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A Monthly Newsletter of
Bethel United Church of Christ

February 2015



PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

What brings a person to church and more importantly what makes a person stay? We've been so privileged over the past couple of years to have an increasing number of visitors attending Sunday morning worship. It's been great to see new faces. Many of these visitors return Sunday after Sunday to become familiar faces in our worshipping community. However, only a few actually choose to have their names added to the Bethel membership roster.

In recent years, there has been a change in attitude about belonging to a church, not just Bethel Church, but churches everywhere. Church historian, Diana Butler Bass, describes this change in an interesting and useful way. She says that the tenets of the Christian faith were once more mainstream. People believed. And because they believed, they behaved in a manner consistent with that belief. So folks who believed and behaved sought out a church where they could belong – where they could worship, fellowship, and serve alongside like-minded people.

Today that pattern has changed. Sharing common belief is no longer the primary reason for choosing a church. Today people are more concerned about finding a place to belong, to feel like they are a part of something bigger than themselves, in service to other people. These newcomers may not necessarily behave the same or believe the same as the established members of the church. But over time their belonging begins to influence their behavior, they begin to act more like established members act. Finally, their belonging and behaving nurtures their faith – they become believers – sharing the same tenets of faith as professed by the rank-and-file membership.

This may or may not describe the tendencies of visitors at Bethel, but in some cases it might. And if so, we should take notice. We should realize that new people around church may come from very different backgrounds than our own. They may not have grown up in the church, they may not have been baptized or confirmed, they may not recognize the Apostles' Creed, or be able to recite the Lord's Prayer. But they are eager to see what we're about, to watch and learn. They may not be bold enough to volunteer, but would appreciate an invitation to be included in the things we do. They may not fully understand Bethel's policies or programs, but would appreciate an explanation. In other words, they want to belong, to be included – to be welcomed for who they are.

Belonging first, behaving second, and believing third. It's a new pattern in what it means to be church. Knowing this, we can prepare ourselves for a future decorated with people who will grow to love Bethel Church as much as we do. More importantly, knowing this, we can prepare ourselves to be a church who loves Christ even more and our neighbor as well.

This next Sunday, offer a smile and shake the hand of someone you don't recognize – you might just be greeting someone who very much wants to belong.

Faithfully,



Pastor Bucholtz

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

On February 18 there will be two community Ash Wednesday services to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. The first is at noon, hosted by Emanuel Church in Manchester, and will include a light lunch. This daytime service was added this year to assist our Seniors who prefer not to travel at night. The second service is at 7:30 in the evening here at Bethel Church. Both the dispensation of ashes and Holy Communion will be included in both services.

BETHEL'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HONORING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE

The year 2015 is here and the anniversary committee has planned some special celebration Sundays. Please mark your calendars with these dates and plan to join us.

April 12th we plan to acknowledge confirmation classes and confirmands of Bethel Church during the worship service and will have a coffee hour afterwards. So, all you confirmands, plan to join us for this day of celebration at Bethel.

July 26th we will celebrate weddings that have occurred at Bethel. We extend a welcome to all couples who have been married at Bethel to join us on this Sunday. Please bring a wedding picture as we will have a coffee hour after the service to enjoy looking at all the pictures. If you have your wedding dress or other wedding mementos to share, please contact Karen Weidmayer.

November 8th will be our final Sunday celebration for the 175th. This will include a special worship service and a dinner that day. The committee will have a program with some time to reflect on the year 2015 at Bethel. So come one & all to this joyous time of celebrating Bethel's past and also looking to the future.

Each Sunday morning throughout 2015, we will enjoy a segment called *175 seconds* – a short segment recalling various aspects of Bethel's *175 years*.

Remember to watch for information about these and other special events throughout the year.

Yours in Faith,

The 175th Anniversary Committee

P.S. For additional information, contact the church 734-429-8530

BETHEL MISSIONS SCRIP GIFT CARDS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

If you need a gift for Valentine's Day that also provides a special heartfelt donation to Bethel Missions remember to check out SCRIP gift cards this Sunday, February 1st. There are two vendors offering special 2% increases in the rebates earned: Boston Market (14%) and LL Bean (18%) until February 13th. There are also 6 pages of participating retailers from which to choose. These are great for upcoming birthdays, spring break travels, confirmation, Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduation gifts.

Any Sunday, SCRIP gift cards can be ordered and/or those on hand SCRIP gift cards purchased. See Bonnie Mitchell (734-665-3068) or Cathy Moore (734-649-7431).

CROP WALK REPORT

Anita Herman, CROP Walk Treasurer, reports that there was a total of \$4,353.00 raised for the Manchester CROP Walk. This surpassed last year's amount by \$955.00 and exceeded the goal set by the CROP Walk Committee of \$3,500.00 by \$853.00. Bethel's portion was a significant \$1,518.00.

Of Bethel's portion, \$933.00 was in the form of cash and checks and \$585.00 was raised online. Bethel Church had 31 out of the 73 walkers. **THANK YOU, WALKERS and THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE CROP WALK WITH YOUR DONATIONS!**

SPECIAL THANKS to JENNIFER BUCHOLTZ who coordinated our Sunday School children and youth who walked. They and their families represented the majority of Bethel's walkers.

Twenty-five percent of the total amount raised will be returned to the Manchester Community and divided equally between the Community Resource Center, Manchester Family Service and Manchester Senior Citizens Council.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Our committee of five (Susan Layher, Millie Guenther, Carol Colby, Mary Sue Moore and Church Board rep. Karen Weidmayer) continue to organize and catalog documents and artifacts that have surfaced. They are working on creating a display of artifacts and documents during this year, especially as we celebrate our 175th anniversary. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12 at 9:00 a.m.

