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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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VBS IS COMING!!!



Register Today!

Sunday, June 11th - Wednesday, June 14th

6:00pm - 8:00pm

(a light meal will be provided from 5:30-6:00pm)

At this year’s program, kids will dive deep into the account of Noah and the flood from the book of Genesis. They will learn the spiritual lessons from Noah’s life and will focus on Standing for God, Obey God, Trust God, and Thank God. Your help is greatly appreciated to make this event a success!! There are many ways to participate: Please stop by the Children’s Ministry bulletin board for requested supply donations. Please consider volunteering because there are opportunities for everyone to participate. The display in fellowship hall has signup sheets and information for ways for you to get involved! VBS is not only special for kids, adults really enjoy it also!

We appreciate your help and support as we prepare for a boatload of fun at this years VBS!

Register Today!

For additional program information and to register your kids please visit our website at www.bethelchurchfw.com.



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- Coming soon, Pastor Mona Safley
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“Pastoral Purgatory”

(United) Methodist churches, in keeping with Article XIV - Of Purgatory in the Articles of Religion, hold that "the Romish doctrine concerning purgatory ... is a fond thing, vainly invented, and grounded upon no warrant of Scripture, but repugnant to the Word of God."

Why am I beginning this article by giving you a lesson on a doctrinal issue that we do not adhere to as United Methodists? Well, the entire issue came up in a conversation I had with a clergy colleague as we were discussing our respective upcoming moves to our new appointments. I remarked that we were now in a kind of “Pastoral Purgatory” since we were still actively involved in the ministry of our current churches and the church families whom we both deeply love and will miss greatly and yet, we were at the same time, anticipating making the move to our new appointments, already beginning to make new connections with folks we fully expect to serve and grow to love as well. So, not only are we here, we are beginning to be there, thus we find ourselves betwixt and between...not unlike some of the theories of purgatory.

This is where I find myself today, in the middle of doing my best to finish strong for the sake of my Bethel UMC family (and for Pastor Mona as well, who is blessed to come and be a part of this awesome ministry) and at the same time, beginning to collect and fill boxes with items we are moving, separating those things we are tossing and those items we are donating. Then, there is the cleaning, writing cards and letters, packing some more, making visits, cleaning, more packing, and oh yeah, preaching a few more times along the way before I go (and then packing, cleaning, Bible studies, meetings...did I mention cleaning and packing?). Just in case you think I missed something or someone, Rachel will be helping a little too (seriously, she is AWESOME and is doing so much to get all of this accomplished!) and for the record she is also in a bit of this purgatory I mention because she is just as in-between as I am! :)

I’m pretty sure, based on the description at the top of the page, that we UM Pastors (and our families, who can be caught singing the song, “Stuck in the Middle with You”) will never earn the equivalent of a “Get out of Purgatory Early” card! No, we are called to live in and enjoy the process and remember to always be thankful for the time we are given to make a smooth and grace-filled transition. Please pray for us, and with us, that this will be so. May God’s good and gracious will be done in and through all of our lives together, now and in the future. And may we remember that whenever we feel stuck in the middle, between and betwixt the now and not yet, that Jesus Christ knows intimately what we are feeling. He was stuck in the middle of three crosses, between heaven and earth Himself, for all of us! He turned all of that into ultimate good for everyone who would call on His name, so I’m pretty sure He is more than capable of working all of this out for our good too!

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Thankfully, Stuck in the Middle with You All! Blessings Always! PB

BETHEL PRAYER LIST

Bethel Family

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

Friends of Bethel

Brent Ashby, Rachel Campbell’s brother	Judy Miller, friend of Ron & Phyllis Shappell	Pray for our schools, children, teachers etc.
Steve & Sylvia Ashby, Rachel Campbell’s parents	Jim Overholt, friend of Bob Moore	
Linda Bir, friend of Bob & Jean Shugert	Koree Neuenschwander, Shugert’s Great-granddaughter	
Ava Bower, child with Leukemia	Beth Richardson, friend of Dave & Pat Muncie	
Bill Campbell, Pastor Brian’s brother	The Saneta Family	
Helen Goonen, Betty Failor’s sister	Wayne Sauers, Linda Wheaton’s father	
Julie Harper, friend of Sarah Menefee.	Caz Strzynski	
Richard Johnson, Jenny Lemmon’s father	Marscell Sloffer, Charlotte Klerner’s mother	
	The President and Cabinet (the government)	

