

# Bethels Kirche

A Monthly Newsletter of  
Bethel United Church of Christ

November 2014



## PASTOR'S PAGE

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Dear Friends,

Generally speaking, at the polls on Election Day, people “vote their pocketbooks”. It doesn't matter so much what the pollsters say about the state of national affairs or the domestic economy, if you're personal finances are suffering, you cast a ballot against the incumbent leadership in hopes of a change for the better.

Well, this isn't a letter to solicit votes. But it is a letter about our pocketbooks. Because much like in the voting booth, our tendency is to measure church stewardship in comparison to our personal finances. This is both necessary and prudent. We cannot pledge to give what we don't have. On the other hand, we can pledge to give. No matter if you are a newly confirmed teenager, a young adult with a spouse and children, a middle-aged empty nester, or a retired senior – we all can give.

We don't give because we have to – stewardship is not an obligation. We give because we need to – stewardship is a privilege. Stewardship is a unique and blessed opportunity that reflects our faith, hope, and trust in God. Figuratively speaking, stewardship is *faith with legs*. It takes what we say we believe and makes it tangible, concrete.

Among our Old Testament readings this fall, we've considered 1 Kings 3: 4-13. It is the account of young King Solomon's prayer. In this prayer Solomon doesn't ask for riches or fame, he simply and humbly asks for an understanding mind, *lev shome'a* – a Hebrew phrase which literally means, *a listening heart*. God was pleased to grant Solomon's request; King Solomon became forever known for his wisdom. The king wasn't wise because of an extraordinary I.Q. but because he was receptive to divine suggestion, he was aligned with holy intention.

The same can be true for you and me. We can ask for and receive from God *lev shome'a* – listening hearts. We can use our hearts to hear God's call to be good stewards – to manage our financial resources in a manner consistent with the faith that we espouse. Be part of our fall stewardship campaign; make your pledge today. Cast your ballot in favor of Bethel Church, in support of our ministry and mission, and in concert with God's grace and blessing in your life.

Faithfully,



Pastor Bucholtz

## BETHEL CHURCH STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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Our 2014 - 2015 Stewardship campaign kicks off on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will conclude with the dedication of our pledges on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up your Stewardship packets here at church; if you're unable to do so, please call the office and one will be mailed to you. Please take the time to prayerfully consider your contribution to Bethel Church.

## CROP WALK REPORT

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A complete financial report is unavailable at this time. However, out of the sixty-five walkers who took to the seats (CROP Rock) and streets, more than twenty were from Bethel Church. We had the youngest walker there, Izzy who completed the 2.7 miles along with several others of our Sunday School children, youth and adults. The weather turned out to be beautiful. At the end of the walk, the walkers enjoyed snacks and fellowship in the Manchester United Methodist Church dining hall.

Look for the final report in December's Newsletter.

## FLU SHOTS

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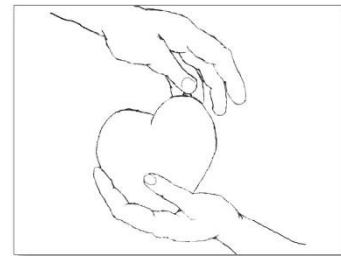
Flu shots will be available at Bethel on Sunday, November 9 following worship. Blood pressure checks will be available that day as well.

## HEARTS AND HANDS

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**World Diabetes Day is November 14th.** Why should you care about diabetes? I heard an endocrinologist say "It's a tsunami!" **It's an epidemic: 9.3% of the American population has diabetes, with an estimated 80 million more with pre-diabetes.** Unless they have a change in their present lifestyle (start exercising 150 minutes/week, lose 7-10% of their body weight), they WILL develop diabetes within the next 5 years. Chances are that someone you care about is dealing with this challenging disease. Keeping blood glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol in control can make a big difference in reducing risk for complications. Visit [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org) for more information.

Now thank we all our God,  
With hearts and hands and voices;  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom this world rejoices.  
Who, from our mother's arms,  
Hath led on our way,  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today." –Hymn text by Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)



## CHURCH GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

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The Viburnum on either side of the annex door will be replaced next spring by a variety of Rhododendron that does well in Michigan. Thanks to Tom Golka for his advice on this.

## ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

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Members of our committee of five (Susan Layher, Millie Guenther, Carol Colby and Mary Sue Moore and Church Board Rep., Karen Weidmayer) 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 175<sup>th</sup> 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.

## EVANGELISM

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The **Ushers, Greeters, Lay Readers, Acolytes and Child Care** lists for November 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.

We count on you to fulfil this obligation. 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.

