

3 Jeff Elliott  
10 Fred Jahnke  
17 Becky Mann  
24 Catherine Roberts  
31 Judy Laberde

## September

7 Nate Munson  
14 Lisa Novess  
21 Jean Holder  
28 Rick Jones

## October

5 Alison Robison  
12 Carol Colby  
19 Susan Luckhardt  
26 Lori Lobbestael

## November

2 Bonnie Mitchell  
9 Jill Corwin  
16 Joe Moore  
23 Fred Munson  
30 Stephen Strobbe

## December

7 Diane Wahl  
14 Cathy Moore  
21 (Festival of Lessons & Carols)  
24 5:30p H.S./College student (Christmas Eve)  
24 7:30p H.S./College student (Christmas Eve)  
28 Jean Martin

## January 2015

4 Jody Munson  
11 Michelle Roberts  
18 Rick Jones  
25 Ava Goff



# Report from the Treasurer - General Fund

December 31, 2013 & 2012

	<u>Month Ended</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Receipts:				
Offering	\$17,415.50	\$ 17,759.00	\$ 143,719.49	\$ 146,069.00
Loose Offering	\$ 1,875.25	\$ 778.65	\$ 6,801.20	\$ 4,434.10
Initial offering	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 256.00	\$ 216.00
Lenten & Family service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 224.00	\$ 506.00
Maundy Thursday & Easter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,756.00	\$ 1,855.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 135.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 542.00	\$ 380.00
Christmas	\$ 3,012.00	\$ 2,403.00	\$ 3,012.00	\$ 2,479.18
Hall & chair rental	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 690.00
Memorials	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Confirmation gowns		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90.00
Totals	<u>\$22,535.75</u>	<u>\$ 21,067.65</u>	<u>\$ 158,250.69</u>	<u>\$ 156,819.28</u>
Benevolences (OCWM)	\$ 935.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 6,285.00	\$ 6,065.00
Christmas Fund (VOC)	\$ 185.00	\$ 513.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 513.00
Local benevolences	\$ 335.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 2,185.00
Sunday School	\$ 305.00	\$ 773.20	\$ 1,649.00	\$ 2,078.20
Disaster Relief		\$ -	\$ 383.00	\$ 120.00
Strengthen the Church		\$ -	\$ 70.00	\$ 165.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		\$ -	\$ 1,246.00	\$ 345.00
CWS Blanket Sunday		\$ -	\$ 521.00	\$ 940.00
CWS Crop Walk		\$ -	\$ 834.00	\$ 654.00
Neighbors in need		\$ -	\$ 377.00	\$ 205.00
Camp Talahi		\$ 100.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 536.00
Transfer in - Ice Cream Social		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Transfer in - Cemetery Fund		\$ 1,162.28		\$ 1,162.28
Transfer Discretionary Fund		\$ -	\$ 178.51	\$ -
Transfer Planned Giving/Endowment			\$ 11,815.50	\$ -
Mission Fund	\$ 350.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 895.00	\$ 1,721.00
Bethel Quilters		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Sauerkraut Supper	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	<u>\$ 2,110.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,958.48</u>	<u>\$ 28,299.01</u>	<u>\$ 19,389.48</u>
Total Receipts	<u><b>\$ 4,645.75</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 26,026.13</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 186,549.70</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 176,208.76</b></u>

Disbursements:

Personnel (salaries & related expenses)	\$ 8,018.49	\$ 9,046.48	\$ 99,731.24	\$ 99,232.44
Building costs (custodian, utilities & propane)	\$ 3,683.43	\$ 2,860.36	\$ 46,185.29	\$ 45,101.14
Operations (phone, office & worship supplies)	\$ 913.83	\$ 883.12	\$ 9,821.31	\$ 11,356.56
Kitchen & Local Outreach	\$ 23.92	\$ 20.25	\$ 838.55	\$ 841.57
Education & Conferences	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 396.75	\$ 460.97
Benevolences	\$ 7,776.00	\$ 6,936.00	\$ 10,426.00	\$ 8,530.00
Local Benevolences	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 2,071.00
Local Missions( Vespers)	\$ 295.00	\$ 535.00	\$ 312.77	\$ 1,621.00
Camp Talahi	\$ 645.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 645.00	\$ 536.00
Discretionary		\$ -	\$ 178.51	
Sunday School Desg. Donations	\$ 505.00	\$ 1,293.20	\$ 1,655.97	\$ 2,078.20
Transfer Bethel Building Fd.	\$ 71.50	\$ -	\$ 5,621.50	\$ -
Endowment Fund donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,194.00	\$ -
Totals	<b><u>\$ 3,932.17</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 23,494.41</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 184,436.89</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 171,828.88</u></b>
Excess (Deficit)				
Receipts over Disbursements	\$ 713.58	\$ 2,531.72	\$ 2,112.81	\$ 4,379.88
Beginning Cash	<u>\$ 6,204.65</u>	<u>\$ 2,273.70</u>	<u>\$ 4,805.42</u>	<u>\$ 425.54</u>
Ending Cash December 31	<b><u>\$ 6,918.23</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,805.42</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,918.23</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,805.42</u></b>

As you can see from the above, December receipts helped us to meet our Budget and pay our obligations for Benevolences. This was helped by donations from the Sauerkraut Supper Committee \$500 and the Ice Cream Social Committee \$1,000 during the year. Thank you for your support.