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
- 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
- Irene Johnstonbaugh:

10925 Pine Mills Rd. Fort Wayne IN 46845
- 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:

St. Anne Home
1900 Randalia Dr, Room 223-B Fort Wayne, IN 46805

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

Coming soon...
Pastor Mona Safley

Rev. Mona Safley (SAFE-ly) will be the new Pastor at Bethel UMC, effective July 1. A new empty nester, she anticipates moving alone to our parsonage June 30th. Pastor Mona is excited for the opportunity to minister in a large city and especially in a larger congregation. She entered the ministry after working as a stockbroker and securities trader for 10 years. Colleagues report that Pastor Mona’s gifts of teaching, creativity and adaptability have made her a church favorite in many settings. She looks forward to celebrating her first Sunday at Bethel on July 9th with Holy Communion.



Personally
from
Pastor Mona

For me, moving is generally somewhat of an exciting new adventure filled with fresh places to explore and new people to meet.

When I was growing up, my family moved around a bit so I’m used to pulling up roots and making friends in a new community.

Additionally, Ft. Wayne’s size promises an array of activities, sports and shopping that remind me of the big cities where I grew up. I’ve lived most of my life in Lexington (KY), Dearborn (Detroit suburb), Cincinnati (OH) and Louisville (KY).

All told, Bethel is an exciting opportunity that I’ve waited all my ministry career for.

Can’t wait to meet you in July at Bethel. I’m anxious to know my new congregation!

Joyfully, **Pastor Mona**

Our new pastor from A-Z...

- A A “cradle” Methodist raised in MYF

B Big on UMW & Emmaus activities

C Chinese maiden name—ask me how!

D Dedicated to my calling & ministry

E Enjoys women’s conferences & missions

F Former National Public Speaker

G Graduated from University of Cincinnati

H Has a Thunderbird convertible

I Into Grey’s Anatomy & Dancing w/Stars

J Jams to Christian music

K Kentucky native—Call Louisville home

L Like to eat out & shop flea markets

M Master’s degrees in Divinity & Business
- N Need some new Ft. Wayne friends!

O Open-minded about new ideas

P Parent of twins Katherine & Elizabeth, 19

Q Quite a writer—columnist for 2 years

R Relate well to seniors & homebound

S Stockbroker/Securities trader for 10 years

T Think church should be FUN!

U Use humor every Sunday

V Value family, friends & faith

W Wild about kids & youth

X X-tra creative-can you tell?

Y Younger than my 59 years!

Z Zealous to serve God

30 Days of Prayer for Your Pastor & Church Leaders

“Brothers and sisters, pray for us.” ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:25 (NIV)

“People across America wonder why God is not moving in our churches. The Bible clearly states that His house shall be known as a house of prayer. (Isaiah 56:7, Matthew 21.13) What better way of equipping our pastors than to lift them up in prayer? As we all strengthen our pastors, our churches in America will also be strengthened!” Pastoral Care, Inc.

“Let the thought sink deep into the heart of every church that their minister will be such a minister as their prayers make them. . . . How perilous is the condition of that minister . . . whose heart is not encouraged, whose hands are not strengthened, and who is not upheld by the prayers of his people! . . . It is at a fearful expense that ministers are ever allowed to enter the pulpit without being preceded, accompanied, and followed by the earnest prayers of the churches. It is no marvel that the pulpit is so powerless, and ministers so often disheartened when there are so few to hold up their hands. . . . When the churches cease to pray for ministers, ministers will no longer be a blessing to the churches.” Gardiner Spring (1785–1873)

There is no greater gift you can give your pastor and the spiritual leaders of your church than to pray for them. Pastors cannot win the battle alone; they need committed intercessors to lift them up in fervent, specific prayer. Imagine how the power of God might be released in our churches if we were to pray faithfully for our pastors and church leaders.