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

MATERIAL AIDS

February is the time for the ingathering of Material Aids, such as 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 below for the specifics:

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 handheld 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. You may pick one up at church to fill with all of the School Kit 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 as well.

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 collect the fronts of greeting cards to send to St. Jude's Ranch for Children for their recycled card program.

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

If you have medical equipment that you no longer use, the World Medical Relief organization may be able to use it. Please check with Cathy Moore.

VESPERS

With the February dinner, we complete 3 years of meals for the Vesper Homeless Dinner Project sponsored by First Baptist Church. This mission project would not happen without the many Bethel members who give so much. Your donations of time, food and money make this a successful dinner month after month. The fourth Tuesday of each month, a hearty home cooked meal is prepared, transported and served to the homeless population of Ann Arbor. We prepare enough food for 100 meals. The generous support of our congregation has made this mission outreach possible. If you have not had the opportunity to take part in a Vespers dinner, let me know. I can personally guarantee the experience is worth your time and effort.

With Heartfelt Thanks to all the Vespers helpers,
Susan Luckhardt

WOMEN OF BETHEL

Sunday, February 15 and 22 are the annual material aids ingathering dates. See the list of much needed items or a cash donation is appreciated as well. Coordinators are Cathy Moore and Mary Beth Baker.

Tuesday, February 24 is Vespers. We are looking for cooks for that meal. Please see Susan Luckhardt if you can help.

Kitchen steward for February is Bonnie Mitchell.

BLANKETS+ SUNDAY OFFERING - FEBRUARY 8

How do you keep your heart warm during the coldest days of winter? Is it perhaps kept warm by putting on an extra sweater or piling on warm blankets?

Many people in the U.S. and around the world will be struggling against the bitter cold this winter. Remember the homeless in the U.S. seek shelter and warmth all winter. Warmth will be needed around the world, especially when a disaster forces people from their warm homes, sending them to shelters and refugee camps. Looking for a way to warm your heart and theirs?

Church World Service is there.

The CWS Blankets+ program provides warmth, hope, and care during cold and trying times. A gift of just \$10 provides a sturdy, comforting blanket to children, men and women who are struggling against the cold.

Bethel's Blankets+ Offering will be taken on February 8 and for the rest of the month. Look for the envelopes in the pew racks beginning on February 1. You can make your check out to Bethel UCC and it will be sent on to Church World Service.

Please be generous with your Blankets+ offering.

MEIJER'S REWARDS PROGRAM FOR BETHEL MISSIONS

Thanks to those who signed up and participated in the Meijer's Rewards program in 2014. Anyone may sign up at any time.....call 1-800-962-7011 or you can apply online at Meijer.com and select COMMUNITY at the bottom of the screen and then select COMMUNITY NEEDS followed by COMMUNITY REWARDS.

You must obtain the BETHEL CODE NUMBER in order to have your purchases credited to Bethel Church.....including Meijer shopping, gas and convenience store purchases. Please check with Bonnie Mitchell or pick up an information page with Bethel's code number at the back of the sanctuary. Bethel members have participated in this program since 2006 and earned 1.0 % of purchases using Meijer's Credit card and 0.5% using cash or PIN-based debit card. Over this time we have earned \$4,153.47! Each year, at least 6% of Meijer net profits go toward overall community giving – one of the highest percentages in the retail industry!

175 SECONDS from January 11

EINHUNDERTFÜNFUNDSIEBZIG SEKUNDE 11 JANUARY 2015

GLÜCKLICHE EINHUNDERTFÜNFUNDSIEBZIGJÄHRIGE WIEDERKEHR
ES FREUT MICH HIER ZU SEIN UND ALLE ÜBER BETHEL'S GESCHICHTE ZU SAGEN. WIR
WERDEN DIE DEUTSCHE SPRACHE IN 2015 IN UNSERE KIRCHE GEBRAUCHEN, WEIL BETHEL
HATTE DEUTSCH BIS 1956 GESPROCHEN.

I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE TO SHARE WITH ALL OF YOU BETHEL'S HISTORY/STORY. WE WILL
SOMETIMES USE THE GERMAN LANGUAGE IN WORSHIP SERVICES IN 2015 BECAUSE BETHEL
HELD WORSHIP SERVICES IN GERMAN UNTIL 1956.

THE BEGINNING:

The Bassler Mission Institute, in Basel, Switzerland, chose a 26-year-old Friedrich Schmid from Wuerttemberg Germany to be a missionary to Southeast Michigan. Two days after his ordination, he departed from Basel, Switzerland. He traveled for 28 days to the coast of France where he boarded the ship "Florida". After SEVEN weeks on the ship he arrived in New York City. THEN he spent TWO weeks traveling to Detroit in a stagecoach....and finally an additional 2 days to Ann Arbor.

Pastor Schmid stayed with the Jonathan Henry Mann family in Ann Arbor and conducted his first church service in a log schoolhouse, four miles west of Ann Arbor. Later his first church was built on land donated by Daniel F. Allmendinger.....the exact spot, on Jackson Road in the northeast corner of Bethlehem Cemetery is marked today by a large boulder and bronze tablet.

Pastor Schmid organized TWENTY-FIVE different churches throughout Michigan: in Detroit, Monroe, FREEDOM Township, Bridgewater, Ypsilanti, Plymouth, Jackson, Genova, Sebewaing, and Saginaw Valley.

