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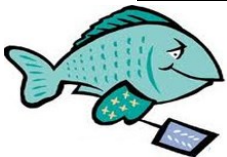
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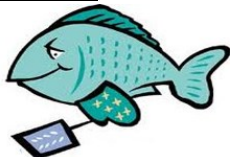
...I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...2 Timothy 1:6b

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IT’S FISH FRY TIME!!!



Join us for the



Bethel United Methodist
Church Annual Fish Fry
Friday, April 29th 4:30 -7pm

8405 Lima Road Fort Wayne IN 46818

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

~ Dan’s Fish & Chicken ~

Menu: Fish or Chicken, Green Beans, Cole
Slaw or Applesauce, Desserts & Drink
Dine In, Carry Out and Drive Thru Available

Tickets available in the church office
Adults \$10.00, Children 6-12 \$5, 5 & under free.

Craft & Bake Sale Table Also Available

The proceeds to be evenly divided between UMW
missions and Youth Camp assistance.

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Making Disciples of Jesus Christ:
8 Steps to Help You Along the Way

The mission of our church, THE CHURCH, is to “Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.” Helping someone become a disciple of Jesus Christ is all about leading them to Jesus, allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through both of you as you journey together, and watch God transform their life (yours too!)

Many have grown up in traditions that teach disciple making as simply presenting a plan of salvation to “lost souls.” This usually includes reading or quoting a few key verses and then asking a person to make an immediate decision. One may be quite successful in getting people to pray that sinner’s prayer, unfortunately, if you leave it at that, you won’t see a lot of permanent transformation in people’s lives.

The gift of salvation is miraculous, but it’s not magic. Seeing lives change and grow in the Lord is a process, one that requires the leading of the Holy Spirit. And it’s usually, if not always, a gradual process. It is more about relationships than dogma, it is about disciple-making, walking with someone on the journey and encouraging them, praying for and with them, and helping them grow in the Word. The following is a simplified list that outlines a process many have found effective.

- 1. Make a list of your Friends, Relatives, Associates, and Neighbors. (FRANs)** Everyone will have different criteria upon which this list will be based. Try to focus on those who are “unchurched.”
- 2. Develop a profile of each individual.** Write down what you know about the person (a basic “bio.”) Focus on what you know about their physical, emotional/psychological, social, and spiritual needs.
- 3. Pray regularly for each person on your list.** Pray especially that God will give you a deep love for each person. Ask Him to reveal the ones you should focus your efforts on and what the Spirit would have you do.
- 4. Choose three or four individuals on whom you will focus.** Choose those you relate to well and you believe will be the most receptive. Look for connection points, common interest or hobbies, and invite them to church.
- 5. Develop a deeper relationship with those chosen.** Doing things together that you both enjoy is one of the best ways to deepen a relationship. Go fishing, invite them to church, a ball game, go shopping together, etc. LISTEN. Then, listen some more. Listen to their dreams; listen even more for their pain and struggles. As you listen, you will discover ways to minister to them and build trust.
- 6. Introduce them to other mature Christians (Invite them to Church!).** Enlist Christian friends to help you deepen your relationships with those you seek to reach. As you expand the individual’s circle of Christian friends, the likelihood that they will be receptive increases. They are much more likely to go with you to a worship service, Sunday School, or small group Bible study if they already know people who will be there.
- 7. Share your story.** As you listen to their story; discover their hurts, issues, hang-ups, and habits (good and bad), you will find opportunities to tell your story. You will find ways to share how God has helped you through similar problems in a very nonjudgmental fashion. This kind of honest, intimate sharing is much more effective after a trusting, loving relationship has been established.
- 8. Mentor/coach them.** Remember, discipleship is a process that takes time. Don’t think because someone makes a profession of faith you just move on to someone else. No, encourage them to enter into a serious accountability relationship with you or another mature Christian.

(Adapted from Dr. Gary Thompson’s blog: “Renewing the Church by Making Disciples”)

BETHEL PRAYER LIST

Bethel Family

Carol Borches	Donna Wakeland	District Superintendent,
Peg Cussen	Gayle Westfall	David Neckers
Bob Dorsey	Linda Wheaton	Pastor Brian & Rachel
Diana Halter	Those of our congregation	Campbell and family
Opal Herrberg	who are job-hunting	Kid’s Kingdom
Ann Kramer	Families in crisis – financial,	Awana Clubs
Pastor Jerry & Liz Machgan	health, marriage	
Bonnie Jean Merriman	Bethel Staff & Volunteers	
Mike & Arline Miller	Bethel Church	
Marcia Moore	Bethel Preschool & Bethel	
Ray Owen	Daycare	
Russ Sunday	Bishop Michael J. Coyner	

