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Monday through Thursday 8am - 3pm
Friday CLOSED

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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- Michael & Nicole Burt, Youth Leaders
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Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 12:13.)



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

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Vacation Bible School is a success

Thanks to you!

God is Real, God is Love, God is Forgiving and God is Forever. **BELIEVE IT!**
A very **special Thank you** to all the volunteers who helped with this year’s program and to the parents and kids who attended!! With your assistance we were able to minister to 55 kids, which was an increase from last year. Our mission project was to spread the Word of God to kids around the world. This mission allowed us to collect \$130.00 to purchase Bibles through the Gideon group. The program was a lot of fun and we are excited to see growth of this year’s VBS!!

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. **Please do not bring in your items before Aug 1st as we have limited space to store them.** Some urgent needs that they have are:

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

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.

- “WOW”
- New Working Directory
- Clean Out Day
- Children of God
- Children’s Choir
- Bethel Boom Wackers!
- New Preschool Class Available
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Bishop Mike Coyner’s E-Pistle

"Wow!"



"Wow" is the only way I can describe my feelings after celebrating and presiding for my last Annual Conference. This one was special for so many reasons. Our theme of "Be. Hope." certainly resonated with everyone, including those powerful "Hope Talks" and the story by Adolf Hansen about living in hope after the tragic death of his daughter 20 years ago – right on the corner outside of the Convention Center where we were meeting. The AC staging was spectacular with the 100 foot screen and lighted curtains. The music was varied in style and excellent in presentation. The memorial and ordination services were especially meaningful (including my privilege of baptizing five children of our clergy). The Prayer Breakfast was meaningful, with an outstanding message from Indianapolis mayor (and United Methodist layman) Joe Hogsett. And of course the Friday night celebration of my retirement was powerful, moving, overwhelming, and full of nice surprises and gifts (even basketball tickets from Purdue Pete). Wow!

It was a "Wow" when we announced the success to date of our "Building Discipleship Centers" Campaign which is nearing the \$8 million mark. I can't wait for the Groundbreaking on August 7th at Epworth Forest, and Marsha and I are honored by the generous gesture of naming the Discipleship Center after us.

So many people to thank, so much joy to celebrate (including hearing that our Conference giving this year is up 6%), so wonderful to charter two new churches and to hear about 17 other launches, and so humbling to be loved and sent forth into retirement (yes, I know that I still have work to do between now and September 1st). Marsha and I feel loved by the United Methodist people of Indiana, and we love you, too.

As I said in my Ordination Sermon, the only appropriate response to our discovery of the depth of God's love is to say, "Wow!" Knowing the love of God and the gift of God's grace which overcomes our human frailties and brokenness can only lead to our saying with gratitude, "Wow!"

That is my feeling as I write this E-pistle in the aftermath of Annual Conference: "Wow!"

I realize that I have presided over 8 Conferences during my years in the Dakotas, another 12 Conferences in my first 6 years here when we were separate North and South Indiana Conferences, an additional 6 Conferences since we became the new Indiana Conference, and one other time when I presided over the Red Bird Missionary Conference for my friend Bishop Lindsey Davis when he was recovering from surgery. If I have counted right and not forgotten any others, that makes a total of 27 Conferences. I think I can safely say that this last one was the best – for many of the reasons listed above.

All I can say, and all that needs to be said is "Wow! Thanks be to God!"

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,	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 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: 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, 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.**

Working Church Directory



We are in the process of updating and printing a new 2016/2017 Working Church Directory. If you have had a change in address, phone number, or e-mail etc. in the year, please let Brandi know in the church office by Monday, July 11th, even if you have already given it to me in the past. We want to cover all our bases and have the directory as up to date as possible. I would like to have these printed and ready for you in the third week of July.

If you are not currently in the working directory and would like to be, please turn in all your information into the church office. Thank you in advance for your help.

*This is not a pictorial directory.

Clean OUT Day!!