Once in six weeks Rev Schmid led the church service for the younger congregations...to get to these churches he walked and later rode on horseback through the pathless country with a blanket and an axe strapped to his saddle. Often he had to cut his way through the pathless woods and wilderness, and at night his blanket served as his bed in the woods. He ALSO did missionary work with Indians as well as with these German congregations.

Pastor Schmid married the daughter of Jonathan Henry Mann and had 12 children...6 boys & 6 girls. After 40 years of a very active missionary life here in southeast Michigan, Rev Schmid resigned and retired on account of ill health. He died on August 30, 1883, at the age of 76 years. He and many of his children are buried in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ann Arbor. His life and missionary work remain a blessing to many.....and especially to our Bethel family. He was Bethel's first among the many that followed, who gave great importance and dedication over 175 years to meet the challenge of Bethel's current Mission Statement: to "reach beyond the sanctuary of these stone walls" to impact communities both near and far.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

It's not too early to begin thinking about summer's big event:

The committee has picked **Thursday, July 9, 2015** as the Bethel Ice Cream Social date. Please mark your calendars.



ALPHA HOUSE

Bethel is a supporting church of Alpha House 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 are for 2015:

Feb. 7 (Dinner & Activity Time) Confirmation class will be serving

May 9 (Dinner & Activity Time)

July 18 (Dinner & Activity Time)

Oct. 3 (Dinner & Activity Time)

Nov. 21 (Dinner & Activity Time)

Dec. 19 (Dinner & Activity Time)

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

ELVIRA M. VOGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Higher Education Scholarships: This scholarship fund, initially founded by Elvira and her family, was established to sustain Elvira's desire to support laypeople in their training for ministry and to further their faith journeys through a participatory level of church ministry and greater outreach into the worldwide community. The committee has now extended its reach to consider support for church members seeking post-high school assistance, such as colleges, universities, and trade schools on an annual basis. Any person who wishes to apply must contact Mary Sue Moore at 428-8687 or msjoe56@aol.com to receive the application form and information. The deadline for submitting scholarship requests is **May 15** of 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, who are: Darlene Kuebler, Joann Finkbeiner, Sula Horodeczny, Judy Mann, Cathy Moore, Mary Sue Moore, and Lou & Elvira Vogel's daughters, Virginia, Valorie, and Sue Ellyn.

In January, a scholarship of \$300.00 was awarded to Kylie Kuebler for her Chelsea High School Concert Orchestra trip to New York City in March of this year and a scholarship of \$250.00 awarded to Katie Kuebler for her eighth grade trip to Washington D.C. in April. **CONGRATULATIONS to Kylie and Katie!**

OFFICE HOURS

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. Office hours are subject to change. If you need pastoral assistance during non-office hours, please call or e-mail Pastor Bucholtz. (734) 323-4129 or bucholtz@umich.edu

♪ TAKE NOTE ♪

SPECIAL MUSIC scheduled for February is:

- ♪ 1st - SENIOR CHOIR *With a Voice of Singing* by Martin Shaw
- ♪ 8th - CHILDREN'S CHOIR *Let Us Go to the House of the Lord* by E. McClune & A. Taranto
- ♪ 15th - HANDBELL CHOIR *Foundation* Early American Tune Arr. by Karen Thompson
- ♪ 18th - Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 p.m. *O Lord, Hear Me* by Hal H. Hopson;

Based on music by G.F. Handel

- ♪ 22nd - YOUTH CHOIR PLUS *Lord, We Are Your People* by Mark Patterson

CHOIR REHEARSALS in February are as follows:

- Mondays 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir; **exception** - No rehearsal on February 16
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir
- Sunday, February 8 at 11:45 a.m. Youth Choir Plus lunch; rehearsal to follow.

Bethel Chamber Orchestra rehearsals, TBA

There are nearly 60 men, women and children involved in one or more of the music programs at Bethel Church. That includes the Handbell Choir, Bethel Chamber Orchestra, Senior Choir, Youth Choir Plus, Children's Choir, ensembles and soloists. Thanks to all of you for your gifts of music.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

The Board of Christian Education welcomes two new members. Diane Ratkovich and Jill Corwin were elected to serve on the BCE at the annual meeting, January 25th. Many, many thanks to outgoing members, Jeff Elliott and Susie Amrhein, for your tenure of dedicated service. The BCE will meet on Monday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m.

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY

Matthew Layher
1537 W. Jackson Apt.12
Macomb, Il 61455

EVANGELISM

The **Ushers, Greeters, Lay Readers, Acolytes and Child Care** lists for the year beginning with **February 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016** 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.

We count on you to fulfill your 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.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you signed up to be part of the prayer chain this year, you have been placed on the e-mail list or telephone list, depending on what you requested. If you are not yet on either of these lists, your name can be added at any time. Call Renee at the office to arrange for this.

Calls to the prayer chain go out several times each month. To start the prayer chain for a loved one, member of the church, friend or neighbor, you can call Pastor Dave (323-4129), Renee at the office (429-8530), Millie Guenther (429-7217) or Mary Sue Moore (428-8687).

REMINDER ABOUT RECYCLING BULLETINS

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to those who provided the beautiful altar flowers.

December 7 *Altar:* The Luckhardt family in memory of Robert and Esther
 Piano: Rusty Wilson's family in honor of his 90th birthday
December 14 The Feldkamp family in memory of Lois
December 21 Doug and Mariel Peck in memory of family loved ones



Available dates to provide altar flowers: **February 8, March 1 and 29**

ATTENDANCE

November 30	First Sunday of Advent	162
December 7	Second Sunday of Advent	181
December 14	Third Sunday of Advent	179
December 14	6:00 p.m. Children's Program	201
December 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent	178
December 24	5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service	256
December 24	7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service	178
December 28	Guest Minister Rev. Tina Zimmermann	78

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY READINGS

February 1 Matthew 6:7-21
February 8 Matthew 14:13-33
February 15 Matthew 16:24-17:8
February 22 Matt. 18:15-35

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

Bulletin information is due on Wednesday of each week.