Friends of Bethel

Brent Ashby, Rachel	Ryan & Chole McIntyre,	Wayne Smith
Campbell’s brother	relatives of Betty	Shappell’s son-in-law
Ava Bower, child with	Failor	Caz Strzynski
Leukemia	Judy Miller, friend of Ron &	Marscell Sloffer,
Destiny, Robb & Diana	Phyllis Shappell	Charlotte Klerner’s
Bilderback’s niece	Jim Overholt, friend of Bob	mother
Helen Goonen, Betty Failor’s	Moore	Niccole Snowden Willoughby
sister	Larry Reeder, Top Clean	friend of Pastor Brian
Pastor Donna Holcomb,	Beth Richardson, friend of	& Rachel Campbell
friend of Don & Barb	Dave & Pat Muncie	The President and Cabinet
Cross	The Saneta Family	(the government)
Richard Johnson, Jenny	Dona Sell, Margaret	Pray for the schools,
Lemmon’s father	Detamore’s sister-in-law	children, teachers etc.
Mercedees, Shugert’s	Wayne Sauers, Linda	
granddaughter	Wheaton’s father	

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE OF CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE TO THESE LISTS. WE THANK YOU FOR CARING ENOUGH TO PRAY FOR THEM.

Remember those of our church who are in healthcare, shut-in or in assisted living:

Juanita Arnold: Heritage of Fort Wayne
5250 Heritage Parkway, Room 327 Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Arlene Domer: Golden Years Homestead
8300 Maysville Road, Apt 2019, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Edna Doty: 2033 S. Lone Pine Rd, Columbia City, IN 46725

Betty Failor: 4012 Captiva Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815; 260-485-0205

Opal Herrberg: 1821 Gilmore Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Ronald Jones: 413 Columbia Drive, Apt #19, Columbia City, IN 46725

Marcia Moore: 14409 Sunrise Court, Leo, IN 46765

Elizabeth Richards: Care of their son, Tom Richards
16203 Thunderbird Road, Huntertown, IN 46748

Rooney Stewart: P.O. Box 5194, Fort Wayne, IN 46895-5194

Russ Sunday: Coventry Meadows
7843 West Jefferson Blvd, 412-B, Fort Wayne, IN 46804; 260-432-4848

Erna Troth: 7833 W. Jefferson Blvd., Apt 107, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE SUCH AS ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER.



The Kramers in concert!

Sunday, April 3rd at 10:30am

One Combined Service

Pitch-In to Follow

FRIENDS AND FOLLOWERS

If your life is a story who's the author? We live in a world that says you and I are the ones in control of our stories. There is even an entire genre of books that we call "self-help." The implicit promise of these books is that the solution for finding happiness, peace, and contentment lies within us.

But the real meaning doesn't just lie within. The meaning is written into your life by God. If we are the authors, how can there be so many moments when the story feels completely out of our control? All the self-help books in the world can't prevent us from discovering that sometimes you just can't help yourself. Instead of struggling to control the story all by ourselves, we can choose to hand the pen and paper over to a Higher Power, and live out that story that He is writing.

To live recognizing your place in God's story is to embark on an adventure. People might think you're crazy for choosing a path like that. Sometimes you might think you're crazy! But you know there is a path He wants you to walk. The story of your life is being written every moment of every day. But who is doing the writing?

--Matthew West In *The Story of Your Life Interactive Journey*

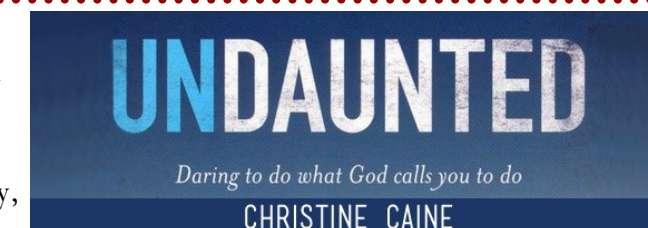
Beginning **Sunday, April 10, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall** we will be discovering our place in God's story as we focus on the path He wants us to walk. As **Friends and Followers** we will fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith... (Hebrews 12:2, NIV). Looking forward to seeing and sharing with you there. Barb Cross



The Bethel UM Women would like all ladies to "mark your calendar" for the upcoming May Breakfast. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 7th at 9:00am. We will be talking Quilts. If you have made

or own a Quilt that is near and dear to you and are willing to share it with us, call Phyllis Strahm 489-0918. Guests are welcome so bring your friends, neighbors and relatives.

