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Worship Service:
Traditional Service 8:30am
Sunday School 9:30am
Contemporary Service 10:30am

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- Brian D. Campbell, Pastor
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- Sarah Davidson, Preschool Director
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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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“With Heartfelt Thanks and a Challenge for Us All!”

Over the last several months we have seen many needed improvements and changes here at Bethel. In the sanctuary, narthex, and gathering area, we have new carpet, new glass doors (which have been recently glare-proofed), and a beautiful welcome center desk/kiosk. We now have a new stove in the kitchen, along with a hood and vent and an improved fire safety system. Half of our parking lot and drive has been built up, paved, and lined (with new signage installed as well). Our steeple has been repaired and updated, several air conditioning/heating units have been serviced, a new electrical box in the Daycare has been installed, and a few hallways and rooms have been painted (with more to come).

I’m sure I’m missing several other things (outside repairs to our drainage system, repairs on the sidewalks in front of the office and Daycare entrances, and many other updates around the church...mulching in and around all of our playground areas) and I haven’t even gotten to the parsonage improvements (new stove, new storm door, and other upcoming improvement projects).

Why do I mention all of the above, and how are we getting all of this accomplished when we are running at a budget deficit? I’m glad you asked! I mention all of this in order to say a heartfelt “THANKYOU!” to all who have given over and above to make all this possible! A majority of all of these projects were funded through special gifts, endowments, grants, and the sacrificial giving (over and above tithes to the church) of members of our BUMC congregation, our Daycare and Preschool, and even some folks who have given to Bethel who are not members, but are supportive of our ministries here at Bethel!

These gifts were given not to the general fund (the fund that pays the bills and so forth), but with specific goals in mind and earmarked especially for projects that would improve our church in a tangible way and many who have given wanted to remain anonymous, so this is why the church membership as a whole has not heard about many of the specifics, but we (I, our Finance Committee, Trustees, and Administrative Council) felt some explanation was in order.

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Special points of interest:

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I hope this explanation helps a little and makes you feel a real sense of pride and gratitude for all that we are doing together at BUMC to be the best stewards we can be with what God has provided. With this in mind, here is the challenge. As of our last Finance Committee meeting we are running at a deficit of over \$24,000! Our weekly/monthly income is not matching our needs. And I have to tell you, our staff and leadership are doing a really good job of not going over budget! In fact, our Finance Committee (Donna Belcher-chair, Jim McCrea-Business Mgr., Dawn Roberts-Treasurer, Dave Hord-Financial Secretary, Joshua Burt-Endowments, Tom Utnage-Grants, Gary Merriman-Trustee Chair, Terry Burt-Member At-Large) has done a commendable job in putting together a true working budget that should really help us keep better informed and up-to-date on the state of our finances.

I believe we are being good stewards of what the Lord (through all of you) are providing, we all just need to make sure that we are doing our part in giving back to Lord. The Scripture tells us to give our “first fruits,” not our leftovers. We are called to do our best to give in the form of a Biblical tithe as our standard (10%...tithe means tenth) and other offerings as we are blessed (“Every person shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you” Deuteronomy 16:17).

Remember, Jesus gave EVERYTHING for us (John 3:16) and God is the provider of our health and wealth and giving is a part of our worship back to Him!

Bethel will be able to continue doing ministry in the Fort Wayne community and beyond for years to come, if we remain faithful to the cause of Christ by making Disciples through our worship, witness and generous stewardship of our time, talents, presence, and finances! My hope is that we can all be like John Wesley, who began by giving 10% and living on 90%, but in his later years ended up living on 10% and giving away 90%! Wouldn’t that be AWESOME!