## 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. May 15, 2015 is the deadline for next year.

**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 last month. Look for the report elsewhere in this newsletter.

## NEW MEMBERS OF BETHEL

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**Mary (Egeler) Girbach** – Mary comes to us by letter of transfer from St. Paul UCC in Saline. Mary has a husband, Neil, and two children, ages 30 and 28. Mary is recently retired from Saline Schools after 17 years of service. Her inspirational mentors are Pastor Bucholtz, Shirley Haeussler, and Nancy Loudin. Mary looks forward to worshipping here at Bethel and becoming part of the Bethel family.

**Diana Haft** - Diana has been a regular visitor at Bethel Church over the past two years. Regarding her experience at Bethel, Diana says, "The first moment I walked in I felt welcome, and that feeling continues to grow. The atmosphere and people are so warm and friendly, helping make Bethel Church a very special and comfortable place to be." Diana is married and has two sons and two daughters via marriage, and 2 beautiful grandchildren. Diana is enjoying retirement after working over 39 years at Meijer. Diana comes to us by letter of transfer from Bethlehem UCC, Ann Arbor.

**Genevieve Haft** - Except for a short stay in Florida, Genevieve has been a life-long Michigan resident. Genevieve was married for over 60 years and has 6 children, 15 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and 1 great, great, grandchild. Since coming back to Michigan, Genevieve has visited many churches, and says that she's found Bethel to be very friendly and a place she enjoys coming to each week. By the way, Genevieve is Diana's mother-in-law.

**Paul Heimerdinger** - Paul has worked in the technology department at Tecumseh Public Schools for 16 and a half years providing support for computers and the district network. Paul jokes the he's had no formal training, but has studied "in the school of hard knocks." Paul was raised and confirmed at Bethel. He graduated from Manchester High School and attended Western Michigan University from September 1973 to June 1975. Paul, his wife, Jennifer, and three "sometimes" adorable cats live in the same house where his dad grew up. In his spare time Paul enjoys cooking, bird watching, and "sleeping in" on the weekend till 7 a.m.!

**Jennifer Heimerdinger** - Jennifer has been a licensed insurance associate for the past fifteen years, working in Ann Arbor for a State Farm agency. Jennifer was raised in the Stockbridge/Gregory area where she was a confirmed member of Shalom Lutheran Church, Pinckney. She grew up enjoying camping, band, pets, farm animals, family, and friends. She married her husband Paul in October, 1994. Jennifer loves to spend time with Paul and her kitties, planning vacations, gardening, and just being outside, especially on warm summer days.

**Diane Ratkovich** - Diane grew up in the Chicago area but admits she was always a city kid with a deep passion for horses and nature. Chasing that dream, she moved to the Saline area fifteen years ago with her two children. Her son, Nicholas, is 20. Nick is a musician and works at LaFontaine. Her daughter, Jayne, is 24. She has a degree in Horse Management from MSU and trains horses. Last November Diane bought the house at the corner of Alber and Weber roads where she enjoys having horses at home and her very own hayfield. Diane's past career was as a Family Educator working in Adoption. Since 2000 she has been a residential Realtor now with Howard Hanna. Diane also does Facilitated Learning with children and families. Diane's friends, Don and Kathy Swalwell, invited her to visit Bethel. Diane says that she feels very welcome here and thinks this is a church where she can grow spiritually and make a contribution.



## VESPERS

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Our next Vesper meal for the homeless population of Washtenaw County is Tuesday, November 25, 5:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor. If you can donate or help, please contact Susan Luckhardt at sluckhardt@att.net or 734-323-0001.

## BETHEL MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM FUNDRAISER

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IF YOU DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING at Meijer or day-to-day shopping.....any store, any state, anywhere.....you should consider signing up for the Meijer Community Rewards Program. 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. You may also access the program on the Meijer website: [www.meijer.com](http://www.meijer.com).

THANKS for your continuing support of Bethel Missions!

## ALPHA HOUSE

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Bethel supports the Alpha House family shelter in Ann Arbor. Several Saturday evenings during the year we are privileged to cook and serve dinner and enjoy activity time with the resident children. The remaining dates for 2014 are: **November 22 and December 20**. If you'd like to be part of this wonderful local mission, please contact Tammy Wakevainen ([tammywake@gmail.com](mailto:tammywake@gmail.com)).

## POP CAN TAB CONTEST

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Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Contest began September 1 and will continue until the date of the University of Michigan vs. Ohio State University football game, November 29. The past three years the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus more than doubled our collection! Can we beat them this year? These tabs can come from pop cans, soup cans and even tennis ball cans. We will donate our tabs to the Ann Arbor Ronald McDonald House. The House that collects the most tabs will receive \$1,000 from the Coca-Cola Company.