Pastors are human—they face the same challenges that their people do, with some additional ones! They grow tired in ministry, are tempted to sin, and may find it difficult to balance their many roles and responsibilities. They need the encouragement and support of those they lead.

Prayer for your pastor is crucial to the spiritual health of your pastor, your pastor’s family, and your church. God will reward your efforts to cover your pastor and all of your church leaders in prayer. So encourage your spiritual leaders (and their spouses and families) by letting them know you are praying for them. Ask them periodically for any specific prayer requests, and assure them you will pray accordingly.

Use the following prayer guide with accompanying scriptures that suggest practical ways to pray for those who provide spiritual leadership for the flock. Pray specifically for Pastor Brian and Rachel to finish strong here at Bethel and make a smooth transition to FUMC in Crawfordsville. Pray for our incoming pastor, Mona Safely, that her transition goes well and that we all come together in unity for the cause of Christ in service to our congregation and community. Finally, pray for our BUMC staff and the leadership team here at Bethel. May we all experience a renewed and ever deepening relationship with the Lord as we serve together to **“Make Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World!”**

Day 1: Pray that your pastor will love God with all of his/her heart, soul, mind, and strength. Pray that God’s Spirit will work in your pastor’s heart in power and that he/she will value and follow biblical priorities. (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 6:33)

Day 2: Pray that your pastor will cultivate strong character and uncompromising integrity. Pray that his/her testimony will be genuine and that he/she will never do anything that would need to be hidden from others. (1 Tim. 1:5, 3:7; Eph. 6:10-12)

Day 3: Pray for his/her personal walk with God—that his/her soul and spirit will be nourished and strengthened in quiet time with God, beyond sermon preparation. Pray that he/she will spend more time in the Word of God. (Mark 1:35; 2 Tim. 2:15-16)

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for your prayers, those who sent cards and well wishes for my recent back surgery. Blessings to all, Bob Menefee

This is to **thank** all volunteers, donations, pre-Fish Fry ticket sellers, those who obtained advertisers, those who offered suggestions to improve Fish Fry, those who came to eat fish and enjoy the dinner. Because of all of you, our Fish Fry was successful and we will divide Net profits three ways between UMW for missions, youth who are going to camp, and Church to be used for resurfacing driveway. God bless you.
Carol Barton, Fish Fry Chairman

BETHEL HAPPENINGS...




High’s Chicken
Fundraiser

Saturday, June 3rd
10:30am - 1:30pm



Stay tuned... The next game night will be announced soon.

The Men’s Prayer Breakfast group will meet on Saturday, June 10th at 9am here at Bethel.



Eve Circle will be held on Thursday, June 15th at 12:00pm. We will meet at Phyllis Shappell’s home. See you there!

Church Meetings

Thursday, June 15th
9:30am Church Staff Meeting

Thursday, June 22nd
7:00pm Trustee Meeting



Reading Circle will not meet in the month of June. However, we hope that you will join us in July.

Greeters	
June 4	Cheryl Nicolet
June 11	TBD
June 18	TBD
June 25	TBD

Congregational Communication	
04/01/17	
Beginning Balance	-31,252.18
INCOME	24,580.77
EXPENSES	19,619.71

BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

Another Year Comes to an End

We say goodbye to another year of preschool students. We are sad to see them leave us. Summer break is finally here, and I know that kids and teachers both are excited it is. Please have a safe and fun filled summer! See You all NEXTYEAR!!

Silent Auction A Huge Success!

A big THANKS to everyone who volunteered or came out to our Silent Auction this year. We had about 250 people come out on such a beautiful day to our event. The event raised about \$3500, which is a little less than last year, but still an awesome event. Thank you again!