In closing, I want to thank you all for giving and for being a blessing to our church family! I will be praying for all of us that we may truly seek the Lord, listen to His voice, and respond to the call to give generously as He has given to us! Here are a few more Scriptures that you might consider as you pray about what the Lord might be saying to you in relation to your giving:

“Each one must give as they have decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver!” 2 Corinthians 9:7

“One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what they should give and only suffers want.” Proverbs 11:24

“Give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you!” Luke 6:38

“Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.” Matthew 6:21

Thank you again and may God bless you all! PB

BETHEL PRAYER LIST

Bethel Family

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

Friends of Bethel

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

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 328 Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Arlene Domer:
3136 Goeglien Road, D12, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

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

Betty Failor:
2001 Hobson Rd, Room 601-B, Fort Wayne, IN 46805; 260-446-3899

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, Hometown, IN 46748

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

Russ Sunday: St. Anne Home
1900 Randallia Dr, Room 223-B Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Erna Troth:
7843 W. Jefferson Blvd., Room 518, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

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

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Bishop Mike Coyner's E-Pistle

"And The Church Goes On"



Last week was a series of reminders about transitions, change, and life journeys. It was also a time of being reminded that the church goes on. God is faithful. We are blessed with the "continuity" of God's leadership, care, and direction. Here is what happened:

- four bishops were retired at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in Peoria, Illinois: Bishops John Hopkins, Jonathan Keaton, Deb Kiesey, and myself. The actual motion voting us into retirement (as of September 1st) said we are "released" from our responsibilities. I have to admit that word "released" sounded and felt pretty good.
- four new bishops were elected, including our own Frank Beard who was elected and then assigned to serve the Illinois Area (which includes the Great Rivers Conference headquartered in Springfield, Illinois). It was a great celebration, especially for our Indiana delegation and friends, and Frank will be a terrific bishop.
- the Indiana Area received news that Bishop Julius Trimble is assigned to be our new bishop, effective September 1st. Bishop Trimble was elected eight years ago, and he has been serving the Iowa Conference. He is my friend and colleague, so I am pleased to help him make this transition. Because he is an experienced bishop, he will have to learn about Indiana, but he won't have to learn how to be a bishop. This continues our usual trend in Indiana of receiving experienced bishops to serve our large and complex Area.

Other news happened last week that has many persons upset and concerned, namely that the Western Jurisdiction elected as bishop a person who is a married lesbian. For many persons this is an obvious violation of our Book of Discipline, and action was taken by the South Central Jurisdiction to ask the Judicial Council of our UMC (which is our "supreme court") to rule upon whether her election and consecration is a valid.

While I understand the many concerns I am hearing about the situation in the Western Jurisdiction, my own counsel is to wait and allow our judicial processes to deal with this case. In the meantime, God is faithful, the church goes on, and the Holy Spirit leads us through times of change and transition.

At the Installation Service for Rev. Steve Beutler as our new Superintendent of the South West District yesterday, I shared a "Word from the Bishop" and I chose the word "Continuity." We can trust in God's faithfulness (even when our own efforts seem disjointed) to lead us forward. Our "continuity" is not dependent upon human actions, but rather we can trust in God's faithfulness.

So let us congratulate Bishop Frank Beard, let us welcome Bishop Julius Trimble, and let us trust God to provide the continuity that our church needs.

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Trimble assigned as new Indiana Conference Bishop

Originally published on July 16, 2016

Peoria, Ill. - The Committee on Episcopacy of the North Central Jurisdiction announced the assignment of Bishop Julius C. Trimble to the Indiana Episcopal Area Saturday, July 16. Bishop Trimble will begin his service Thursday, September 1, 2016.



Trimble will succeed Bishop Michael J. Coyner who has served the Indiana Conference for the past 12 years and will retire Wednesday, August 31, 2016.

Trimble, who previously served as the resident bishop of the Iowa Area for the past eight years, was elected as Bishop in The United Methodist Church on July 18, 2008, from the East Ohio Conference.

A native of Chicago, he was ordained deacon and elder in the Northern Illinois Conference where he served two churches before transferring to the East Ohio Conference. He served churches in the Cleveland, Ohio area and as District Superintendent of the Cleveland District from 1996-2003. He received training in faith-based community organizing and served as President of WECAN (Westside-Eastside Communities Action Network) in Cleveland, Ohio, a faith-based community organization addressing issues of safety, economic development, and public education.

A graduate of Illinois State University and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, he received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Ashland Theological Seminary. A strong advocate for social justice and increased attention to ministries addressing mental health issues, he has promoted ministries related to domestic violence and the role of the faith community. Bishop Trimble has worked with ecumenical leadership in Iowa in response to gun violence and immigration reform. He serves as Chairperson of the United Methodist Interagency Immigration Task Force.