## BETHEL SCRIP GIFT CARD MISSION FUNDRAISER

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!! ONLY 55 DAYS AWAY!!!!!! Shopping can be easy when you order your SCRIP Gift Cards from Bethel AND your purchases will benefit Bethel Missions! Last year we made almost \$1,000 from your support of the gift card program.

We still have 39 SCRIP gift cards ON HAND and ON SALE after the Sunday services: \$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, \$10 SUBWAY, \$10 Panera's, \$25 Sears cards and \$10 Wendy's. You may also order from the 7-page list of vendors at any time.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call Bonnie Mitchell (734-665-3068) or Cathy Moore (734-649-7431); and please visit the Great Lakes website: [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)

## MEMORIAL SUNDAY (TOTENFEST)

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Totenfest is when we honor the memory of our church members that have passed away this calendar year. A memorial prayer will be read and their name(s) will be said aloud during the service. A family member or friend of the family will light a candle on the altar in their memory. Then the church bell will toll. The candle is for the family to take home after the service. This year we will be honoring the memories of Jim Colby, Lois Feldkamp, Bonnie Hughes, Andrew Luckhardt and Irene Smith on November 23, 2014. We will also remember our extended church family, including Fred Bourbeau, Bonnie Vanover, Tom Roberts, and others who have passed away whose names appeared in the Sunday bulletin's prayer requests.

## ADVENT WORKSHOP

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Advent Workshop will take place November 30 immediately following the service. This will take the place of Sunday School.

This is a time to have fun with Make-and-Take Crafts at tables in the Reineck Fellowship Hall. Each table will have a different craft. We need a few volunteers to help lead a craft at a table. Please contact Jennifer Bucholtz or Renee St. Charles if you are interested.

Lunch will also be served. Invite your friends!!!

## ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MUSIC FESTIVAL

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You are invited to the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service and Music Festival presented by choirs and ensembles from participating churches. Worship begins at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 23rd at Zion Lutheran Church, Fletcher Rd.

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

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The Board of Christian Education will meet on **Monday, November 3** at **6:30 p.m.** The members include Susie Amrhein, Jeff Elliott, Rachel Heuser, Darryl Kuebler, Patty Lambarth, Linda Perkins, and Jennifer Tasker.

## 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.

## WOMEN OF BETHEL

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Can you believe November is here - the month of Thanksgiving? Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Women of Bethel will host the coffee hour on November 16. Tuesday November 25th is the next Vesper meal date. This is two days before Thanksgiving. We can show our gratefulness by helping with the food for the homeless. Kay Martin and Susan Mann are the cooks. Please contact Susan Luckhardt if you can help in anyway.

Kitchen steward for November is Jean Holder.

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**Advent By Candlelight**  
**Tuesday, December 2, 2014**  
**6:30pm**  
**Reineck Fellowship Hall**  
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Ladies of Bethel, Advent is just around the corner! You will want to START the Advent Season meeting and mingling by candlelight, indulging in tasty food creations, and sharing delightful Christmas centerpieces, stories and music. Bethel members bring hors d'oeuvres, salads and/or desserts to share.

★ ALL Bethel women (Confirmands and older) are invited. SIGN-UP sheets to attend will be on the bulletin board outside the church office during the first three weeks in November.

★ SIGN-UP for Table Hostess will take place during the first three weeks in November (also on the bulletin board outside the church office).

★ Because all Bethel women should have the opportunity to attend this distinctive celebration of Advent, we may limit outside guests at each table, but only if necessary.

If you have any questions concerning the evening, if you want to sign up by phone, or if you would like to help with the planning of this special event, Bonnie Mitchell, 665-3068. It is an extraordinary way for women to begin the Advent Season!

## NARRATIVE LECTIONARY READINGS

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November 2 2 Kings 5:1-14

November 9 Micah 5:2-4; 6:6-8

November 16 Isaiah 2:1-4; 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7

November 23 Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11

## OFFICE HOURS

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**Office hours for Pastor Bucholtz:**

Tuesday 1:00p-4:00p

Friday 9:00a-12:00p

Other times by appointment: (734) 323-4129

**Office hours for Renee:**

Tuesday-Friday 1:30p-4:30p

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)

## ATTENDANCE

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October 5	Communion	205
October 12		118
October 19	Harvest Sunday	153
October 26	New Members	138



## ♪ TAKE NOTE ♪

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CHOIR REHEARSALS continue as last month. **See below for the schedule:**

- SENIOR CHOIR: 7:30 p.m. on Mondays
- HANDBELL CHOIR: 6:30 p.m. on Mondays
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR: 6:30-7:15 p.m. on Mondays, **for children in grades 1 through 4**
- YOUTH CHOIR PLUS: Approximately one Sunday a month at 11:45 a.m., November's date is the 16th; a light lunch (potluck style) will be served - **for youth in grades 5 & up, family members & any interested adults**
- BETHEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA on some Sundays at 12:30 p.m. or weekday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MUSIC for November is