NEW BABIES

Houston Turner Payne was born to Wendy and Kevin Payne on January 9, 2015 at the University of Michigan Hospital. Houston weighed 7 lbs 6 oz. and 20 in. long. Grandparents are David Haeussler and Nancy & Don Hieber.



Madelyn Ann Diuble was born to Bryan and Kelly Diuble on January 19, 2015. Madelyn weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. Grandparents are Ron and Peggy Diuble.



ALL YOU CAN EAT

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday, February 7, 2015

5:30 – 7 p.m.



**Choice
Raffle!**

**Great
Food!**

AFTER-DINNER ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY

Cherry Hill Brothers Gospel Quartet

Where: Bethel United Church of Christ
10425 Bethel Church Road, Manchester

Cost: Adults \$9
Youth (Ages 5-12) \$7
Ages 4 and under *free*

All proceeds benefit

Bethel United Church of Christ Missions

www.bethelonthehill.org

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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 William and Jasmine Kuebler



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



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

BETHEL CHURCH BOARD DECEMBER MINUTES

Bethel Church Board Meeting

December 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

President: President Patti Henes called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Devotion led by: Lyle Wahl

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

Guests: None

Secretary's Minutes (November):

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

Seconded by: J. Roberts

Approved: All

Treasurers / Financial report:

**Treasurers Report
For Month End November 2014**

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 613.64	\$ 19,011.00	\$ 11,815.78	\$ 7,808.86
Building Fund	\$33,723.53	\$ 245.00	\$ 1,454.87	\$ 32,513.66
Mission Fund	\$ 1,729.76	\$ 276.00	\$ 1,333.40	\$ 672.36
Memorial Fund	\$ 64,671.12	\$ 179.11	\$ -	\$ -
Change in Market Value		\$ (65.96)	\$ -	\$ 64,671.12
Discretionary Fund	\$13,004.48	\$ 3.43	\$ -	
Change in Market Value	\$	\$ (45.04)	\$ -	\$ 12,962.87
Sabbatical	\$ 1,774.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Change in Market Value	\$	\$ (19.65)	\$ -	\$ 1,755.26
Planned Giving Endowment	\$448,309.30	\$ 3,096.79	\$ (26.09)	\$ -
Change in Market Value	\$ -	\$ 3,030.21	\$ -	\$454,462.39

Motion to accept Treasurers report, and pay all monthly bills: W. Riley

Seconded by: M. Meranuck

Approved: All

Pastor's Report: (see below)

Committee Reports:

Next Cabinet meeting scheduled February 3, 2015 at 6:45 p.m.

Cemetery: (Alison) Most of the work has been completed. Cleaning of the headstones will be completed by Christmas.

Endowment: (Lyle) Nothing new to report.

Evangelism (Julie): Nothing new to report.

Stewardship (Church Board):

Board of Christian Education (Mike): First semester completed, everything going well.

- ❖ Christmas program December 14 at 6:00 pm.
- ❖ Adding line item to the budget for operating expenses.
- ❖ Started VBS planning discussions. 2015 date the week of June 22, 2015.

Mission (Lyle): Nothing new to report.

Memorial (Karen): Nothing to report.

Communion (Mike /Will): Next communion service will be for the Christmas service, and will be done by intinction.

Christmas services:

1st service – 5:00 pm Communion will be by intinction.

2nd service – 7:30 pm Communion will be by intinction.

Archives: (Karen): Met on November 11. Historical Society would like to tour Bethel Church on May 14, 2015. They will then use pictures taken from the event to publish Bethel Church in their 2015 annual calendar.

Hearts and Hands: (Julie): Nothing to report.

Elders (Allison): Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- ❖ **Church project and repairs update:**
 - Amish shed will be moved to new location near the back of the church. The Duible's have volunteered to move the building, and Bruce Lobbestael volunteered to remove the bushes in the area.
 - Currently getting quotes to repaint the fascia areas and trim around the Church.
- ❖ **Evaluations / Job Descriptions:** Work in progress.
- ❖ **Wedding Policy review Committee:** Rough draft is completed, and is being reviewed by the board. Two informational meetings will occur before the annual meeting that highlights the proposed changes in language.
- ❖ **Outdoor signage on Schneider Road:** Work in progress
- ❖ **175th Anniversary (2015):** Ornaments are selling well, next meeting is January 7th.
 - January 11, 2015 guest speaker Barbara Zinkmud will illustrate the history of our church.

Maintenance / Building:

- ❖ The Health Department water testing will be ongoing every quarter.
- ❖ Safe Church: Still need to conduct fire drill.

New Business:

- ❖ Correspondence: None
- ❖ Sauerkraut supper remains one of Bethel's largest fundraising events of the calendar year. 2014 was no exception, the weather was great we had a large attendance.
Sauerkraut Supper summary
 - Total Revenue - \$5,816.00
 - Total Expenses - \$ 1,001.18
 - Total profit - \$ 4,814.82
- ❖ 2015 Budget: The board completed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015. Every year the board works diligently to reduce costs where we can. 2015 brings a year where two projects need attention, the roof between the church and fellowship hall need to be replaced. All exterior wood trim around the Church needs to be painted and repaired if needed.
- ❖ 2015 Open positions for Bethel Church
 - Church Board
 - Patti Henes – 3 year term
 - Will Riley – 2 year term
 - Board of Christian Education
 - Jeff Elliott – 3 year term
 - Susie Amhrein – 3 year term

We thank all who have served on various boards for their continued dedication, and growth of Bethel Church. We also encourage anyone interested to volunteer for one of the open positions. I can tell you from my experience that it is a humbling yet gratifying experience that will live with me forever.