Before his election as a bishop, he served as Adjunct Instructor at United Methodist-related Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, OH where he taught courses on the African American religious experience and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Married to Racelder Grandberry-Trimble, a professional counselor and graduate of Methodist Theological School of Ohio. They are the parents of three adult children: Cameron, Candiace, and Julius Thomas.

Bishop Trimble has preached throughout the United States and in Africa. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Bishop James S. Thomas Leadership Award presented by the Methodist Federation for Social Action of East Ohio. He was awarded the Iowa MFSA Social Action Award in June 2015.

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Bethel UMC's Next Dine to Donate

Please join us on Sunday, August 21st at **Panda Express** at 6205 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818 just in front of Home Depot. This event runs ALL DAY (10am –11pm). **20% of your bill will be donated to Bethel**, not including tax or gratuity. In order for us to receive this donation **you must present a flyer with your payment**. Flyers are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office. Help Bethel raise some money and enjoy some good food at the same time!

THANK YOU

Clean OUT Day Thank you!!

A BIG thank you to the volunteers who helped on clean out day!! We were able to clean and organize the space in the nursery, the castle, and the basement. These areas are looking much better and are more functional to accommodate the needs for our programs. We appreciate all the assistance!!

BETHEL HAPPENINGS...

Faith on Friday will be held on August 19th at 7pm. See you there!

There will be no Men's Prayer Breakfast this month.

August Meetings

Thursday, August 11th

9:30am Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 23rd

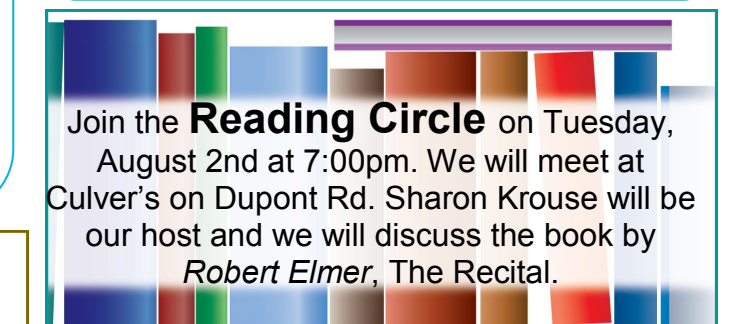
7:00pm Finance Meeting

Thursday, August 25th

7:30pm Trustee Meeting



Eve Circle will be held on Thursday, August 18th at the home of Mary Ann Long at 7:00pm. See you there!



Join the **Reading Circle** on Tuesday, August 2nd at 7:00pm. We will meet at Culver's on Dupont Rd. Sharon Krouse will be our host and we will discuss the book by **Robert Elmer**, The Recital.

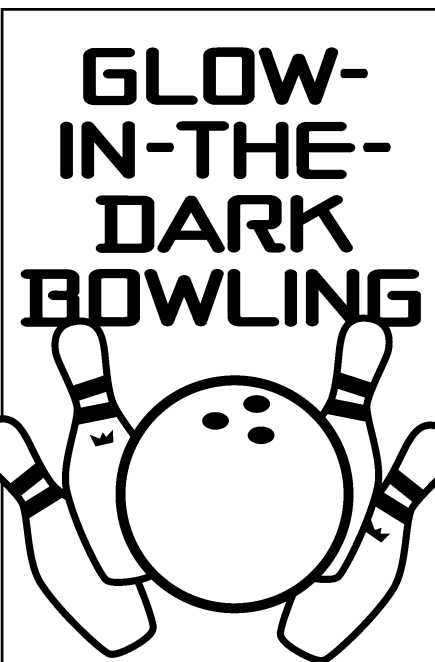
General Operating Report - June

6/01/16 Beginning Balance	-20,503.52
INCOME	17,134.58
EXPENSES	21,155.10
6/30/16 Ending Balance	-24,524.04

August Greeters

Aug. 7	Andrea DeLeon
	Mandy Odum & Kids
Aug. 14	Bob Moore
	TBD
Aug. 21	Kathy Smith
	TBD
Aug 28	Beth Champion
	Cheryl Nicolet

JUST FOR FUN!



