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

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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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Join us for one of our many events
coming in March. We’ll see you there!



UMW Annual Chicken Noodle Lunch
at
Bethel United Methodist Church
8405 Lima Rd Fort Wayne, IN 46818
Sunday, March 13th
following 2nd service from 11:30am ~ 1:00pm
Dine In – Free Will Offering or Take Out - \$4/pint & \$8/quart
Menu: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert
and Coffee or Lemonade. All proceeds go to Missions.



Bethel's Annual Easter Celebration
Please join us in celebrating the joy of Easter. We will have games
and crafts for the kids in addition to our Egg-tra special Egg hunt!
Sunday, March 20th
following 2nd service ~ Egg Hunt begins at 12:00
Please help us make this event special by providing donations of
individually wrapped candy, stickers, etc. for filler for the eggs!
Thank you!!



Easter Season Services
Muandy Thursday Service ~ Thursday, March 24th at 7pm
Sunrise Service ~ Sunday, March 27th at 7am
Easter Sunday Service ~ Sunday, March 27th at 8:30am & 10:30am

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“He’s Alive!”

I watched a little bit of the Grammys the night before sitting down to write this note to you all. As I listened to a few of the songs being honored, those that were deemed “life-changing” by some (and maybe some are), I was inspired to reflect on the songs that have inspired me and helped to change my life.

It was around Easter over 35+ years ago and a friend of mine, the sound engineer from Gaither Studios in Alexandria, came to see me in Anderson at Graham Electronics where I worked. After I spent some time talking with him and helping him find the items he needed for the studio, he handed me an album by a Christian artist named Don Francisco. He said, “Check out the song called ‘*He’s Alive*,’ it is a truly anointed song written from Peter’s perspective of Jesus’ death and burial and how the Resurrection changed his life forever!”

Well, I did check it out and it was, and is, one of the best songs I have ever heard (experienced really) about the power of the Resurrection and the new life found in Christ! Just below are the lyrics, but don’t just read them, if you are able go online (or however else you can do it) and listen. This song will bless you, especially if you have ever experienced spiritual failure, fear, guilt, shame and can relate to Peter’s struggles of faith. Even if you know this song, take time to visit it once again before our Easter celebration and **KNOW *HE’S ALIVE!!!***

The gates and doors were barred and all the windows fastened down,
I spent the night in sleeplessness and rose at every sound,
Half in hopeless sorrow half in fear the day,
Would find the soldiers crashing through to drag us all away.
Then just before the sunrise I heard something at the wall,
The gate began to rattle and a voice began to call,
I hurried to the window and looked down to the street,
Expecting swords and torches and the sound of soldiers feet,

There was no one there but Mary so I went down to let her in,
John stood there beside me as she told us were she'd been,
She said they moved him in the night and none of us knows where,
The stones been rolled away and now his body isn't there.
We both ran toward the garden then John ran on ahead,
We found the stone and the empty tomb just the way that Mary said,
But the winding sheet they wrapped him in was just an empty shell,
And how or where they'd taken him was more than I could tell.

Something strange had happened there but what I did not know,
John believed a miracle but I just turned to go,
Circumstance and speculation couldn't lift me very high,
Cause I'd seen them crucify him and then I watched him die,
Back inside the house again all the guilt and anguish came,
Everything I'd promised him just added to my shame,
When at last it came to choices I denied I knew his name,
Even If he was alive it wouldn't be the same.