❖ **2014 Board approved outreach monetary commitments**

OCWM - \$2,234.00
Zambia (Rev. Kari) - \$2,000
Remember - \$2,000

Total: \$6,234.00

❖ **2014 Board approved Local outreach monetary commitments**

CRC Manchester	\$800
Manchester Family Services	\$800
Saline Evangelical Home	\$800
Saline Social Services	\$800
Camp Talahi	\$800

Total: \$4,000

It should be noted that all outreach is completely autonomous from the budget. These donations are all from the members on Bethel Church. Bethel continues to support all these wonderful outreach programs. Thank You.

Adjourn Meeting: 10:35 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting: W. Riley

Seconded by: K. Weidmayer

Approved: All

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: W. Riley

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

	December			
	<u>Month Ended</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Receipts:				
Offering	\$ 19,659.00	\$ 17,415.50	\$ 146,426.00	\$ 143,719.49
Loose Offering	\$ 2,178.85	\$ 1,875.25	\$ 10,007.14	\$ 6,801.20
Initial offering	\$ 20.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 256.00
Hall & chair rental	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 685.00	\$ 800.00
Sale of excess tables	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280.00	
Thanksgiving	\$ 90.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 542.00
Christmas	\$ 4,192.00	\$ 3,012.00	\$ 4,217.00	\$ 3,012.00
Maundy Thursday & Easter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,649.00	\$ 2,756.00
Lenten & Family Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 256.00	\$ 224.00
Memorials	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 140.00
Sunday School	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 1,255.00
Sunday School programs	\$ 382.50	\$ 180.00	\$ 453.50	\$ 394.00
Archives Fund Raiser	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Benevolences (OCWM)	\$ 702.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 6,648.00	\$ 6,668.00
Christmas Fund (VOC)	\$ 192.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 70.00
Strengthen the Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 271.00	\$ 185.00
Local benevolences	\$ 1,328.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 4,346.00	\$ 2,295.00
Blanket Sunday	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 522.00	\$ 521.00
Neighbors in Need	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 223.00	\$ 377.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 537.00	\$ 1,246.00
CWS - Crop Walk	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 834.00
Camp Talahi	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65.00
Mission Team	\$ 200.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 895.00
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 178.51
Transfer from Endowment Fund	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 15,403.00	\$ 11,744.00
Transfer from Ice Cream Social	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Transfer from Sauerkraut Supper	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$29,319.35</u>	<u>\$24,645.75</u>	<u>\$199,143.64</u>	<u>\$186,478.20</u>

Disbursements:

Personnel (salaries & related expenses)	\$ 8,485.84	\$ 8,018.49	\$ 103,762.25	\$ 99,731.24
Building costs (custodian, utilities & propane)	\$ 3,842.46	\$ 3,683.43	\$ 50,661.44	\$ 46,185.29
Operations (phone, office & worship supplies)	\$ 1,305.50	\$ 913.83	\$ 8,695.81	\$ 9,821.31
Archives & Local Outreach	\$ 55.32	\$ 23.92	\$ 1,118.46	\$ 838.55
Education & Conferences	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 358.82	\$ 396.75
Sunday School	\$ 382.50	\$ 505.00	\$ 1,363.50	\$ 1,761.97
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 537.00	\$ 246.00	\$ 537.00	\$ 1,246.00
Our Church Wider Mission	\$ 2,234.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,234.00	\$ 1,700.00
Rev. Kari Zambia Mission	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,561.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,561.00
Re-Member Feather II Fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Local Benevolence	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,487.77
Camp Talahi Retreat & Nature Ctr.	\$ 800.00	\$ 645.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 645.00
Neighbors in Need	\$ 223.00	\$ 377.00	\$ 223.00	\$ 377.00
Strengthen the Church	\$ 271.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 271.00	\$ 70.00
Christmas Fd Veterans of the Cross	\$ 185.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 322.00
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 178.51
Church World Service Blanket	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 522.00	\$ 521.00
Church World Service Crop Walk	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 834.00
Mission Re-Member Trip donations		\$295.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 550.00
David Strobbe Washington Trip	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Foundation Fighting Blindness	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Amanda Laberdee Mission Trip	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Transfer to(from) Building Fund	\$ -		\$ 11,368.00	\$ 5,444.00
Camp Talahi Camp Fee Bethel Kids	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,285.00	\$ 5,372.50
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 25,521.62</u>	<u>\$ 23,860.67</u>	<u>\$194,455.28</u>	<u>\$ 184,293.89</u>
Excess (Deficit)				
Receipts over Disbursements	\$ 3,797.73	\$ 785.08	\$4,688.36	\$ 2,184.31
Beginning Cash	\$ 7,808.86	\$ 6,204.65	\$6,918.23	\$ 4,805.42
Ending Cash December 31	<u>\$ 11,606.59</u>	<u>\$ 6,989.73</u>	<u>\$11,606.59</u>	<u>\$ 6,989.73</u>