Make this fun summer game to play at the beach, a park or in your yard.

What you need:

- 10 empty plastic bottles (same size)
- 10 or more glow sticks
- Water (optional)
- Star stickers (optional)
- Hamster ball (or regular ball)
- Tape

What you do:

1. Place one or two activated glow sticks in each bottle. Fill bottles with water and decorate with star stickers, if desired. Screw on lids.
2. Put some glow sticks inside the hamster ball. Screw the halves together, and secure sides and lid with tape.
3. Challenge someone to a game of bowling. For the best glowing effect, play after dark.

Grace in, grace out

The computer acronym GIGO — “garbage in, garbage out” — describes how putting wrong code into a machine will lead to faulty output. Jesus offers a similar lesson in Matthew 15: “What comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person” (v. 18, ESV).

GIGO works the other way, too. If we put good things (including the good news of salvation) “in” our hearts, Jesus’ goodness will shine “out” through our lives. And when God’s grace enters and changes us, we’ll also reach out and share that good news with others.

Christian Symbol ~ Sevenfold Flame



Tongues of fire are a common symbol of the Holy Spirit, based on the Pentecost events of Acts 2. However, when seven flames are depicted together, they also represent the seven gifts of the Spirit as named in Isaiah 11:2-3:

wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord and delight in the fear of the Lord (sometimes paraphrased “joy in the Lord’s presence”).

Bethel True-isms:

Move on with your life and your life will take you places.

Bible Trivia Question:

Under what circumstances did strongman Samson become weak?

- A. When a curse was spoken against him
- B. When he slacked off on his weight-lifting exercises
- C. When his hair was cut
- D. When he was bound with ropes that had never been used

Check your answers at the bottom of page 16



His mission statement is:

“To encourage all people with the love of Jesus Christ to rise to their highest potential.”

Prayer

Glory to God in the highest! We join the heavenly hosts in singing Your praises.

We bow in reverence to You, God of our salvation.

We thank You for the assignment of Julis C. Trimble as Bishop of the Indiana Annual Conference. We thank You for the call on his/her life and that it brings him/her to the Crossroads of America to lead the people of The United Methodist Church in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Enable and empower him with Your Spirit to walk out his faith with obedience and conviction.

We pray for Your direction as Bishop Trimble and his wife, Racelder Grandberry-Trimble, begin the process of transitioning to Indiana. Smooth the path before them as they follow You to unfamiliar territory and help them as they leave many people that they love behind.

Finally, Lord, open our hearts to receive our new bishop and his wife as we pray for them. Speak to us through him and make us responsive to his leadership that we may live out our faith in You and bring others to that same faith.

Now, God, Son and Holy Spirit, we invite You to have Your way in the United Methodist Churches of Indiana, for your ways are higher than ours. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

NCJ Episcopal Assignments for 2016–2020

The Committee on Episcopacy of the North Central Jurisdiction announced today the recommended episcopal assignments for 2016-2020. These appointments traditionally begin in September, and most bishops traditionally serve two four-year terms in an episcopal area.

Dakotas Minnesota Episcopal Area — Bishop Bruce R. Ough
 East Ohio Episcopal Area — Bishop Tracy S. Malone
 Illinois Great Rivers Episcopal Area — Bishop Frank J. Beard
 Indiana Episcopal Area — Bishop Julius C. Trimble
 Iowa Episcopal Area — Bishop Laurie A. Haller
 Michigan Episcopal Area — Bishop David A. Bard
 Northern Illinois Episcopal Area — Bishop Sally Dyck
 West Ohio Episcopal Area — Bishop Gregory V. Palmer
 Wisconsin Episcopal Area — Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

We are One in the Spirit; We are One in the Lord!



With a true desire to be one with the Lord and each other, in an effort to help our entire church family come together in unity of spirit, a decision has been made regarding our worship services here at Bethel. After much prayer and consideration, in consultation with the leadership of Bethel UMC (Staff Parish, Worship Committee, Finance Committee, and Administrative Council), and after seeking out the opinions of several BUMC members, our Administrative Council voted unanimously to authorize making a change for Bethel to move to One, Unified Worship Service.