Christine Caine offers life-transforming insights about how not only to overcome the challenges, wrong turns, and often painful circumstances we all experience, but also to actually grow from those experiences and be equipped and empowered to help others. Using her own dramatic life story, Caine shows how God rescued her from a life where she was unnamed, unwanted, and unqualified. She tells how she overcame abuse, abandonment, fears, and other challenges to go on a mission of adventure, fueled by faith and filled with love and courage. Her personal stories inspire readers to hear their name called, just as Christine heard her own - "You are beloved. You are the hope. You are chosen" - to go into a dark and troubled world, knowing each of us possess all it takes to bring hope, create change, and live completely for Christ. Part inspirational tale, part manifesto to stir readers to lives of adventure, Undaunted shows the way with spiritual wisdom and insight. (from the Amazon description)



I'm looking forward to start this study! We meet at 7:30 on Thursdays. Hope more Bethel women join us!



CHILDREN'S

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributes time, money, prayer, etc... to any part of Bethel's Children's Ministry. The Children's program would not be what it is without everyone who teaches, serves food, plans events, helps to setup and clean up, prays and donates money or supplies. We have an AWESOME support system and want you to know how much we appreciate all of you.

Popcorn For Sale

\$2.00 Flavors

- * Butter
- * Sea Salt Slim
- * Cheddar
- * White Cheddar
- * Cornfusion
- * Kettle Corn

\$4.00 Flavors

- * Caramel
- * S'mores Corn
- * Butter Toffee Almond
- * Chocolate Drizzle Caramel

Financial Report

Popcorn Sales

February = \$7.00

Annual Total = \$123.00

Awana Coin Collection

February = \$13.85

Annual Total = \$150.55

Notecard Sales (coming soon)

Thank you, continued...

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Pictures with the Bunnies! Both the bunnies and the kids were adorable!

Kid News

We Need You and Your Talents! - Are you a choreographer or do you enjoy making up dances? Are you an actor/actress or enjoy directing plays or skits? Do you have some other talent that can be applied to Children's Ministry? We'd like to help the kids explore more of their talents including art, dancing and acting. If you are interested in working with the kids in any of these capacities, please contact Shelby Naibauer.

Spring Break - Awana Clubs will not meet on Wednesday, April 6. Have a fun and safe Spring Break!!!

Awana Awards Night— Our Awana Awards night will be held on Wednesday, May 25 from 5:15—6:30 PM in the Sanctuary! All are welcome to attend.

Vacation Bible School—Our VBS theme this year is Thailand Trek. VBS will be from Sunday, June 12—Wednesday, June 15. See the Bethel website for more information.

Shelby Naibauer
416-0752

bethelkidsmin@frontier.com
<http://www.bethelchurchfw.com/>

JUST FOR FUN!

Bethel True-isms:

Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.

Bible Trivia Question:

What was the name of Esther's cousin who raised her after her parents died?

- A. Hegai
- B. Haman
- C. Mordecai
- D. Ahasuerus (also known as Xerxes)



Check your answers at the bottom of page 12

Christian Symbol ~ Tau Rho



The symbol of salvation is composed of the Greek letters tau (T) and rho (P). It was first used in ancient New Testament manuscripts as an abbreviation for the Greek word for "cross." The symbol also seems to visually represent Jesus on the cross.

BETHEL HAPPENINGS...



April Meetings

Thursday, April 14th

9:30am Church Staff Meeting

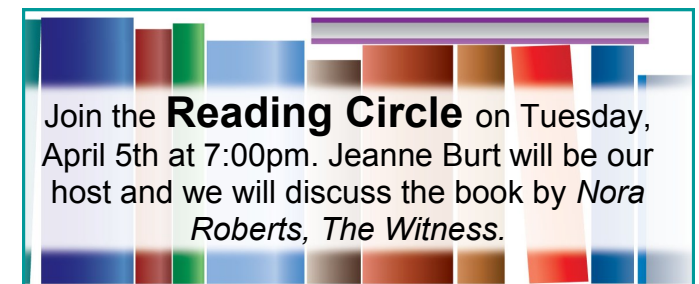
Thursday, April 28th

7:30pm Trustee Meeting

Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on Saturday, April 2nd at 9am.



Eve Circle will be held on Thursday, April 21st at 12:30 at Bethel. Our host will be Phyllis Shappell. Please bring a sack lunch. Refreshments provided.



Join the **Reading Circle** on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00pm. Jeanne Burt will be our host and we will discuss the book by *Nora Roberts, The Witness*.

General Operating Report - Feb.