If you like to organize, have a label maker, we can use your helping hands!! In July we will be having a Clean **OUT** day, to clean the classrooms, clean the castle, and clean the supply closet. This will allow us to better utilize the space that we have while reducing some unwanted clutter!! Dates and times will be communicated in the bulletins. Thank you for your assistance!!!

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. At the Faith on Friday meeting we will spend time sharing in a devotional and then sharing in fun. We hope to see you there!!

~Faith on Friday will meet July 15th at 7:00.

Staff Hospitality Fund

Some of you may have noticed the small wooden church in the Narthex area with the sign in front that says 'Staff Hospitality Fund.' The Staff Hospitality Fund is a new fund that Bethel has started to help recognize the good deeds of the church staff. This fund will go towards things like recognition of significant employment anniversaries, staff that has gone above and beyond their duties, and overall staff appreciation. So please consider donating your spare pocket change by dropping it in the small wooden church on the counter in the Narthex.

Summer Office Hours



It's that time of year again, the church office will be moving to their summer hours. **We will remain open Monday through Thursday, 8am - 3pm and CLOSED on Fridays.** If you have any submissions for the bulletin please have them to Brandi in the church office by 9am on Thursdays. Brandi has no plans this summer for a long vacation but will take random days off here and there. She will do the best she can to give everyone notice in a timely manner of these days (as it will mean the office is closed) by posting them in the Sunday bulletin. As always if you reach the office during these closed times please leave a message and we will get back with you by the next business day.

BETHEL AWANA CLUBS

Children of God

(and this includes children of all ages)

As we make our plans for the 2016-2017 Awana year, we would like to ask you to begin praying about your involvement in Awana. Are you being called to be a Leader? Are you being called to help serve food, play with the kids, welcome the families? Maybe you're more of a background person who would rather help clean up, set up or help out in the classrooms? Does your time allow for a weekly 2-hour commitment or could you spare 30 minutes each week or every other week? Please prayerfully consider these questions over the next month to determine if you would like to be a part of the Awana team and watch the Bethel website for more details on what opportunities are available. If you would like more information, please contact Shelby Naibauer.

Awana Clubs on Summer Break

Awana clubs are on break for the summer, but have no fear, we will return on September 7th. Keep an eye out for registration to begin in August. In the meantime, have a fun and safe summer. Also, don't forget to check out the Bethel Children's Ministries page for summer events.



Shelby Naibauer
416-0752

bethelkidsmin@frontier.com
www.bethelchurchfw.com



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.



Bethel UMC's Next Dine to Donate

Please join us on Sunday, July 17th at Jersey Mike's Subs located at 10020 Lima Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46818 just behind the Starbucks. **This event runs from 12pm - 4pm ONLY.** 15% of your bill will be donated to Bethel, not including tax or gratuity. No flyer is necessary for us to receive this donation. Help Bethel raise some money and enjoy some good food at the same time!

THANK YOU

The United Methodist Women and the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne & Allen County, Inc. would like to thank everyone who donated to "A Baby's Closet." Approximately 59 items were donated. They include an activity walker, potty seat, play plate, diapers, 2 containers of wipes, turtle wash clothes, 4 sippy cups, spoon & fork set, 2 pairs of shoes, 2 jackets, tool toys, tractor book slippers, 4 pairs of shorts, 10 pairs of pajamas, 6 shirts, 6 pants, 11 onesies, 1 hat and underpants. Thank you so much for your generosity and support of "A Baby's Closet."

BETHEL HAPPENINGS...

July Meetings

Thursday, July 14th

9:00am Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 19th

6:00pm Staff Parish

7:00pm Ad Council

Tuesday, July 26th

7:00pm Finance Meeting

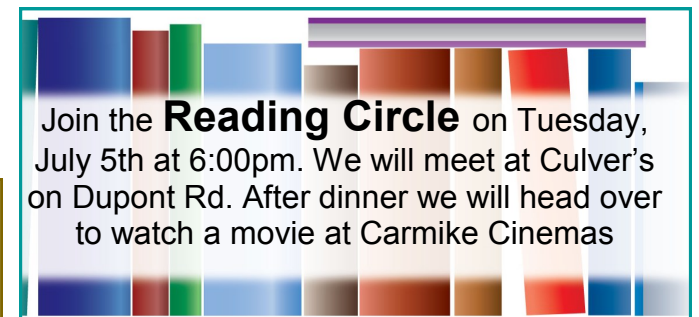
Thursday, July 28th

7:30pm Trustee Meeting

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



Eve Circle will be held on Thursday, July 21st at the home of Jean Shugert at 6:00pm for our annual picnic. See you there!