- ♪ 2nd YOUTH CHOIR PLUS *God Is So Good* Traditional/arr. by Douglas Wagner
- ♪ 9th SENIOR CHOIR *Worthy, You Are Worthy* by Don Moen/arr. by Mary McDonald
- ♪ 16th CHILDREN'S CHOIR *Meditation* by Mark Patterson
- ♪ 23rd TOTENFEST, when we remember those who have died during the past year  
VOCAL DUET; Linda Perkins & Alison Robison; *Pie Jesu* from REQUIEM by Andrew Lloyd Webber
- ♪ 23rd ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MUSIC FESTIVAL  
At Zion Lutheran Church; Time 3:00 p.m.  
SENIOR CHOIR *Worthy, You Are Worthy* by Don Moen/arr. by Mary McDonald  
HANDBELL CHOIR & BETHEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA may also present music  
COMBINED CHOIR ANTHEM *Holy Manna* by Joel Raney
- ♪ 30th FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
YOUTH CHOIR PLUS *Hidden as a Baby* by J. Paul Williams & Joseph M. Martin



### NEW HANDBELLS



Four very low, very large and very heavy HANDBELLS have been purchased by the Memorial Fund. These bells will fill out the lowest octave available and give us five complete octaves. That in turn gives the choir greater flexibility in choosing music.

Because they are so heavy, most generally these bells lay on the table and are rung with a mallet as opposed the way you observe most bells being played.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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

September 7	From the Jones and Hulet wedding
September 14	Lisa Novess in honor of Barrett's first birthday
September 21	Irma Weidmayer in memory of Armin
September 28	Duane and Darlene Kuebler in honor of Kylie Kuebler's 15 <sup>th</sup> Birthday



Available dates to provide altar flowers: **November 9 & 13**

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

Bulletin information is due on Wednesday of each week.

# RECYCLING AT BETHEL UCC

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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!**

We use Modern Waste Systems, Inc. for our trash pickup at Bethel. They offer recycling services too. We just need to use CLEAR plastic bags, can mix all acceptable items (list posted in the kitchen) in the bag and put out with our trash for pickup.

There is a supply of clear bags in the church office. Please don't use the bags for other things as they are a little hard to find and it is such a convenience to be able to put recycled item out at church rather than having to load them and carry them elsewhere. Any recyclables from the church office, Sunday School and the kitchen can be included. Thank you for recycling!

## **2014 SAUERKRAUT SUPPER REPORT**

### RECEIPTS:

Ticket sales; 594 Adults @ \$9.00	\$ 5,346.00
12 Children ages 6-10 @ \$5.00	60.00
Sale of Leftovers	284.00
Donations, cash or tickets donated back & resold	126.00
Donations (in kind donation)	*( <u>\$1,852.62</u> )
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 5,816.00</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Food Ingredients (in kind donation)	*( <u>\$1,852.62</u> )
Expenses (some food, paper supplies, postage ticket printing and miscellaneous)	<u>501.18</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,013.79</b>

\* Not included in totals

**EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS** **\$5,314.82**

### NOTES:

- DuRussel's donated 250 pounds of potatoes.
- Vic Mann donated the apples for applesauce
- Other donated items were pies and eggs
- Of all the adults & children served this year, 224 adults & 6 children were served downstairs. This included approximately 145 to 150 take-outs.
- 6 Complimentary tickets were given out
- Last year we served 582 adults and 15 children.
- We had enough pies for the supper and the coffee hour.

### History of Excess Receipts over Disbursements

2007 - \$4,493.64	2010 - \$4,777.59	2013 - \$4,733.21
2008 - \$4,293.23	2011 - \$4,928.99	2014 - \$5,314.82
2009 - \$4,319.05	2012 - \$4,692.36	

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE OUR  
16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUPPER A SUCCESS!**

Report prepared by Mary Sue Moore

# LILLY'S FRIENDS OKTOBERFEST

We are having an Oktoberfest party to benefit Lilly's Friends team for the Foundation Fighting Blindness. Please join us on November 22, 2014 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds at 6:30pm!

We will have German Food, Music by Eclipse, Square Dancing, silent and live auctions and all sorts of fun!!

We are still looking for donations for auction items and helpers for the evening. More information is attached.

We hope you can join us!!