2/01/16 Beginning Balance	-10,585.55
INCOME	39,234.08
EXPENSES	39,949.15
2/29/16 Ending Balance	-11,300.62

April Greeters

April 3	Barbara Hontz
	Traci King & Kids
April 10	Sue Sarazen
	Jeanne & Terry Burt
April 17	Ramona Brown
	Cheryl Nicolet
April 24	Randy & Gayle Westfall
	Dave & Pat Muncie

UMW & A Baby's Closet

One of the Social Action projects of Bethel United Methodist Women is **A Baby's Closet**. This project is sponsored by the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. This is a ministry that helps improve the lives of disadvantaged infants and toddlers by offering their mothers and fathers incentives for responsible parenting. To help this ministry we collect new and very gently used clothing from newborn to size 4T, as well as new or in good condition baby furniture, diapers, and any items necessary for the care of an infant or toddler. **They do not accept car seats.** The collection dates are Sunday, May 1st to Sunday, May 8th. (Mother's Day) There will be a Pack n Play in the Fellowship Hall for you to put in your donations. Thank in advanced for considering your donations to this ministry.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Bethel United Methodist ~ Vacation Bible School ~ June 12th - June 15th



Your help is greatly appreciated to make this program a success!! This year's program will be based on John 3:16 teaching that God has love for everyone in the world! Please visit the Bethel website for further information!

We are currently collecting the following items for decoration needs, Gold spray paint, raffia table skirts, border stencils, empty 2ltr bottles, white Christmas lights, foam board.

Calling all Women of Faith!!



If you are in need of a little gal pal time please join the Faith on Friday circle. This group is open to women of any age looking for spiritual uplifting and time to share experiences of faith, family, fun. At the Faith on Friday meeting we will spend time sharing in a devotional and then sharing in fun. Catch up on your scrapbook, card making, baby books, or just come for fellowship. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Traci King. ~When: Friday, April 15th. ~Time: 7:00pm

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who made donations, contributed desserts, and volunteered to work at the UMW Chicken Noodle Fundraiser. We netted \$672 to use to meet our mission obligations. Thank you to all who participated by buying your lunch or purchasing carry-out. God bless you for your support. Carol Barton

I would like to **thank** all those who offered up prayers, and sent flowers and cards during my recent surgery. Also those that brought food. This knee wasn't quite as easy as the other one but really can't complain. Therapy is done and I am well on the way to a good recovery. Margaret Detamore

Thank you to my precious Bethel Church Family for the birthday wishes, cards, gifts, love, and prayers. May your many blessings showered on me return to you many times over. I love you with the love of the Lord. Barb Cross

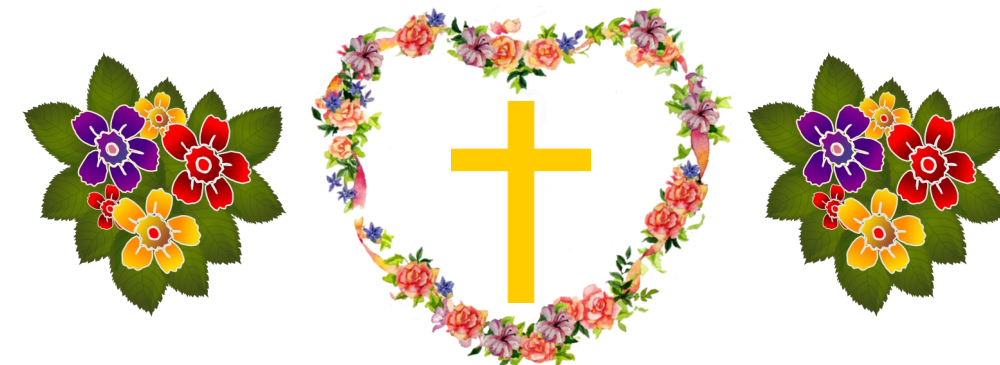
MINISTRIES



Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Saturday, April 23 from 1:00—4:00 PM at Bethel UMC

Children's Ministry volunteers: Don't forget about our Volunteer Appreciation party on Saturday, April 23 from 1:00—4:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Marc's Arc will be joining us from 2:00—3:00 PM to discuss and show some animals such as snakes, lizards, rabbits, etc... There will also be games, activities and munchies to enjoy. We hope to see you there.



Sunday School

Squires of the Son

Ages 2—Grade 2
Location: Crib Room

Crews:

Traci King
Katie Robinson
Mandy Odum
Ian Cusick

Knights in Christ

Grades 3—6
Location: Music Room

Crew:

Shelby Naibauer
Traci King

Children's Church

Kids Kingdom

Ages 2—Grade 6
Location: The Castle

Crews:

Traci King
Katie Robinson
Mandy Odum
Ian Cusick

Wednesdays

Awana Clubs

Ages 3 yrs—Grade 6

Sep 2, 2015—May 25, 2016
4:45—6:45 PM

Notecards For Sale

The kids in Bethel's Children's Ministry are showing their artistic talents by designing notecards. Designs will be displayed on the Children's Ministry bulletin board. Stop by and see how creative Bethel's kids can be.