Beginning Sunday, September 4th, we will move to the one worship service format with Sunday School beginning at 8:45am and Worship beginning at 10am. This means that each current service will only be changed by a ½ hour and this is a compromise we believe all can adjust to and live with without too much disruption. The current first service folks will just be having Sunday School first and Worship afterwards (with a 15 minute window in case class runs over or people just need a short break before Worship starts) and the current second service folks will just be adjusting by about a half hour.

As far as our Worship service itself goes, it will be similar to what we were doing last Advent season (which most everyone said they really liked), and we will do a blended service enjoying both traditional and contemporary worship styles and music.

We are excited about the blessing it will be having the entire church worshipping together and what the Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will do as we join as one unified body seeking God's will for the future of Bethel UMC and our community!

Thank You All for your prayers and willingness to be open to the move of the Spirit! May God continue to bless Bethel UMC as we worship together in Spirit and in Truth! May we BE a Blessing as we seek to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World!

United Methodist Mountain Mission is Coming To Fort Wayne

MMM will be in our area for their annual pick-up on Aug 15-17th. Thousands of people count on MMM stores each day to be able to purchase usable clothing, furniture, and other household items for their families that they could not otherwise afford. Any donations can be brought into the church office during normal business hours. Some urgent needs that they have are:

~children's clothing and shoes, including underwear and socks	~men's clothing and shoes
~new and gently used toys for Christmas	~large appliances ~uniform scrubs
~pots and pans ~dishes ~rubber bands	~small appliances ~safety pins
~hand soap ~furniture ~furniture polish	~linens ~tools

And, of course, all of the other wonderful good and usable items you would like to donate to the mission. Contact Brandi in the church office at 260-489-3651 if you have any questions.

BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

Now Hiring

Part Time Cook Position: Bethel Daycare Ministry

Hours: 8:30-2 (or when work is completed)

Incentives: paid holidays and 1 week vacation, friendly staff and sweet children's smiles. Apply in person in the Daycare Office. Daycare open 6 am-6 pm.

New Class Available in Preschool!

We have just opened a new class in our Preschool. It will be a 4 & 5yr old class Monday – Friday in the afternoon from 12:30 – 3pm. The fee for this class is \$140/month. If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Sarah at 260-489-3651 or bethelpreschool@frontier.com

New School Year!

We are coming into a new school year! Here is a list of upcoming events:

August 16th: Preschool Staff meeting

August 22nd: Orientation 6:30pm

August 23rd: Orientation 6:30pm

August 31st Meet the Teacher:

3-4 T-Th AM 9 - 9:30am

3-4 MWF AM 10:30 – 11am

4-5 T-Th All Day 9 – 9:30am

4-5 MWF All Day 10:30 – 11am

4-5 M-F PM 12:30 – 1pm

September 6th & 7th: First day of school

Honoring our teachers

We give thanks that you will lead us in the ministry of Christian education. We offer you our pledge of support. As you teach your students, may all be open to God's truth and be inspired to live the Christian life as fully as possible. Remember that we appreciate greatly the time and effort you expend as teachers of our church family. May God grant you strength and joy in your important role.



REMINDER BOARD

Start off the school year right by making this wipe-off board, which can help you remember important things.

What you need:

- Adult help
- 5" x 7" picture frame with glass (available at a dollar store)
- Lined notebook paper
- Scissors
- Low-heat glue gun
- Buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes
- 1" piece of Velcro
- Erasable marker

What you do:

1. Using the cardboard insert or picture from the frame as a pattern, cut the notebook paper to fit the frame. Then insert it behind the glass.
2. Decorate the outside of the frame by gluing on buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes.
3. Glue one side of the Velcro to the erasable pen and one side to the frame. Then attach the pen to the frame.
4. Place the board on your desk, dresser or kitchen counter. On the glass, write daily reminders about assignments and activities.