Lyle R. Wahl, Treasurer

# BETHEL CHURCH BOARD MINUTES

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December 11, 2013

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, W. Riley

**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 November 2013**

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 3,873.32	\$ 16,355.50	\$ 14,024.17	\$ 6,204.65
Building Fund	\$ 23,374.99	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,048.95	\$ 22,676.04
Mission Fund	\$ 2,840.99	\$ 3,362.55	\$ 3,918.78	\$ 2,284.76
Memorial Fund	\$ 67,412.36	\$ 323.24	\$ -	
Change in Market Value		\$ (0.01)	\$ -	\$ 67,735.59
Discretionary Fund	\$12,119.82	\$ 2.76	\$ -	
Change in Market Value		\$ (75.96)	\$ -	\$12,046.62
Sabbatical	\$ 1,757.93	\$ -	\$ -	
Change in Market Value		\$ (30.28)	\$ -	\$ 1,727.65
Planned Giving Endowment	\$469,806.90	\$ 5,259.34	\$ (26.06)	\$ -
Change in Market Value		\$ (1,389.62)	\$ -	\$473,702.68

Motion to pay all monthly bills: A. Robison

Seconded by: P. Henes

Approved:

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: A. Robison

Seconded by: P. Henes

Approved:

**Committee Reports:** Next Cabinet meeting scheduled Tuesday, February 4 @ 6:15 p.m.

\*\*\* Brainstorming idea of having 1 centralized annual calendar for all the church committees to use and review. The goal is to not overlap events. \*\*\*

**Cemetery: (Alison)** Some of the older head stones need to be reset, the Cemetery Committee is reviewing costs

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

**Evangelism (Mike/Jeff):** No meeting/report

**Stewardship (Jean):** Still seeking volunteers to establish a comprehensive Stewardship Committee (3 max).

**Board of Christian Education (Patti):** No meeting/report

**Mission (Lyle):** Quilt, Crèche, and cookie display went well, they had 118 quilts on display

**Memorial (Patti):** No report. Waiting for quotes for a new sound system for the church, also met to discuss the possibility of getting a new sign, and its cost.

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

**Archives:** No report / meeting

**Hearts and Hands:** No report / meeting.

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

- EHM Saline and Brecon village visits: 13
- Pastoral care visits (Home / Office / Abroad): 10

### **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: Need a new exit door downstairs.

### **Old Business:**

- Evangelical Home Chapel Sponsorship. Committed \$5,000 over 5 years, \$1,000 was paid for 2013 by the Ice Cream Social, 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.

### **New Business:**

- Correspondence: None reviewed / received.
- Planning for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015 to start, need to get a committee of volunteers
- Discussed future Bethel Property
- Annual Meeting date: January 19, 2014
  - o 2014 Budget
  - o Elections
- 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- 2013 Mission allocations (local and OCWM)
  - o Motion to disperse local mission contributions to the following organizations. – W. Riley
  - o Second. – A. Robison
  - o Approved. – All
    - . Manchester Family Services - \$500
    - . Manchester Community Resource Center - \$500
    - . Saline Social Services - \$500
    - . Saline Evangelical Home - \$500
    - . Camp Talahi – \$580
- Motion to disperse OCWM mission contributions to the following organizations. – P. Henes
- Second. – M. Meranuck
- Approved. – All
  - o Zambia Mission - \$2,500
  - o Remember Mission - \$2,500
  - o OCWM Lansing - \$2,500

### **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:** Wednesday, January 8, 2014 @ 7:00 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: W. Riley

Manchester's March Blood Drive  
Monday, March 3  
1:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
At Emanuel United Church of Christ  
To make an appointment please call Marja Warner at 734-428-9506

**ELVIS** comes to Clinton, MI  
*At Where Friends Meet*  
11701 Tecumseh-Clinton Rd.  
on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-11:00 p.m.  
\$15/ticket  
Food available to purchase  
Proceeds to benefit needy families in Clinton

## Donate a Dress!

### **NEW** *Manchester Prom Dress Recycling Program*



Donate your clean prom and bridesmaid dresses, shoes and jewelry to be used at a Free Prom Dress Boutique open to all Manchester High School Students in the spring!

*Help make someone's prom night perfect!*

**Drop off:** anytime, year round at the front desk of the Manchester District Library

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