Preschool Office Summer Contact Info

Preschool Summer office hours are very sporadic in the summer months so please call or email if you need to get in touch with Sarah Davidson.

Help Wanted - 2 Positions Available

Love to cook? Need something part time to do? If you enjoy being around spunky little children, Bethel Daycare Ministry (Bethel United Methodist Church) is the place for you! If you are interested in the cook position, please see Kelli Moody, Daycare Director in person and I will provide you with an application.

Preschool is looking for 2 energetic, loving, and qualified teachers to join our family here at Bethel. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Davidson, Preschool Director at bethelpreschool@frontier.com or 260-489-3651.



In my
**FATHER'S
FOOTSTEPS**

Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the foot-print. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

Apr. Scrip Report:

Total Sold	\$4320.00
Parent %	\$36.19
School %	\$166.39

Day 4: Pray that your pastor will counsel and teach with discernment through the wise use of Scriptures and faith in God's power to work. Pray that he/she will be protected from the effects of sinful or negative attitudes that may be encountered in counseling sessions. (Mal. 2:7; James 1:5-6; John 17:15)

Day 5: If your pastor is married, ask God to protect your pastor's marriage and keep it strong as a model of Christ's relationship with the Church. If your pastor is not married, pray for relationships with loved ones and those who are close to him/her.

Day 6: Pray that God will protect your pastor's spouse from bitterness if/when criticism comes. Pray that their prayer and devotional life will be consistent, and that their minds and hearts are guarded. (Heb. 12:15; Prov. 4:23)

Day 7: Pray for your pastor's children, and especially that the pressures of the ministry will not discourage or embitter them. Pray that your pastor will provide godly leadership in the home, not based on fear of what others will think, but according to scriptural truth. (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:20-21)

Day 8: Ask God to protect your pastor from evil plots of Satan. Pray that your pastor will not be corrupted when connecting with the world in the course of the ministry. (1 John 17:15; Isa. 54:17; 2 Cor. 2:11; 1 Pet. 3:12; Ps. 9:9,10, 91:9,10)

Day 9: Pray that God will build a hedge of protection around your pastor's family. Pray that your pastor will guard from any improper relationships and that their family time will be protected. (Ezek. 22:30a; 2 Cor. 10:4, 5; Matt. 19:6)

Day 10: Pray that your pastor will use discernment in use of emails, internet, texting, and other media sources. Ask God to protect your pastor's heart concerning the use of free time. Pray that he/she will be morally pure and that he/she will wear the armor of God so that he/she will not fall to sexual temptation. (Rom. 13:14; 1 Pet. 1:16; Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Cor. 10:4)

Day 11: Pray that God will bring godly friends and encouragers to your pastor and family, to strengthen them for the ministry and provide meaningful fellowship with times of rest. (Phil. 2:19-25)

Day 12: Pray that your pastor will be humble and authentic in his/her faith, not given to pride or hypocrisy. Pray that he/she will have pure motives and give God glory for every gain and victory. (Micah 6:8; Gal. 6:14; John 7:17,18; 1 Cor. 10-13)

Day 13: Pray that your pastor will make wise lifestyle choices in order to protect his/her health, especially in the areas of exercise, eating moderately, and getting sufficient rest. Pray for times of relaxation and renewal to balance the stress of ministry. (Rom. 12:1,2; 1Cor. 6:19,20; 9:27, 10:13; James 3:1,2)

Day 14: Pray that your pastor will focus on the Word of God and walk in the fear of the Lord, instead of the fear of people, as he/she prepares the message. Pray that he/she will seek to please God rather than others and pursue holiness rather than the praise of people. (Prov. 19:23; Acts 6:4; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Tim. 4:1,2; Heb. 11:6)

Day 15: Praise God for your pastor's leadership and pray that he/she will make godly decisions. Pray that he/she will lead with a shepherd's heart and always speak the truth in love. (1 Kings 3:9; Jer. 3:15; Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Pet. 5:2)

