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**Service Schedule:**  
Worship Service 10:00am  
Bible Study 8:45am

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# The Bethel Flame

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

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*The times, they are a-changing*

**A**s Bethel wrestles with a considerable budget deficit (\$1,800/month), we continue to look for ways to do MORE with LESS.

To this end, this will be the last issue of the Bethel FLAME.

While the Flame’s layout, articles and photos are eye-catching, folks prefer to get their information in other ways today. Newspaper (and magazine and newsletter) readership is at an all-time low as folks get their news digitally.

And let’s not forget there’s a huge cost difference as well. Printing the Flame monthly is expensive...30+ hours of staff time to write, edit and assemble the content. There’s also the cost of paper, printing, folding, stapling and mailing the 12-16 pages.

In place of the monthly Flame, you can expect a single Calendar Page each month inserted in the bulletin featuring all upcoming events and meetings.

This monthly Calendar Page will also post those all-important birthdays and anniversaries of our Bethel folks!

There will also be more current website content and an expanded announcement page each week.

Of course, all of my Bethel Church photos will continue to be displayed on bulletin boards and in quick video collages during worship.

In the end, we strive to make the most of every dollar contribute to our cause at Bethel. Thanks for understanding and helping us to keep in step with the times.

See you in church,

*Pastor Mona*

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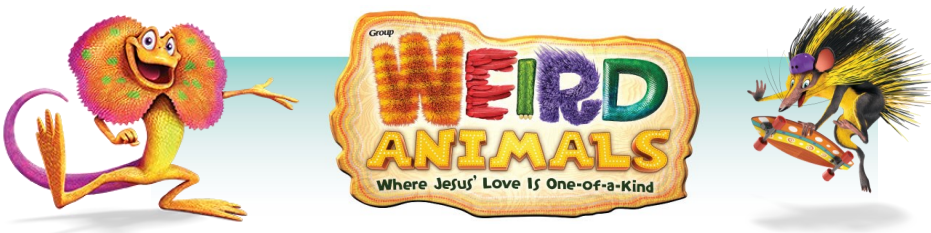
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BETHEL CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES



VBS wrap-up: This place was a zoo!

There’s nothing but g-r-r-reat things to say about our Bethel Bible School held in mid-June.

- ♥ 40 kids enjoyed games, crafts, snacks, Bible stories and skits
- ♥ 12 kids came from Bethel Daycare & Preschool! Awesome!
- ♥ We also had VISITORS from surrounding neighborhoods!!
- ♥ First-time Director Amber Harris did an awesome job—assisted by 17+ volunteers
- ♥ 4 MEN were all new volunteers

This year’s theme “Weird Animals” provided lots of furry fun! A special thank you to Home Builders class for funding the on-site animal show by Mark’s Ark. It was a big hit—even with parents! And who didn’t enjoy petting a snake and holding a gator?

Also, thank you to Seekers & Koinonia classes for the supply \$\$ and to the private donor for providing “free T-shirts” for all students. Each child enjoyed painting their own “T-shirt masterpiece”.



See you  
next year!



New Hire ~ Children’s Ministries Director

We are pleased to announce that Amber Harris (pictured right) was hired June 20th as the new Children's Ministry Director.

- The SPRC interview Committee was impressed that:
- Amber knows Bethel Church!
  - Amber knows Awana!
  - Amber knows Bethel Preschool!
  - Amber knows young children!

She brings lots of creative enthusiasm to the program. Watch for exciting changes in our children's Sunday morning offerings and beyond. Welcome aboard Amber!

Please continue to direct all your Children’s Ministries questions to the church office until we have set up her contact information.



Kids Kingdom  
Volunteer Schedule

- July 1**  
Michael & Nicole Burt
- July 8**  
Katie R. & Pat Muncie
- July 15**  
Sarah D. & Brandi W.
- July 22**  
Amber H. & Mandy O.
- July 29**  
Katie Robinson

BETHEL NEWS & NOTICES...



\*Notice of Holiday Office Closing\*

The Bethel Church office will be CLOSED on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen the following day on Thursday July 5th.

Limited Office Hours

The Bethel Church Office will have limited office hours the during the week of July 16th through July 20th due to Brandi being on vacation. We will arrange for volunteers to be in the office to only answer phone calls and take messages on the listed days and times below. Should you reach the office during these closed times please leave a message and we will get back with you as soon as we are able.