Join the **Reading Circle** on Tuesday, July 5th at 6:00pm. We will meet at Culver's on Dupont Rd. After dinner we will head over to watch a movie at Carmike Cinemas

General Operating Report - May

501/16 Beginning Balance	-22,210.65
INCOME	21,299.97
EXPENSES	19,592.84
5/31/16 Ending Balance	-20,503.52

July Greeters	
July 3	Bob & Jean Shugert
	Terry & Jeanne Burt
July 10	Ron & Phyllis Shappell
	TBD
July 17	Bob & Marilyn Harris
	TBD
July 24	Don & Carol Borches
	Cheryl Nicolet
July 31	One Service ~ Bob & Sarah Menefee

JUST FOR FUN!

PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

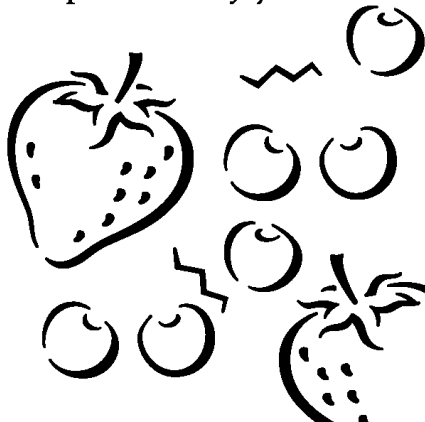
On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

What you need:

- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



"Prayer at Sunrise"

O greater Maker of this thy great sun,
Give me the strength this one day's race to run,
Fill me with light, fill me with sun-like strength,
Fill me with joy to rob the day its length.
Light from within, light that will outward shine,
Strength to make strong some weaker heart than mine,
Joy to make glad each soul that feels its touch;
Great Father of the sun, I ask this much.

—James Weldon Johnson

Christian Symbol ~ Eagle



Eagles came to symbolize the Resurrection thanks to ancient legends that they renewed their youth, plumage or eyesight by flying near the sun, then diving into water. The eagle's upward movement made it a symbol

of Jesus' ascension. John the Evangelist is represented by an eagle, for his "soaring" description of Christ's divinity. God's care is likened to an eagle in Bible verses such as Exodus 19:4: "I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you myself" (ESV).

Bethel True-isms:

Aging is the journey, not a destination.

Bible Trivia Question:

Who said to the prophet Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD"?

- A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
- B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother's birthright
- C. Rahab, a prostitute
- D. David, considered Israel's greatest king

Check your answers at the bottom of page 12



BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



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

We are excited to learn about "A World Gone Wrong" and "Life on God's Terms" with Scriptures coming from the letter to the Romans written by Paul in A.D. 56 or 57 as he was finishing his third missionary journey. Please travel with us as we learn to demonstrate God's truth by the way we live.

July 3	Ignoring God's Truth Within Us	Romans 2:17-29
July 10	We Are All Under Sin's Power	Romans 3:9-20
July 17	God Set Things Right	Romans 3:21-31
July 24	Not Without Hope	Romans 5:1-11
July 31	Death Becomes Life	Romans 6:1-4, 12-14, 1-23

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

The Seekers have recently began studying a new book called *The Story Continues*. This is a study of The Acts of the Apostles written by J. Ellsworth Kalas. This book was completed just prior to Rev. Kalas passing away in November 2015 at age 92. This study focuses on 12 ordinary men who, after seeing their leader and teacher perish, began a movement that now encompasses one third of the world. The book also shows how the 12 Apostles were men of action who managed to deliver the gospel despite the many obstacles of their world. Please join us and learn how to overcome great obstacles in order to achieve great things or just how to overcome the small obstacles we face in our everyday life. We look forward to seeing you.

Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members

The Koinonia Class will be starting their study of *Angels* by Billy Graham. As the review on the back of the book states "Dr. Graham affirms that:

- God's invisible hosts are better organized than any of the armies of man—or Satan.
- Angels 'think, feel, will, and display emotions.'..."

Please join us to have your faith encouraged and to get a glimpse of the invisible world that God created.

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

This is a great group! We are having lots of fun as Friends and Followers! Some wonderful stories have been shared as we learn what it means to glorify God and how we have seen His glory through the lives of others. Now we are talking about understanding sin, the consequences of sin, and God's answer to our sin. Our lively, topical discussions are focused on Genesis 2, Romans 5:12, and 2 Corinthians 5:21 which will lead us into Receiving God's Gift....A New Heart. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9) All are welcome as we continue to learn about obedience to God's ways, not the world's ways.

BETHEL CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Bethel Children's Ministry Changes

Over the past several months we have been working to implement some changes to our Sunday School program. We feel these changes will allow us to minister to kids in ways that help their faith to continue to grow as well as position us to help our program grow as well. We are excited to introduce our new team:

Nicole and Michael Burt & Kristi Miller-Youth Sunday School Leaders

Traci King -Children's Sunday School Leader

Tiffany Utnage- Children's Choir Director

Kathryn Burt- Children's Music Leader

Nicole and Michael will also continue to serve as our Youth Group Leaders.

Please feel free to reach out to any of these leaders with questions. Thank you to everyone for your support of our children's ministry program.



Sunday School Update

During the months of June and July the kids have all combined classes and have been learning about God's Game Plan. We have enjoyed learning Bible stories and sport stories related to the plans that God has shown in the lives of others. The kids have also enjoyed time outside playing soccer!! Thank you to everyone who donated equipment!

We are looking to finalize our teaching schedule for the remainder of the year. Classes are 3yrs-1st grade (Squires), 2nd grade-5th grade (Knights) and 6-12th Youth. This is an awesome opportunity to get to know the kids of our church while being able to minister to others. **If you are interested in helping teach a Sunday School class, please see Traci King or Nicole Burt.**

Children's Choir- Our new children's choir has kicked off!!

Kids in grades 3-12 come and join a new way to worship God, Children's Choir. We will sing, dance and have fun. We will meet every Sunday in July from 5-7pm. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions about the choir please contact Tiffany Utnage, 260-433-2916!

Children's Library (Room S6)

The library located in the Homebuilders classroom, now has a new section for our Children!! We have materials for all ages. If you are looking for some summer reading please check it out. We also are still accepting books to fill our shelves. If you have any slightly used books or would like to donate to this library, we are looking for faith based books for preschool through teen. Thank you!!

BETHEL CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Cont.

Coming Soon!

Be on the lookout for more information about the following activities!!!

Bethel Boom Wackers!

We are excited to mention a new music program that we are looking to implement for children age 3yrs to 2nd grade. Details are being finalized **WATCH FOR UPDATES!** Thank you to Kathryn Burt for assisting with this new program!!

Clean OUT Day!!

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Sunday School Join Us!!

Sunday School
~9:30-10:30

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

July Birthdays

Katelyn Odum
Annie Serre
Callie Naibauer
Kaylie Mertz

BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

Monday, July 4th, the Daycare will be CLOSED in observance of Independence Day! Have a fun and safe holiday!

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 price 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



Preschool Office Summer Contact Info

Preschool office hours will be sporadic over the summer. If you need to contact Sarah, please call 260-489-3651 and leave a message. She will get back to you sometime that same week or you can email her at bethelpreschool@frontier.com

May Scrip Report:

Total Sold	\$2905.00
Parent %	\$18.82
School %	\$79.96