Day 16: Pray that your pastor will be courageous in the pulpit in proclaiming Christ and confident in the use of the Word of God. Ask God to help your pastor speak with insight, transparency, and humility. (Col. 1:28, 4:3a; Eph. 6:19)

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Day 17: Pray that your pastor will be a “Great Commission” pastor, committed to personal evangelism and equipping the saints to seek the lost. Pray that he/she will have a heart to develop a thriving missions program in the church. (Matt. 28:19,20; Luke 19:10; Rom. 10:15)

Day 18: Pray that your pastor will be a person of prayer, worship, and lead by example—teaching the congregation how to walk in a close relationship with the Father. (Matt. 4:10; Mark 1:35; Luke 22:36; Acts 1:14a; 1 Thess. 5:17)

Day 19: Pray that your pastor will use wise time management, seeking God’s perspective for his/her schedule, and guarding his/her time against unnecessary interruptions. (Ps. 90:12; John 9:4; Eph. 5:15,16; Col. 4:5)

Day 20: Pray for fresh divine anointing on your pastor’s ministry. Pray that God’s working will be powerfully evident in his/her personal life and the spiritual life of the congregation. (Rom. 15:18,19a; 1 Cor. 9:27; 2 Tim. 1:7)

Day 21: Pray that your pastor will be healed from any hurts suffered in the ministry and not give in to discouragements. Let him/her deal with inevitable criticism and conflict by committing all into the hands of God, who judges righteously. (1 Pet. 2:23)

Day 22: Pray your pastor seeks to edify the congregation with wisdom and serve with God’s “agape” love. (Luke 9:23,24, 10:43b-45; John 13:5-9; Gal. 5:13b; Phil. 2:3,4)

Day 23: Pray for spiritual unity in the church staff and among the spiritual leadership of the church (committees, directors, teachers, etc.). Pray that the enemy will not be allowed to create division, strife, or misunderstanding among church leaders. (Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 12:25)

Day 24: Pray that God will give your pastor clear, biblical vision of what your church can be and should be doing for His glory. Pray that your pastor will communicate that vision clearly and confidently to the church. (Prov. 29:18; Mal. 3:11; John 15:16, 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:5)

Day 25: Pray that your pastor will seek God for personal revival, and for the revival in your church and community. (2 Chron. 7:14; Ps. 69:32)

Day 26: Pray that your pastor will think biblically, with the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:16; Eph. 4:17; Col. 2:6-8)

Day 27: Pray that your pastor will earnestly seek God’s will and be committed to instant and complete obedience—ready for God to work powerfully in and through his/her ministry. (2 Cor. 10:3-5; Luke 9:23,24)

Day 28: Pray that your pastor will strive for personal excellence and will believe God for all He wants to do in the congregation and pastor’s life. (Col. 3:23,24; 2 Pet. 1:3)

Day 29: Pray that your pastor will be a person of faith and passionate for the love of God, not given to worry, fear, or an uptight or anxious spirit. (Prov. 3:5,6; 1 John 4:18)

Day 30: Ask God to provide for the financial needs of your pastor and family and for your church family. Pray your pastor will be a wise steward of all his/her personal finances and the finances of the church as well. (Ps. 37:25; Phil. 4:19; 1 Tim. 6:11; Heb. 13:50)

Adapted from an article published by Revive Our Hearts, 2005, by Nancy Leigh DeMoss.

BETHEL CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

VBS ~ Register Online Today!

Visit bethelchurchfw.com to register

June 11th-14th, 2017 ~ 6-8pm*

*A light meal will be served at 5:30pm.



At this year’s program, kids will dive deep into the account of Noah and the flood from the book of Genesis. They will learn the spiritual lessons from Noah’s life and will focus on Standing for God, Obey God, Trust God, and Thank God.

We will be collecting the following items if you are able to donate any of them; paper towel rolls, blue and green spray paint, blue table cloths, clean & empty Yoplait yogurt cups. Also please check out the Supply Requests on the bulletin board for additional needs.

We have a special need for additional volunteers this year. There are many opportunities and ways to volunteer with VBS. This program provides for an opportunity to get to know the children of Bethel as well as in our community. Please consider participating and ministering in VBS this year!