June Scrip Report:

Total Sold **\$3860.00**

Parent % **\$19.97**

School % **\$187.36**

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



Christian Home Builders-(Room S6)- Leader-Sarah Menefee

We are concluding these Summer 2016 lessons by knowing how the world tempts us to adopt a “me first” attitude. This is in direct opposition to the self-giving life to which God calls us. Jesus said, “In the world you have distress. But be encouraged! I have conquered the world” (John 16:33). As God continues to transform our lives and renew our minds, we become faithful followers of Christ. Our call to “love each other” (Romans 13:8) then becomes our way of life. All are welcome!

Unit 3	Life on God’s Terms	
August 7	Safe in God’s Love	Romans 8:28-39
August 14	Living Under God’s Mercy	Romans 9:6-29
August 21	God Prunes and Grafts	Romans 11:11-24
August 28	Love Fulfills the Law	Romans 12:1-2; 13:8-14

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

The Seekers continue to study the J. Ellsworth Kalas book, *The Story Continues*. This is a study of The New Testament book, The Acts of the Apostles. This study focuses on 12 ordinary men who, after seeing their leader and teacher perish, begin a movement that now encompasses one third of the world. The book also shows how the 12 Apostles, empowered by The Holy Spirit, became men of action who managed to deliver the Gospel despite their world's many obstacles. Please join us and learn how you can overcome great obstacles in order to achieve great things or just how to overcome the small obstacles we face in our everyday life. We have just begun this study and are only about one quarter of the way through the book. Even if you haven't participated yet, you will not feel lost. We look forward to seeing you.

Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members

The Koinonia Class is starting a follow-up study by Dr. David Jeremiah entitled Angels (“Who They Are and How They Help...What the Bible Reveals.”) In this book, Dr. Jeremiah cuts through the hype and cultural misconceptions surrounding angels and presents solid, Biblical truth. He also guides the learner in how to discern the good from a demonic counterfeit. Please feel free to join us for a fascinating study and lively discussion.

Friends and Followers - (Fellowship Hall) Leader-Barb Cross

Has there ever been a moment where you knew the right thing to do, but struggled to actually do it? Why do you think it is so difficult to obey sometimes? As we begin Chapter 2, Lordship and Obedience in *The Purple Book*, these are some of the questions we will be discussing. In this discussion we will talk about the purpose of lordship, how it affects our lives, and the freedom that comes with obeying Jesus as Lord. The final question we must ask ourselves, at a spiritual level, is this, “What is the deepest desire of my heart? To honor God or please myself?” Deuteronomy 30:19-20 says, “This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him. For the LORD is your life, and He will give you many years in the land He swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” We are enjoying great fellowship and invite you to join us as we draw closer to one another as friends and closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as His followers!

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Epworth Forest Conference Center Ground Breaking

Join Epworth Forest on August 7, 2016 as they decommission the original Epworth auditorium and celebrate the groundbreaking of the Bishop Mike & Marsha Coyner Discipleship Center and Buck Lodge at Epworth Forest Conference Center. Please RSVP at impact2818.org/rsvp, as soon as you are able, if you will be joining them.



- Sunday, August 7, 2016
- 1:00 ~ Site Opens
- 1:00 - 3:45 ~ Free Time
- Site Tours
 - Refreshments (Fenstermacher Porch)
 - Reflection & Prayer (Auditorium)
 - Waterfront Activities Available
 - Games & Ice Cream (Beach House)
- 4:00 ~ Ceremony in front of Auditorium
- 4:45 ~ Ceremony at Buck Lodge Site
- 5:15 ~ Picnic Dinner
- RSVP at impact2818.org/rsvp
 - Please bring blankets and chairs
 - \$8 per person
- 8:00 ~ Epworth Grounds Close



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NORTHEAST DISTRICT UMC

ACADEMY of LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

Location: Bethel United Methodist Church, 8405 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Dates & Times: Five Sundays...September 11, 2016 to October 9, 2016 ~ 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Commitment Service: October 9, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Classes offered:

Basic, Preaching 1, 2, 3, Bible Study, Leading Worship, Leading Prayer, UM Heritage & Polity

Please pick up a brochure at the Welcoming Center with detailed information and registration form. Scholarships available. All course offerings promote faith, spiritual growth, fellowship, and training to serve the Lord more passionately and effectively.

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Faith on Friday



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. Please join us for a devotional from Barb Cross and fun fellowship time! We hope to see you there!