The Diuble Family



The poster features a blue and white diamond-patterned background. At the top center is the 'Lilly's Friends' logo, which includes a stylized eye with a green iris and black eyelashes, a white lily flower to its left, and the text 'Lilly's Friends' in a cursive font. Two Polaroid-style photos are placed on either side of the logo: one on the left shows a woman with blonde hair and glasses, and one on the right shows a group of people in a field. Below the logo is a glass of beer with a white head of foam, set against a background of golden wheat stalks. A white ribbon banner across the middle contains the word 'Oktoberfest' in a blue, stylized font. Below the banner, the text 'Join us for fun and festivities for a great cause!' is written in a cursive font. The event details are listed in bold white text: 'When: November 22', 'Time: 6:30 pm', 'Where: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds (5055 Saline/Ann Arbor Rd)'. At the bottom, there are three columns of text: 'Awesome music by Eclipse—come and listen and dance!' with the Eclipse logo; 'Silent Auction, Raffles, German Food, Music & Dancing... Fun!!!'; and 'Proceeds benefit Lilly's Friends and Foundation Fighting Blindness' with the Foundation Fighting Blindness logo. The cost is listed as '\$15/per person (\$50/per family)'. At the very bottom, it says 'Questions or Auction Items to Donate? email: lillysfriendsffb@gmail.com'.

*Lilly's Friends*

**Oktoberfest**

*Join us for fun and festivities  
for a great cause!*

**When: November 22**  
**Time: 6:30 pm**  
**Where: Washtenaw  
Farm Council Grounds**  
**(5055 Saline/Ann Arbor Rd)**

Awesome music by  
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and dance!

Silent Auction, Raffles, German  
Food, Music & Dancing...  
Fun!!!

Proceeds benefit Lilly's  
Friends and Foundation  
Fighting Blindness

Cost: \$15/per person  
(\$50/per family)

Questions or Auction Items to Donate?  
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Lilly has been on a mission since age 7



## About Lilly...

*Lilly Diuble is a crusader in the fight against blindness. Lilly has a genetic disorder that causes her to be hearing impaired and visually impaired. Her condition, which is believed to be Usher Syndrome, is a progressive disease that could*

*cause Lilly to become blind and deaf. If her hearing were to fail, Lilly is a candidate for a cochlear implant, but currently there is no treatment or cure for her blinding eye disease.*

*Since the age of seven, Lilly has been on a mission to fund research to find a cure for blinding eye diseases like the one she has. She and her family work tirelessly to raise money for the Foundation Fighting Blindness, whose mission is to drive research that would lead to preventions, treatments and cures for the entire spectrum of blinding retinal diseases.*

*Lilly has been the FFB VisionWalk youth chair for five years. She gives inspirational speeches to raise awareness and support for FFB. Her team, Lilly's Friends, along with her younger sister's team has raised over \$100,000 over the past five years for FFB!*

*In May of 2014, Lilly won the prestigious Prudential Spirit of Community Award which recognizes young people for their volunteerism. Lilly has been featured on NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams twice during the "Making a Difference" segment. American Girl Magazine has featured her in a story called, "We Can Change the World".*



**FOUNDATION  
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*Dear Friend,*

*The Foundation for Fighting Blindness is a national nonprofit and the world's leading private source for retinal disease research funding. FFB is committed to driving research until the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases is eradicated.*

*Lilly Diuble established her team for her very first VisionWalk in 2010 when she was just seven years old. Each year since, Lilly, along with her family and friends raise money for FFB because they believe the money raised to fund research will one day lead to a cure for Lilly's blinding eye disease.*

*On November 22, 2014, "Lilly's Friends" is planning our first annual benefit auction fundraiser OKTOBERFEST event to provide financial support for Foundation Fighting Blindness and the very important research dedicated to finding cures for blinding eye diseases.*

*Would you consider supporting us in the form of a tax-deductible donation of cash/product/gift certificate or service for our auction? All funds raised will go directly to support FFB and its efforts to fight blindness. The event will be held at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, located at 5055 Saline/Ann Arbor Road, Saline, MI 48176. We would love for you to attend! In addition to a donation, another way that you can support our auction is by sponsoring a table. Corporate sponsored tables will be recognized and promoted through our marketing efforts for the event.*

*To donate to the auction, simply fill out and return the enclosed donation form. FFB is a 501(c)(3) organization and your donation will be 100% tax deductible. Please feel free to make a copy of the form for your records, our tax id number is stated on it.*

*Your donation or financial gift supports The Foundation Fighting Blindness and its urgent mission to drive research that will provide preventions, treatments and cures for people affected by retinitis pigmentosa, macular degeneration, Usher Syndrome and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases. Lilly is driven to help fund a cure not only for herself, but for others like her. The outpouring of love and support for Lilly and her fundraising efforts has been amazing and for that we truly feel blessed!*