Monday, July 16th: 9am – 11am & Wednesday, July 18th: 9am – 11am

Church Meetings

- Tuesday, July 3rd**  
6:00pm Trustee Meeting  
7:00pm Reading Circle
- Tuesday, July 12th**  
12:30pm Church Staff Meeting
- Thursday, July 12th**  
6:30pm Preschool/Daycare Board
- Monday, July 16th**  
7:00pm Finance Meeting
- Tuesday, July 17th**  
6:00pm Staff Parish Meeting
- Thursday, July 19th**  
6:30pm Eve Circle
- Tuesday, July 24th**  
7:00pm Ad Council Meeting

UMW Annual  
Summer Picnic



"Blue Denim Picnic" featuring a BBQ potluck. Lucille’s BBQ and beverages provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to pass.  
**Monday, July 23 at 6:30pm**



The next Game night will be held on **Friday, July 20th in Fellowship Hall from 6-8pm**. All are welcome to join us and bring a guest. We have a table for euchre and a table that we play different game each month.

July	Greeters/Cookies	Kids Kingdom
July 1	Carol Brown	Michael & Nicole Burt
July 8	Cheryl Nicolet	Katie R. & Pat Muncie
July 15	Jean Shugert	Sarah D. & Brandi W.
July 22		Amber H. & Mandy O.
July 29		Katie Robinson

Congregational Communication	
May. 2018	
INCOME	\$18,130.80
EXPENSES	\$20,259.15
BEHIND	\$-2,128.35
YTD BEHIND	-15,191.56



## BETHEL NEWS & NOTICES...



### YOU'RE INVITED TO the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Reception for Juanita Arnold

Juanita Arnold's family invites you to an open house reception in honor of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday July 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

No gifts please. However if you want to do something, her family asks that you make a monetary donation to Bethel Church in her honor.

We hope you are able to come and celebrate with Juanita, but if not cards and memories may be sent to: Juanita Arnold, Heritage, 5250 Heritage Pkwy, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. Her actual birthday is August 23.



### LOST!

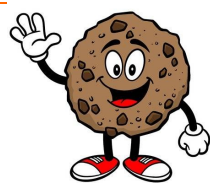
On May 20th, Phyllis Shappell provided a tray of cookies and a basket of muffins for Sunday's 'Coffee and Cookie' time. She has her tray back but can not find her oblong woven Longenberger basket. If you know where it is please contact Phyllis Shappell. It has some sentimental value for her. Thank you for your help.

### Office Volunteer Needed

We are in of an Office Volunteer for July 16th & July 18th to answer phones (2 hour shift in morning from 9am-11am) when the Church Office Manager is on vacation. Even a few hours would be helpful to our busy staff! Contact Brandi (489-3651) for details and training.

### Cookie/Greeter Change

Cookies are provided weekly in the Fellowship Hall by gracious volunteers. New Notice: If you provide cookies (an act of hospitality) you will also be expected to serve as a greeter for the same Sunday. In this way we will always have our Greeter station covered. Thank you in advance for your hospitality! Pastor Mona



### Coffee for the Shepherd's House



The Christian Home Builders is collecting regular grind coffee for Shepherd's House. We would like to take a lot of cans at the end of July to them and I am asking each and everyone to please donate at least one large can of regular grind coffee (no decaf or flavored). We want the blue bin in fellowship hall to be overflowing. Thank in advance for your generosity.

### It's Food Bank Time Again!



Bethel UMC mans the Associated Churches Food Bank at Gethsemane Lutheran Church on Monday & Thursday mornings for the month of July. A sign-up for volunteers is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

## BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

### Save The Date!

Our next Annual Silent Auction & Carnival is just around the corner again. We hope you will join us on September 29th for this fun filled event. Please keep a look out for our Auction donation board.

### Openings Still Available

The Preschool still has openings in our ½ day 3 year old class. Please contact Sarah by email at bethelpreschool@frontier.com for information.

### Playground Mulch

As soon as we get a dry week, the daycare & preschool will be spreading new mulch in the playground. If anyone would like to help with this, please let Sarah or Kelli know, and we will give you expected date of arrival for the mulch.

### Preschool Office Summer Contact Info

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

### Upcoming Events:

Preschool/Daycare Board Meeting	July 12th @ 6:30pm
Preschool staff meeting	August 13th
Prep rooms	August 14th – 17th
Orientation	August 23rd @ 6:30pm
Open House	August 29th

### May Scrip Report:

Total Sold	\$3500.00
Parent %	\$9.66
School %	\$103.23



## TRUSTEE INFO Security improved & locks changed

June saw the Trustees upgrade Bethel's security by installing new locks across our facility. This was necessary as **hundreds** of keys to our buildings were in circulation. To stop this from occurring again, the Trustees (with full support of Admin. Council & Pastor) have issued new keys to key personnel (pun intended!) by church leadership position. For example, a key is issued to "Trustee Chair", not Bob Shugert. As Bethel leadership turns over, outgoing leaders must return in their key to Bethel.