As evidenced from the above 2014 was a strong year for Bethel Church financially. We ended the year with an excess of receipts over disbursements of \$4,438.36. All bills are paid including our donations for Benevolence of which \$4,000 was donated to Local Charities, and \$6,234 was to World Charities. Thanks to our membership for supporting our finances here at Bethel. Lyle R. Wahl, Treasurer

PASTOR'S REPORT TO THE BETHEL CHURCH BOARD

DECEMBER 9, 2014

Summary/Reflection

“It’s the hap, happiest, time of the year” – or so the song goes. Yet, there has to be a longing, an emptiness, a sadness, for lack of a better term, in order for Christmas to find true meaning and real joy. That is the intention and purpose of Advent, a time to pause and consider that which our consumer-minded notions of Christmas cannot provide. In the final analysis, Christmas is not something that we can do for ourselves – it can’t be bought or borrowed, not even stolen (as Dr. Seuss’ Grinch will testify). Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in 1943 Nazi Germany writes: “A prison cell, in which one waits and hopes, completely depends on the fact

that the door to freedom has to be opened from the outside.” Bonhoeffer then asks, “Isn’t that the perfect image for Advent?” And it’s true. Only God, in God’s wisdom and mercy, can unlock the cell of our incarceration, that place we call Sin. And what a beautiful key, that infant in the manger bed – he fits so perfectly into the lock of our souls. A blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas to you all.

Worship

Weekly study and sermon preparation, weekly staff meetings, various internal meetings
Senior Choir – most rehearsals and anthems; Vocal Duet (December 7)
Totenfest – November 30
Communion (December 7)

Committee Work

Mission Team (November 18)
Hearts ‘n Hands (December 12)
Evangelism
Stewardship (promotional and pulpit work); Dedication – November 19
Memorial Committee-
Board of Christian Education (December 8)
Elders (Next meeting TBD)
Wedding Policy Review (November 19)
175th Anniversary

Pastoral Care

EHM Noon Luncheon (November 21); Christmas Caroling (December 7); 6 visits at EHM Saline; 6 home visits; 3 Reddies Center Visits; 1 visit University Living; 6 office visits; 5 St. Joe visits, 1 UofM visit, 1 Chelsea visit

Mission

Vesper’s Monthly Meal for the Homeless (November 25)

Christian Education

Connections Newsletter
Sunday School Curriculum / weekly teacher preview and lesson summary
Confirmation – weekly class meetings

Denominational Work

Evangelical Homes of Michigan Saline – Quarterly Sunday afternoon worship
Monthly Covenant South Clergy Meeting (November 19)

Ecumenical Work

Manchester Area Clergy Monthly Meeting (November 20)
Manchester CRC Awards Banquet – November 14
Manchester Area Churches Fall Music and Thanksgiving Festival (Zion Lutheran, Chelsea) – November 23

Miles Accumulated in travel: ~315 miles

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2015 - JANUARY 31, 2016

February	1	William and Kathryn Martin
	8	Vic and Susan Mann
	15	Ron and Peg Diuble
	22	Ken and Bonnie Hieber
March	1	Eldean and Marie Bauer
	8	Andrew and Jill Corwin; Drew and Garrett
	15	Derald and Amanda Bauer
	22	Ray and Ava Goff
	29	Betty Cipri and Lisa Novess
April	2	Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Tom Golka and Phyllis Meranuck
	5	Easter Sunrise, 7:30 a.m. Jim and Lora Wiedmayer
	5	Easter, 10:00 a.m. Don and Nancy Hieber; Kevin Haeussler
	12	Doug and Mariel Peck
	19	Dave and Diane Seeger
	26	Toby and Renee St. Charles; Victoria, Lillian, Evelyn and Owen
May	3	Jeff and Karla Shankland; Paige and Emma
	10	Jeff and Tammy Elliott; Tyler and Bailey
	17	Brian and Mary Finkbeiner; Jacob and Emily
	24	Genevieve Haft and Betty Schneider
	31	Fred and Judy Jahnke
June	7	Todd and Michelle Jedele; Sydney and Siera
	14	Stephen and Lynn Strobbe
	21	Ron and Joann Finkbeiner
	28	Mike and Ashlie Haeussler; Carter and Liam
July	5	Gerry and Beverly Merz
	12	John and Lori Tursak; Hailey
	19	John and Nancy Bihlmeyer
	26	Fred and Mary Munson
August	2	Jean Holder and Norma Brees
	9	Ron and Judy Mann
	16	Pat and Judy Laberde; Amanda
	23	Kristi Campbell; Courtney, Jordan and Collin
	30	Mike and Sula Horodeczny
September	6	Will and Amy Riley; Lauren and Liam
	13	Harvey and Marcella Luckhardt
	20	Brandon and Melissa Henes; Mackenzie and Samantha
	27	Jean Martin and Carol Colby
October	4	Elizabeth Baron, Marc, Lorelei, Steve and Annelise
	11	Tom and Julie Kreitzer; Kyle
	18	Bruce and Lori Lobbestael; Emily, Eric, Ethan and Eli
	25	Darryl and Kolleen Kuebler; Kylie, Katie and Klara

November	1	Darrell and Susan Loy
	8	Tom and Sue Mann; Megan and Ryan
	15	Shane and Stacey Neigebauer; Dillon
	22	Jeff and Becky Mann; Jessica and Jacob
	29	Michael and Shanna Meranuck; Kimberly, Ashlynn, Hayleigh and Fisher
December	6	Earl and Cat Meyer; James Meyer
	13	John and Sarah Heuser
	20	Nate and Jody Munson
	24	(5:00 p.m. service) Nancy Loudin and Diane Ratkovich
	24	(7:30 p.m. service) Rudy and Susan Layher; R.J. and Matthew
	27	Larry and Patsy Aiken
January	3	Tom and Emily St. Charles
2016	10	Stan and Patty Lambarth
	17	Julie and Joe Roberts; Colleen and Michelle
	24	Marcy Haggard and Betty Jean Harper
	31	Bill and Kay Martin