~Faith on Friday will meet August 19th at 7:00.

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BETHEL AWANA CLUBS

Sept. 7, 2016 - May 24, 2017 5:00—7:00 PM



Awana Clubs Preparing to Begin Its 3rd Year

Bethel's Awana Clubs will begin on Wednesday, September 7! As in past years dinner will be served and then club time will begin. We are looking for volunteers to help in all areas of Awana including:

- Welcoming & Checking-in Families (30 min)
- Entertaining the children of the volunteers as they prepare for the evening (30 min)
- Preparing & serving dinner (1 hour)
- Cleaning up tables & floors after dinner (15 min)
- Teaching kids in the classrooms—ages 3 thru grade 6 (2 hours)
- Sitting with children who need a temporary break from their groups (time varies)

Many of these roles only take 30 minutes of time or less. Some of these roles take a minimum amount of time, but require your presence throughout the evening.

Popcorn For Sale

Popcorn for sale in a variety of flavors! Enjoy as an afternoon snack or buy several for your next gathering. Prices are either \$2.00 or \$4.00 depending on the flavor you choose.

Notecards For Sale

Notecards designed by Bethel's own kids are available in packages of 8 cards for \$6.00.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, August 13, 9:00am - 12:00pm @ Bethel Awana Kick-Off Meeting for Volunteers
- Wednesday, August 24, 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ Bethel Awana Parent Orientation
- Wednesday, September 7, 5:00pm - 7:00pm @ Bethel Awana Clubs Begin

Awana Registration is going on now. Visit <http://www.bethelchurchfw.com/clubber-registration.html> to register online. Or you can pick up a registration form at the church and return it to the church office once it's filled out.

BETHEL CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School Starts!!

The kids really enjoyed learning about the life of Moses, the plagues God sent upon the Pharaoh until he let the Israelites go and the game plan that God has for each of our lives. We are looking forward to further incorporating this material into our program next Summer. **Thank you to all our teachers and coaches that helped this summer!**

Starting in August we will resume our regular Sunday School classes. The program will be based off of BUZZ curriculum by Group. This material allows for kids to engage in a variety of learning methods including drawing, playing games, acting and more. Squires and Knights classes will learn about the Armor of God and people from the Bible who wore this armor. Kids Kingdom classes will learn about the famous kings and queens of the Bible.

As a reminder our Sunday School classes are 3yrs-1st grade (Squires), 2nd grade-5th grade (Knights) and 6th grade-12th grade (Youth). Squires class will meet in the castle and the Knights will meet in the music room.

If you are interested in helping teach a Sunday School class or with the nursery, please see Traci King or Nicole Burt.



Sunday School Join Us!!

Sunday School:
~9:30-10:30

Kids Kingdom:
~during 10:30 service
~combined age class

Aug. Birthdays

8/14 Aston Davidson
8/21 Felicity Burt
8/22 Madison Wohlfeil

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes to begin in August! Pastor Brian with assistance from Nicole and Michael Burt will be leading a Confirmation class beginning in August. This class is targeted for anyone that is 6th grade and older. If you are interested in learning about the history of the Methodist church and taking these first steps to becoming a member of our church you are encouraged to attend and participate in this class. This class will be held in the loft on Sundays during the Sunday School hour. Any questions please see Pastor Brian or Nicole Burt.

Music Programs

Due to summer schedules we have decided to formally launch our music programs (Kids Choir and Bethel Boomwackers) in the fall and will incorporate them as part of our ministry program. More information about these programs will be provided in upcoming Flame and Bulletin announcements.

Children's Ministry Supplies Requests

Our kids are really busy with all our activities!! Please help us to replenish and stock up on some of our most needed and frequently used items. Back to School sales are a perfect time to keep your eyes open for deals on many of these items. We thank you for all of your continued support of our Children's Program!!

General Needs: Glues Sticks, Blunt End Kids Scissors, Thick and fine tip Markers, Washable ink pads and stamps, small 6oz. washable paint, Stickers (seasonal, shapes, faces, animals, etc.), small flashlights and AA batteries. ~Please see the weekly Sunday Bulletin announcements for further information.