Furthermore, keys cannot be duplicated locally—replacement keys must be ordered at a cost to Bethel. All current Committee heads, Trustees and certain other officers will be assigned keys after \$15 deposit is received, Deposit to be returned upon return of key. Again, all outgoing officers must return the key in order to be re-issued to new officer.

Furthermore, very few offices will be authorized to have a key. For special circumstances, guest keys may be signed out for a 48hour period with the Church Office Manager. Thanks for your patience and understanding!

# BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

## July Sunday School Happenings



### Christian Home Builders-(Room S6)- Leader-Shared leadership between members

The Christian Home Builders Class (Room S6) is now studying "The God We Can Know" by Rob Fuquay. Here is the schedule for the month of July.

- Week 1 - "I Am the Bread of Life" - Knowing God's Satisfaction
- Week 2 - "I Am the Light of the World" - Knowing God's Guidance
- Week 3 - "I Am the Good Shepherd" - Knowing God's Care
- Week 4 - "I Am the True Vine" - Knowing God's Power
- Week 5 - "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" - Knowing God's Way



Since we have finished the book The Andrew Paradigm and if you don't want to keep your copy, please return the book to the Christian Home Builders Class Room. We will have them available for other classes to study when they want.

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

The Seekers have recently begun a new study series called "Top 10 United Methodist Beliefs". As Christians, we know we are supposed to love God with our heart, soul, and mind and to love our neighbor as our self. As Methodists, are we clear what our beliefs are that support these greatest commandments? In the coming weeks, we will study Methodist beliefs as John Wesley taught. In the coming weeks, using John Wesley's teachings, we will focus on topics such as grace, repentance, sanctification and Love. The study was developed by Pastor Don Adams who is an Indiana native and has served the Methodist church in many areas. If this sounds interesting, please join us. The discussions promise to be informative and insightful. The Seekers of the Covenant look forward to seeing you.

### Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members

The Koinonia class is studying the essentials of the Gospel message in terms understandable to non-Christians including people of other faiths and cults. With so much divergent religious activity today clamoring for converts, it is hard for the non-Christian to discern the truth and for the Christian to know how to respond. This study provides us with answers to everyday challenges to our Christian faith.

### Mothers & Others (Music Room) - Leader: Katie Robinson

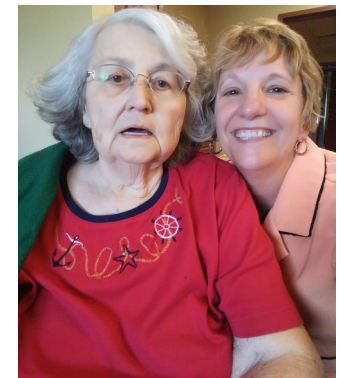
In July, Mothers & Others continues the study of the Friends of Jesus with the character of Mary Magdalene. Our small group is also discussing another project at Charis House. Join us!

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

Juanita Arnold	Opal Herrberg	Elizabeth Richards
Maria Cheshier	Irene Johnstonbaugh	Jan Roberts
Jeff DeLeon	Delores Ohnesorge	Agnes "Rooney" Stewart
Edna Doty	Russ Sunday	Joy Stukey
Betty Failor		



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



## BETHEL PRAYER LIST

### Bethel Family & Friends

Delores Ohnesorge - in rehab at Lutheran Life Villages  
Dallas Raypole - Recovering at home  
Families in crisis-financial, health, marriage & grief

Bethel Bus fundraising  
Financial Improvement  
JOY! Successful Summer Bible School  
Bethel Historical Video Project

## IN THE MAILBAG

Rog and I would like to thank all of our Bethel family for their prayers and cards in the passing of my brother Don. He fought hard but just wasn't in the plan. The multiple infections were just too much for his body to handle. He is in a much better place and the suffering he went thru is gone. We thank God for giving Karyn to him. She fought as hard as Don did and is coming in for Don's memorial service on June 30th and to settle the estate. Not easy for her but she will get it done. Don couldn't have had a better person in his life. ~Roger and Margaret

Jack and Shirley Birch want to thank our Bethel family for all the prayers and cards. Jack is still on the mend and anxious to get home. It gave us such a good feeling to have such kind thoughts coming from you, our dear friends.