*Can we count on you to provide an item for the auction? Please call Angela Diuble at (734) 649-8543 with any questions or email or fax the attached completed auction donation form to pledge your contribution to [lillysfriendsffb@gmail.com](mailto:lillysfriendsffb@gmail.com) or fax: 734-428-9048. A volunteer will follow up with you regarding your interest to donate and can at that time arrange a time to pick up the items you are able to donate. Please be assured that your contribution will be put to good use!*

*As a thank you for your gift we will feature you on our website, as well as, in our auction night book.*

*Thank you for your consideration and continued support.*

*Best Regards,*

*Scott, Angie, Lilly & Abby Diuble and all of "Lilly's Friends"*



## AUCTION DONATION FORM

Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity	Donated Item	Item Description	Fair Market Value

\*FFB is prohibited from pricing your donation.

Monetary Donation: \_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount

Donation can be picked up on: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Will be delivered by mail on: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Tax-deductible contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### **A new resource for you: free-loan for durable medical equipment**

<http://michiganloanclosets.us/washtenaw/> This is the link for the Washtenaw Co. sources.

<http://michiganloanclosets.us/> This is the general link. You can add the county you are looking within like Washtenaw was added above to find a source of loans closer to you.

Thursday, November 6 **5:00 p.m.** Turkey Dinner at St. Andrew's UCC, Dexter

Thursday, November 20 **4:30-7:00 p.m.** Boy Scout Coney Nite at Manchester United Methodist Church

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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1st	Norma Brees Larry Egeler	12th	Alexandria Hagood Karen Miller	23rd	Sue Brus Herbert Roehm
2nd	Lou Ann Preston	14th	Sheila Andreone Steven Merz, Jr.	25th	David Guenther
3rd	Matthew Guenther James Meyer Lauren Riley		Allen Pieske James Vitale Ronald Wild	26th	Doris Carson Julia Corwin Kathy Feldkamp
4th	Mary Ann Boettner Jeff Feldkamp Jennifer Aiken-Hunziker	15th	Emily Penberthy	28th	Mildred Haeussler Wendy Payne
5th	Jackson Brus	16th	Roger Luckhardt	29th	Paul Heimerdinger Gilbert Luckhardt
6th	Kari Nicewander	17th	Laura Haeussler John Heuser Brian Holder		
7th	Joel DeJong	18th	Jody Feldkamp Matthew Munson Beverly Reimold		
8th	Eric Creech				
9th	Evelyn Nelson Doug Peck Emma Shankland Paige Shankland	22nd	Larry Helber Elizabeth Mrocko		
10th	Francis DeWander Mark Turk				



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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3	Elizabeth & Gary Baron	25	Dean & Karen Shuey
7	Patrick & Judy Laberde	25	Bruce & Julie Greene
7	Darryl & Kolleen Kuebler	28	Sue & Matthew Brus
21	Derald & Amanda Bauer		

*Please contact the church office if your birthday or anniversary is in November and your name(s) were not listed. Thank you.*

# BETHEL CHURCH BOARD MINUTES

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## Bethel Church Board September 9, 2014

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

Devotion led by: Pastor Bucholtz

Members Present: P. Henes, A. Robison, J. Roberts, K. Weidmayer, W. Riley, Lyle Wahl

Not present / excused: M. Meranuck

**Guests:** None

### **Secretary's Minutes (August):**

Motion made to accept August minutes with corrections: K. Weidmayer

Seconded by: A. Robison

Approved: All

### **Treasurers / Financial report:**

#### **Treasurers Report For Month End August 2014**

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$1,904.09	\$ 12,063.22	\$ 12,010.85	\$ 1,956.46
Building Fund	\$23,666.31	\$ 1300.00	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 22,941.31
Mission Fund	\$ 1,898.83	\$ 237.55	\$ 220.83	\$ 1,915.55
Memorial Fund	\$ 73,737.73	\$ 742.03	\$ 3,824.02	\$ -
Change in Market Value		\$ 624.80	\$ -	\$ 71,280.54
Discretionary Fund	\$13,153.91	\$ 4.12	\$ -	
Change in Market Value		\$ 135.18	\$ -	\$ 13,293.21
Sabbatical	\$ 1,828.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Change in Market Value		\$ 14.18	\$ -	\$ 1,842.55
Planned Giving Endowment	\$466,172.55	\$ 508.55	\$ (26.49)	\$ -
Change in Market Value		\$ 6,990.21	\$ -	\$467,697.80

Motion to accept Treasurers report, and pay all monthly bills: J. Roberts

Seconded by: W. Riley

Approved: All



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

- ❖ EHM Saline and Brecon village visits: 4
- ❖ Pastoral care visits (Home / Office / Abroad): 12

### **Committee Reports:**

Next Cabinet meeting scheduled Wednesday September 17, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.