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. Parents with young children may wish to take them to Child Care which is provided for infants through 2 year olds. 3, 4 and 5 year olds can attend church with their parents or are welcome in the Child Care room. Following worship, there is a Sunday School class for 3, 4 and 5 year olds.
5. Visitors with older children may want them to attend Sunday School which also follows worship.
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 1, 2015 - JANUARY 31, 2016

TEAM 1

DAVE HERTER
Mike Haeussler
Rudy Layher
Lynn Strobbe
Stephen Strobbe

TEAM 5

LARRY AIKEN
Brian Finkbeiner
Jacob Finkbeiner
Mary Finkbeiner
Diane Ratkovich

TEAM 9

RON MANN
Jeff Mann
Tom Mann
Vic Mann
Stacy Sheets

TEAM 2

LARRY EGELER
Fred Jahnke
Judy Jahnke
Phil Miller
Vicki Miller

TEAM 6

DAVID SEEGER
John Bihlmeyer
Gerry Merz
Diane Seeger
Jeff Shankland

TEAM 10

LORI TURSAK
Debbie Hibbard
John Heuser
Hailey Tursak
John Tursak

TEAM 3

DUANE KUEBLER
Darryl Kuebler
Kylie Kuebler
Mike Meranuck
Fred Munson

TEAM 7

JEAN MARTIN
Mary Girbach
Betty Jean Harper
Cathy Koefoed-Smith
Amanda Laberde

TEAM 11

RICK JONES
Jim Burmeister
Larry Helber
Beverly Nelson
Betty Schneider

TEAM 4

SCOTT DIUBLE
Ron Diuble
Bruce Lobbestael
Eli Lobbestael
Ethan Lobbestael

TEAM 8

DAVID HAEUSSLER
Derald Bauer
Jeff Elliott
Tyler Elliott
Joe Roberts

TEAM 1:	Feb. 1	Apr. 5, 10:00 a.m.	June 21	Sept. 6	Nov. 22	Jan. 24, 2016
TEAM 2:	Feb. 8	Apr. 12	June 28	Sept. 13	Nov. 29	Jan. 31, 2016
TEAM 3:	Feb. 15	Apr. 19	July 5	Sept. 20	Dec. 6	
TEAM 4:	Feb. 22	Apr. 26	July 12	Sept. 27	Dec. 13	
TEAM 5:	Mar. 1	May 3	July 19	Oct. 4	Dec. 20	
TEAM 6:	Mar. 8	May 10	July 26	Oct. 11	Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m.	
TEAM 7:	Mar. 15	May 17	Aug. 2	Oct. 18	Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m.	
TEAM 8:	Mar. 22	May 24	Aug. 9	Oct. 25	Dec. 27	
TEAM 9:	Mar. 29	May 31	Aug. 16	Nov. 1	Jan. 3, 2016	
TEAM 10:	Apr. 2 *	June 7	Aug. 23	Nov. 8	Jan. 10, 2016	
TEAM 11:	Apr. 5 7:30 a.m.	June 14	Aug. 30	Nov. 15	Jan. 17, 2016	

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. Parents with young children may wish to take them to Child Care which is provided for infants through 2 year olds. 3, 4 and 5 year olds can attend church with their parents or are welcome in the Child Care room. Following worship, there is a Sunday School class for 3, 4 and 5 year olds.
6. Visitors with older children may want them to attend Sunday School which also follows worship.
7. 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.
8. Seat latecomers during a hymn or announcement time. Avoid seating during a prayer, anthem or scripture reading.
9. 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.
10. 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).
11. Be prepared to deal with emergencies. Know the location of fire extinguishers, first aid kits and telephone for dialing 911.
12. 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).
13. 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

2015 LAY READERS

February

- 1 Carol Colby
- 8 Ava Goff
- 15 Betty Jean Harper
- 22 Jean Holder

March

- 1 Jeff Elliott
- 8 Susan Layher
(Daylight Savings)
- 15 Catherine Roberts
- 22 Judy Laberdee
- 29 Becky Mann

April

- 2 Rick Jones
(7:30p Maundy Thursday)
- 5 Jackie Martin
(7:30a Easter)
- 5 Amanda Laberdee
(10:00a Easter)
- 12 Diane Ratkovich
- 19 Judy Jahnke
- 26 Lisa Novess

May

- 3 Nate Munson
- 10 Ron Mann
- 17 Michelle Roberts
- 24 Cathy Moore
- 31 Lori Lobbestael

June

- 7 Bonnie Mitchell
- 14 Diane Wahl
- 21 Fred Munson
- 28 Lyle Wahl

July

- 5 Joe Moore
- 12 Jean Martin
- 19 Jody Munson
- 26 Judy Mann

August

- 2 Ava Goff
- 9 Betty Jean Harper
- 16 Jeff Elliott
- 23 Judy Laberdee
- 30 Becky Mann

September

- 6 Rick Jones
- 13 Jean Holder
- 20 Catherine Roberts
- 27 Jackie Martin

October

- 4 Jill Corwin
- 11 Alison Robison
- 18 Diane Ratkovich
- 25 Judy Jahnke

November

- 1 Lisa Novess
- 8 Nate Munson
- 15 Susan Luckhardt
- 22 Carol Colby
- 29 Cathy Moore