We appreciate your help and support as we prepare for a boatload of fun at this years VBS!

Sunday School

With spring comes renewed life and new beginnings! During Sunday School and Kids Kingdom we will be studying the 7 days of creation to learn about the wonder of all of Gods great gifts for us. Join us for weekly lessons filled with Stories, games, nature exploring, and more! It is our hope this lesson will bring new awareness of God in all the many things we experience every day! We hope to see you there!

Sunday School Join Us!!

Sunday School:
~8:45am - 9:45am

Kids Kingdom:
~during 10am
worship service
~combined age class

June Birthdays

6/08 Derek Wohlfeil
6/08 Cooper Harris
6/14 Kaylie Mertz

BETHEL AWANA CLUBS



Awana Clubs Is on Break for the Summer but the Work Doesn't Stop

Awana Clubs doesn't meet from June-August but we use this time to plan for next year. So what really goes on behind the scenes? One of the first things that has to be determined is the club calendar for the upcoming year. That includes the start and end dates & times and vacation days. We also have to determine the dinner calendar for the year. The dinner calendar doesn't change much from year to year but we do make some changes based on suggestions or what we determined didn't go over well from the previous year. In addition to overall club schedules we have to determine the specific order of the evening based on a variety of information. And within that order each section of the evening has to be planned—that is, Large Group Time, Individual Club Time and Praise & Worship. Outside of clubs we have Kick-off meetings and fundraisers to plan. There are marketing materials to be created and sent as well as sending out materials to existing club families such as certificates (for those who weren't able to make it to Awards Night) and pre-registration forms for the next club year. And of course we are always recruiting volunteers. This is actually a year-round process but it is most important during the summer months so we can ensure we have an appropriate number of volunteers when we start out the new club year.

As you can see, even while the kids are enjoying their summer, we are busy behind the scenes making sure the upcoming year is not just fun but an experience that they can remember all their lives.

MudLove Bracelets For Sale

Clay bracelets w/ sayings "Love", "Joy", "Hope", "Dream", "Inspire" & "Never Give Up". \$8.00 each.

Upcoming Events

JUNE 11th - 14th: Vacation Bible School, Registration online at betelchurchfw.com
JUNE –AUGUST — Awana Clubs on Break for the Summer

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



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

The theme, "God's Urgent Call" reminds us that God continues to speak to us through the written Word. God calls ordinary people from varied backgrounds to make a difference. The first four lessons of this quarter introduce the period of the judges. Empowered by God, judges delivered the people from their enemies. God calls and the faithful answer. We invite all to join us as we follow God's call on our lives.

GOD'S URGENT CALL

Unit 1 Called to Be Strong

June 4	Deborah and Barak
June 11	Gideon's Call
June 18	Jephthah Answers the Call
June 25	Samson's Call

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

The Seekers of the covenant have just started an exciting new book. The title of the book is "Parables from the Backside" by Rev. J. Ellsworth Kalas. During this session, we are studying 12 of Jesus's parables by viewing them from a different perspective than we are used to. Each parable is covered by chapters whose titles include "When the Good Samaritan Is Bad News" and "God Called a Party, but Nobody Came." The first chapter looks at The Good Samaritan from the viewpoint of the robbery victim. Our class finds this to be an informative and entertaining read/study. If you are looking for a warm and inviting Sunday School class, please join us.

Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members

No information submitted.

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

2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." We can see God's desire to instruct and equip and train. God's desire to communicate. The Bible (66 books to be exact) is God's inspired words to us about who He is, who we are, and what the purpose of our lives should be. It is an overarching STORY of God's love from beginning to the end that we will be discussing. Not just a book to be read, but the Bible is Truth to be lived! All are welcome!

High's Chicken Fundraiser

Saturday, June 3rd

10:30am - 1:30pm

This event will take place on the lawn near Lima Rd. We are currently taking pre-orders with payments in the church office. You will be able to order chicken halves for \$6.50 each. Water, chips, brownies, and cookies will also be available for an additional fee.