**Cemetery: (Alison)** Board recommends that the cemetery committee go to the Memorial committee to ask for \$9,500 to correct all headstones. This includes: Resealing (39) 2 piece monuments, Level and reseal (28) monuments, and cleaning (75) monuments.

**Endowment: (Lyle)** Will meet by year-end to discuss annual disbursements.

**Evangelism (Julie):** New member classes are as follows: Oct 5, 12, 19, 26. New members will be received on October 26.

**Stewardship (Church Board):** Inactive members list reviewed and the board will make calls to see what their intentions are.

**Board of Christian Education (Julie):** Next meeting, September 15

- ❖ September 14 Sunday school officially starts for the year.
- ❖ Discussed the need to better prepare the parents, students, and teachers about the expectations on Sunday school kick-off. Teachers will be in their respective rooms so the children and parents can meet the teachers.

**Mission (Lyle):** Met on September 9, discussion centered on continuing to support Pine Ridge. Also, discussed protocol for mission participants to actively participate in fund raising activities that support this trip. Mission festival scheduled for this fall.

**Memorial (Karen):** New sound system will be installed by the end of October.

**Communion (Mike /Will):** Next communion service is scheduled for October 5 by intinction.

**Archives: (Karen)** Next meeting September 10.

**Hearts and Hands: (Mike)** Next meeting September 11, 2014.

**Elders (Alison):** Elders will be asked to administer communion in the event that a church board member is absent.

### **Old Business:**

#### ❖ **Church project and repairs update:**

- Drinking fountain downstairs needs to be repaired
- Thermostat moved to the Library. This will ensure the sanctuary is not heated during the week when it is not in use.
- Bill Gaul will submit a quote to repaint the fascia areas and trim around the church.
- Dan Young to schedule re-finishing the outside doors prior to winter.
- Bruce Lobbetal will remove 5 bushes and will quote re-leveling / seeding the grounds between the church and parsonage.
- The Amish-made shed is going to be moved next to the propane tanks for easier access.

❖ **Evaluations / Job Descriptions:** Work in progress.

❖ **Wedding Policy review Committee:** Rough draft completed and is being reviewed. Will be completed by the 2015 Annual meeting.

❖ **Outdoor signage on Schneider Road:** Work in progress.

❖ **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2015):** Next meeting, September 10, 2014. All members are to bring a one liner that captures the spirit of Bethels 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Maintenance / Building:**

- ❖ The Health Department water testing will be ongoing every quarter.
- ❖ Safe church policy fire drill will be held on September 14, 2014.

## **New Business:**

- ❖ Correspondence:
  - Manchester Community Resource Center is having a meeting for all civic organizations to discuss resources and needs around the community. The meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village room of the Library. Any volunteers that wish to represent Bethel, feel free to go to this meeting.
  
- ❖ **Delinquent Members:** Personal contact is being made by board members for a current membership list. The new list will be completed by the end of September.
  - Motion made to remove the following members by their own will.
    - Amanda Davis, Sean Davis, Jeffery Feldkamp II, Sharon Gauthier, Andrew Helber, Jason Mann, Don Paulson, Eugene Pieske, Mona Pieske, Tammy Pieske, David Zigila, Tracy Zigila
  - Motion – A. Robison
  - Second – J. Roberts
  - Approved - All
  
- ❖ Carpet in Renee's office will be replaced by the end of the year.

## **Other Church Business:**

- ❖ Ice Cream Social Committee.
  - Completed wrap up meeting and discussed items for next year.
  - Ice Cream Social is going to purchase new plastic 8 foot tables (replacing old heavy tables) for the Ice Cream Social.
  - All 8 foot tables will be sold starting at \$20. The sales of the old tables will directly support the purchase of the new tables.

## **Adjourn Meeting: 10:00 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn meeting: W. Riley

Seconded by: K. Weidmayer

Approved: All

Adjourned at 10:00 p.m. by joining together in the Lord's Prayer

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: W. Riley

## **NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING**

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Through the Neighbors in Need offering, the church expresses a common commitment to justice and compassion throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. One-third of the offering undergirds the work of the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), including much-needed financial support for 20 American Indian congregations in the UCC. Two-thirds of the offering supports justice advocacy and direct service projects such as just-peace programs and community grants.