December

- 6 Lori Lobbestael
- 13 Bonnie Mitchell
- 20 (Festival of Lessons and Carols)
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 27 Diane Wahl

January

- 3 Fred Munson
- 10 Lyle Wahl
- 17 Joe Moore
- 24 Jody Munson
- 31 Judy Mann

2015 CHILD CARE

February	1	Cathy Koefoed-Smith & Andrew Corwin
February	8	Renee St. Charles & Courtney Campbell
February	15	Jill Corwin & Katie Kuebler
February	22	Michelle Jedele & Megan Mann
March	1	Kristi Campbell & Michelle Roberts
March	8	Sue Mann & Garrett Corwin (Daylight Savings)
March	15	Cathy Koefoed-Smith & Jordan Campbell
March	22	Renee St. Charles & Ryan Mann
March	29	Jill Corwin & Collin Campbell
April	5	Michelle Jedele & Andrew Corwin
April	12	Kristi Campbell & Katie Kuebler
April	19	Sue Mann & Courtney Campbell
April	26	Cathy Koefoed-Smith & Megan Mann
May	3	Renee St. Charles & Michelle Roberts
May	10	Jill Corwin & Garrett Corwin
May	17	Michelle Jedele & Jordan Campbell

No Child Care volunteers staffed during the summer months

September	6	Kristi Campbell & Ryan Mann
September	13	Sue Mann & Collin Campbell
September	20	Cathy Koefoed-Smith & Andrew Corwin
September	27	Renee St. Charles & Courtney Campbell
October	4	Jill Corwin & Katie Kuebler
October	11	Michelle Jedele & Megan Mann
October	18	Kristi Campbell & Garrett Corwin
October	25	Sue Mann & Jordan Campbell
November	1	Cathy Koefoed-Smith & Ryan Mann
November	8	Renee St. Charles & Collin Campbell
November	15	Jill Corwin & Courtney Campbell
November	22	Michelle Jedele & Andrew Corwin
November	29	Kristi Campbell & Megan Mann
December	6	Sue Mann & Katie Kuebler
December	13	Cathy Koefoed-Smith & Garrett Corwin
December	20	Renee St. Charles & Jordan Campbell
December	24	No volunteers staffed
December 27-January 3 No volunteer staffed		
January	10	Jill Corwin & Ryan Mann
January	17	Michelle Jedele & Collin Campbell
January	24	Kristi Campbell & Andrew Corwin
January	31	Sue Mann & Courtney Campbell



Community Resource Center

Building a stronger community through its volunteers and resources

410 City Road, P.O. Box 433 • Manchester, MI 48158
734.428.7722 • manchestercrc@sbcglobal.net • www.manchestercrc.org

Thinking of donating to the CRC Food Pantry?

Not sure what items are needed?

Here is a suggested list of products that many families don't have access to on a regular basis.

Many are non-food items and cannot be purchased with a Bridge Card (food stamps).

Personal care items-

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Liquid hand soap
- Toothpaste
- First aid items
- Combs/hair brushes
- Cotton swabs

Cleaning supplies-

- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener
- Dish soap
- White vinegar
- Bathroom cleaner
- Kitchen cleaner
- Glass cleaner
- Toilet bowl cleaner

Paper goods-

- Facial tissue

Baby products-

- Disposable diapers (variety of sizes)
- Baby wipes

Specialty foods-

- Sugar free items for diabetics

Baking supplies-

- Baking soda
- Baking powder
- Salt
- Spices
- Shortening
- Cooking oil

Condiments-

- Ketchup
- Mustard

Beverages-

- Dry coffee & tea packets

Helpful hint – Canned and dry food goods donated to the pantry should be unopened and in their original packaging with labels, in good condition (no dents, bulging or rust) and within 6 months of the “sell by” or “use by” date.

Thank you for your contributions!

Annual “Feeding of the 5000” Food Drive Instructions for Churches and Local Organizations



Greetings!

On behalf of the Manchester Area Churches, we would like to invite you to participate with us in this year’s Lenten “**Feeding of the 5000**” food drive to support the Manchester Community Resource Center. This is the fifth year of the food drive. Our overall goal is to raise 7500 pounds of food, cleaning supplies and personal care supplies, enough to help 5000 people!

Here is how it all works:

1. Collect food items and household goods (non-perishable, non-expired) from your organization or congregation. (Think about creative ways to inspire your folks to do this! For instance: send home grocery bags for them to fill and return; challenge them to cover an entire wall or floor with items.)
2. Bring your collected items to Manchester United Methodist Church, 501 Ann Arbor St. Manchester, on Saturday March 7th or Saturday March 28th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. You can also make arrangements through the church office by calling (734) 428-8495.

OR...

Weigh your collected food items and take them directly to the Community Resource Center. (Weighing the contributions is a great project for a group of kids or youth!) Report the weight of collected items to Deacon Tina Zimmerman (734) 417-3117.

Attached is a list of most needed items from the CRC.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Manchester United Methodist Church (734) 428-8495 or Deacon Tina Zimmerman (734) 417-3117.

ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – 4:30- 6:30 p.m. February 17, 2015 at Clinton United Church of Christ. Enjoy this Mardi Gras themed event. Proceeds to benefit the Clinton Benevolent Fund.

SAUERKRAUT AND KNOEFFLE DINNER – 5:00-6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 5, 2015 at St. Andrew’s United Church of Christ. Tickets available at the door for dine-in or carry-out meals. Adult ticket \$9.00, Youth (ages 5-12) \$5.00, Children 4 and under are free.