Farewell / Appreciation Luncheon

Save the date for Sunday, June 25 at 11:15am. We will have a Farewell and Appreciation luncheon for Pastor Brian and Rachel. Please mark your calendars. The hostess committee will provide fried chicken and soft drinks. A sign up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall for you to mark the number of people in your family attending and the dish you choose to bring for a carry-in.

Help Wanted - 2 Positions Available

Love to cook? Need something part time to do? If you enjoy being around spunky little children, Bethel Daycare Ministry (Bethel United Methodist Church) is the place for you! If you are interested in the cook position, please see Kelli Moody, Daycare Director in person and I will provide you with an application.

Preschool is looking for 2 energetic, loving, and qualified teachers to join our family here at Bethel. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Davidson, Preschool Director at bethelpreschool@frontier.com or 260-489-3651.

Local Mission Opportunity:

LaGrange County Habitat for Humanity First Women Build



Calling all women (Men are invited to participate as well.)! We invite you to volunteer during this ground-breaking event to help build a new home with Raul and Mairyn Canela and their 3 children. The Canela home will be located at 10773 E 350 S, LaGrange, IN 46761. Questions: please contact Don Cross 260-750-2731, Mont Arnold 260-463-8519 or Joanna King 574-596-4198. Please join us in this Christian ministry as we put our faith into action.

Schedule

Painting, June 6 (Tue.) Cabinets and Trim, June 7 (Wed.) Trim, June 15 (Thu.) Punch list, and June 22 (Thu.) Cleaning

Mission News!!!

Having just celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and knowing we are Easter people, one way we can put into action the commandment Jesus taught His disciples "to love one another as I have loved you" is by serving on a mission trip. **An opportunity is available through Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity to go to El Salvador and build a home this fall on the following dates ~ September 30-October 8, 2017!**

Trip Cost: The El Salvador trip will cost \$1,280 plus airfare. Depending upon the cost of airfare, the total trip cost will be around \$1,800.

Preliminary Schedule: Saturday: Arrive in El Salvador, Sunday: Travel to Santa Ana, orientation, welcome to local affiliate, Monday-Friday: Work at Habitat site, Saturday: Free day, Sunday: Return to U.S.

What's included in the trip fee: In El Salvador: meals, hotel accommodations, transportation, airfare, and travel medical insurance policy coverage.

What's NOT included in the trip fee: Arrival fee in customs (\$10), money for eating out for several nights during the work week and/or our free day, meals in route, including at all airports, fees to acquire a passport, vaccinations: Please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinationElSalvador.aspx> for CDC recommendation. Each person, with their physician, must decide what medications and vaccines should be taken prior to and during the trip. You should plan to visit at least 4 weeks before the trip.

Fundraising: If it is appropriate in your situation, you may want to consider asking others to help sponsor your trip! Usually a letter or fundraising page is an appropriate fund raising tool. Checks should be marked in the memo line with 'El Salvador 2017 Trip' and sent to Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity, 2020 E Washington Blvd. Suite 500, Fort Wayne, IN 46803. All fees must be paid by check to Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity and be paid in full by **August 9, 2017**.

Temperature: Expect weather to be hot and humid. The sun is intense as well. Depending upon the time of year, it can also be very rainy at times.

Transportation within El Salvador: For the time when we are doing site seeing activities we will have a van or bus to travel around in. At the site, our arrangements for getting to the job site may include going by van.

Food: During the days we are working, we will eat breakfast at the hotel, lunch at the site, and dinner will either be at the hotel or at restaurants around the city. We drink from bottled water, sodas, or coffee provided by our hotels. El Salvadorian food is relatively plain and not very spicy although it can be savory.

Work Site: The type of work we will be doing include laying block, mixing cement, digging and pouring footings, building walls, installing a roof or floor. It is important that we be as helpful as we can with whatever tasks we are assigned.

For more information: Please contact Don Cross, 260-750-2731.