Bethel will collect the Neighbors In Need offering on Sunday, November 2, 2014. You can also mail your offering with "Neighbors In Need" on the memo line of your check. Thank you.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

	September		Year to Date	
	Month Ended			
	2014	2013	2014	2013
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Offering	\$ 12,692.00	\$ 12,641.50	\$ 100,329.00	\$ 102,130.50
Loose Offering	\$ 1,194.75	\$ 741.00	\$ 6,060.29	\$ 4,055.95
Initial offering	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 178.00	\$ 246.00
Hall & chair rental	\$ 140.00	\$ -	\$ 575.00	\$ 700.00
Sale of Tables	\$ 240.00	\$ -	\$ 240.00	\$ -
Christmas	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -
Maundy Thursday & Easter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,649.00	\$ 2,756.00
Lenten & Family Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 256.00	\$ 224.00
Memorials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
Sunday School	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 930.00
Sunday School programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71.00	\$ 214.00
Archives Fund Raiser	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Benevolences (OCWM)	\$ 712.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 4,789.00	\$ 4,283.00
Strengthen the Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 271.00	\$ 70.00
Local benevolences	\$ 313.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 2,525.00	\$ 1,685.00
Blanket Sunday	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 522.00	\$ 521.00
Neighbors in Need	\$ -	\$ 357.00	\$ -	\$ 377.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 537.00	\$ 1,246.00
CWS - Crop Walk	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Camp Talahi	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65.00
Vespers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mission Trip	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 295.00
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 180.00
Transfer from Endowment Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 11,744.00
Transfer from Ice Cream Social	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 16,391.75</b>	<b>\$ 14,869.50</b>	<b>\$ 123,882.29</b>	<b>\$ 131,822.45</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>				
Personnel (salaries & related expenses)	\$ 8,796.97	\$ 8,022.94	\$ 78,029.21	\$ 74,984.17
Building costs (custodian, utilities & propane)	\$ 2,552.80	\$ 2,863.23	\$ 38,420.99	\$ 33,493.26
Operations (phone, office & worship supplies)	\$ 1,456.81	\$ 498.12	\$ 6,303.30	\$ 6,945.91
Archives & Local Outreach	\$ 45.52	\$ 61.00	\$ 304.74	\$ 655.25
Education & Conferences	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 178.65	\$ 184.72
Sunday School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Local Benevolence - Vespers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57.77
Local Benevolence	\$ -	\$ 228.00	\$ -	\$ 228.00
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ 178.51	\$ -	\$ 178.51
Church World Service Blanket	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 522.00	\$ 521.00
Church World Service Crop Walk	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mission Re-Member Trip donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 255.00
Davis Strobbe Washington Trip	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Foundation Fighting Blindness	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Amanda Laberdeee Mission Trip	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Transfer to(from) Building Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,550.00
Camp Talahi Camp Fee Bethel Kids	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,372.50
Discretionary Fund - payment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ -
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 12,852.10</b>	<b>\$ 11,851.80</b>	<b>\$ 125,258.89</b>	<b>\$ 130,176.09</b>
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>				
Receipts over Disbursements	\$ 3,539.65	\$ 3,017.70	\$ (1,376.60)	\$ 1,646.36
Beginning Cash	\$ 1,956.46	\$ 3,434.08	\$ 6,872.71	\$ 4,805.42
<b>Ending Cash September, 30</b>	<b>\$ 5,496.11</b>	<b>\$ 6,451.78</b>	<b>\$ 5,496.11</b>	<b>\$ 6,451.78</b>

The month of September helps our Church finances. With Sunday School starting up brings more participation in our Church life, and that is reflected in the above numbers. Thank-you for your support. Lyle R. Wahl, Treasurer

# NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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## GREETERS

- 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 & Jacob
- 30 Michael Meranuck and Family



## USHERS

- 2 Ron Mann, Jeff Mann, Tom Mann, Vic Mann and Gerry Merz
- 9 Lori Tursak, Cameron Hibbard, Debbie Hibbard and Joe Roberts
- 16 Rick Jones, Jim Burmeister, Larry Helber, Beverly Nelson and Betty Schneider
- 23 Dave Herter, Mike Haeussler, David Strobbe, Lynn Strobbe and Stephen Strobbe
- 30 Larry Egeler, Fred Jahnke, Judy Jahnke, Phil Miller and Vicki Miller

## ACOLYTES

- 2 Bailey Elliott
- 9 Megan Mann
- 16 Hailey Roulo
- 23 Annelise Baron
- 30 Jordan Campbell



## LAY READERS


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



## CHILD CARE

- 2 Jill Corwin and Ryan Mann
- 9 Stacey Neigebauer and Courtney Campbell
- 16 Kristi Campbell and Garrett Corwin
- 23 Michelle Jedele and Drew Corwin
- 30 Kristi Campbell and Michelle Roberts



	<p><b><u>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS</u></b></p> <p>Sunday, November 2</p> <p>Turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night before you go to bed.</p>
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