Notecards are for sale in the office for \$6.00. Packages will include 8 notecards in either all the same design or in a variety of designs.

If you have thank you cards to write or just want to say hi to a friend, these fun cards will be perfect to send and you will be supporting Children's Ministries!

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Look Into What's Coming In
April For Sunday School



Christian Home Builders-(Room S6)- Leader-Don Cross

Stories of faith form our Bible lessons this quarter, leading us to consider experiences and issues like illness, wealth, doubt, grief, forgiveness, relationships, failure, gratitude, and humility. We take a look at those lives whose faith Jesus inspired and those whose faith inspired Him. We also consider our own lives and how our acts of faith and faithfulness inspire those around us to believe, to know that “all things are possible for God” (Mark 10:27). All are invited to experience, to know, and to believe!

THE GIFT OF FAITH

Unit 2	The Gift of Faith	Scripture
April 3	Renewed Health	Luke 7:1-10

Key Verse: “When Jesus heard these words, He was impressed with the centurion. He turned to the crowd following Him and said, “I tell you, even in Israel I haven’t found faith like this.” (Luke 7:9)

April 10	A Reversal of Shame	Luke 7:36-50
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Key Verse: “This is why I tell you that her many sins have been forgiven; so she has shown great love. The one who is forgiven little loves little.” (Luke 7:47)

April 17	A Sound Mind	Luke 8:26-36
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Key Verse: “People came to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone. He was sitting at Jesus’ feet, fully dressed and completely sane. They were filled with awe.” (Luke 8:35)

April 14	A Family Reunion	Luke 15:11-32
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Key Verse: “This son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found! And they began to celebrate.” (Luke 15:24)

Seekers of the Covenant (Room S5)- Leader- Jeff Cusick

No information submitted.

Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members

The Koinonia Class is still enjoying Kyle Idleman’s book 40 Days to Lasting Change: An AHA Challenge. We are squeezing every golden nugget of truth out of this book. We might finish it in April! Then we will finish Heroes, Rogues, and the Rest by J. Ellsworth Kalas, a fascinating study of biographies in the Bible. We always welcome new faces!

Children’s Sunday School (1st thru 6th)

Exciting News! We began a new Sunday School Curriculum in March. Kids Own Worship is developed by Group and allows kids to learn and worship in their own way. The new program will be implemented in the Squires and Knights classes as well as during Kids Kingdom. It will feature Praise time, a weekly Bible point that reinforces the message thru interactive activities or crafts and prayer time that allows kids to end with a wrap up prayer. We are excited about this new program and are looking forward to introducing it to our Sunday School Kids!!

BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

We Need You!

We are asking YOU to help with our Silent Auction this year. It has become one of the largest fundraisers for the Preschool/Daycare and of course, the church. We will be putting a sign up sheet on the church bulletin board for volunteers with our games. This is a great way to meet some of our Preschool and Daycare families. I hope you sign up!



Now Hiring!

Bethel Preschool is looking to add to our Bethel Preschool Staff. If you love teaching and are looking for a part time position, please contact Sarah at 260-489-3651 or bethelpreschool@frontier.com.

The 5th Annual Silent Auction Is Coming!!!

Silent Auction/Carnival – May 14th 1pm – 4pm

Silent Auction is coming up! There will be carnival games, food, and great items to bid on. We are hoping to have everyone join us for this event. There will be plenty of chairs for people to just come, visit, and have a hot dog. If you would like to help, we are asking families and church members to create their own theme basket or donate money to have a basket made in their name to auction off at the Event.

*Basket Suggestions: Pet Lovers, Camping Crazy, Death by Chocolate, Gardening, Grilling, Fun in the Sun, Crafty, Game Night, Book Lovers, etc.

Capri Sun Pouches & Lunchable Containers

The Preschool will no longer be collecting Capri Sun Pouches or Lunchable Containers. Instead, we will be taking over the pop can collection. You can bring in your pop cans (crushed is preferred). Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Events

Puppet Show Field Trip All Day classes	Mar 16 & 17
Petsmart Field Trip Am Classes	Mar 23 & 24
Good Friday (No School)	Mar 25
Spring Break (No School)	Apr 4 - 8



Feb. Scrip Report:

Total Sold	\$3579.00
Parent %	\$40.39
School %	\$94.13