BETHEL PRAYER LIST

Bethel Family

| | | |
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| 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 Coyner | |

Friends of Bethel

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

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

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

- Juanita Arnold: Heritage of Fort Wayne
5250 Heritage Parkway, Room 327 Fort Wayne, IN 46835
- Arlene Domer: Golden Years Homestead
8300 Maysville Road, Apt 2019, Fort Wayne, IN 46815
- Edna Doty: 2033 S. Lone Pine Rd, Columbia City, IN 46725
- Betty Failor: 4012 Captiva Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815; 260-485-0205
- Opal Herrberg: 1821 Gilmore Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46818
- Ronald Jones: 413 Columbia Drive, Apt #19, Columbia City, IN 46725
- Marcia Moore: 14409 Sunrise Court, Leo, IN 46765
- Elizabeth Richards: Care of their son, Tom Richards
16203 Thunderbird Road, Huntertown, IN 46748
- Rooney Stewart: P.O. Box 5194, Fort Wayne, IN 46895-5194
- Russ Sunday: Arbor Glen Retirement Community
5202 Saint Joe Road, Apt# 203, Fort Wayne, IN 46835; 260-489-7620
- 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.

But suddenly the air was filled with a strange and sweet perfume,
Light that came from everywhere drove shadows from the room,
Jesus stood before me with his arms held open wide,
And I fell down on my knees and clung to him and cried,
He raised me to my feet and as I looked into his eyes,
Love was shining out from him like sunlight from the sky,
Guilt and my confusion disappeared in sweet release,
And every fear I'd ever had just melted into peace.

He's alive, He's alive, He's alive and I'm forgiven,
Heavens gates are open wide.
He's alive, He's alive, He's alive and I'm forgiven,
Heavens gates are open wide.
He's alive, He's alive, He's alive and I'm forgiven,
Heavens gates are open wide.
He's alive!

Calling all Women of Faith!!



If you are in need of a little gal pal time please join the Faith on Friday circle. This group is open to women of any age looking for spiritual uplifting and time to share experiences of faith, family, fun. At the Faith on Friday meeting we will spend time sharing in a devotional and then sharing in fun. Catch up on your scrapbook, card making, baby books, or just come for fellowship. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Traci King.
~When: Friday March 11th. ~Time: 7:00 to ?

UMW News

The March 21, 6:30pm UMW General meeting will have as guest speaker, Penny Alles, Advanced Master Gardener. We would like to invite any of our Church family who have questions or wish to learn more about gardening to join with us as Penny gives us the following presentation:

How To Prepare Your May Flowers For The April Showers

Mark your calendar and plan to join Penny as she helps you prepare for the upcoming garden season. She will give you ideas on how to make your garden grow, steps to get the most out of your plants, and flowers that bring you joy. We plan to meet in the Sanctuary for the presentation and handouts.

The 5th Annual Silent Auction Is Coming!!!

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

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

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





CHILDREN'S

Thank you

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

Popcorn For Sale

\$2.00 Flavors

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

\$4.00 Flavors

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

Financial Report

Popcorn Sales

January = \$13.00

Annual Total = \$118.00

Awana Coin Collection

January = \$28.13

Annual Total = \$108.57

Notecard Sales (coming soon)

Shelby Naibauer
416-0752

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

Kid News

Family Fun Day—Awana families, don't forget our Family Fun Day on Wednesday, March 30 during Awana Clubs. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to join us for dinner, singing and an evening of fun activities.

New Sunday Curriculum—Starting this month we will begin our new curriculum, Kids Own Worship, by Group!!!

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

Can Collection Taken Over by Preschool—Children's Ministry is no longer collecting cans but the Preschool is! While Children's Ministry is unable to support this fundraiser, the preschool can. Funds collected from recycling cans will now benefit the preschool so keep placing them inside the containers in the fenced-in area outside the kitchen doors.

BETHEL HAPPENINGS...

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Bethel United Methodist ~ Vacation Bible School ~ June 19th - June 23rd



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

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

Bethel Voices of Praise

Every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. you will find us in the Fellowship Hall singing praises to our Lord. We have a great time of singing, fellowship, and laughter. Hope to see you there! Singing and sharing the STORY with love, Barb Cross and Jan Roberts.



March Meeting

Thursday, March 10th

9:30am Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 15th

6:00pm Staff Parish Meeting

7:00pm Ad Council Meeting

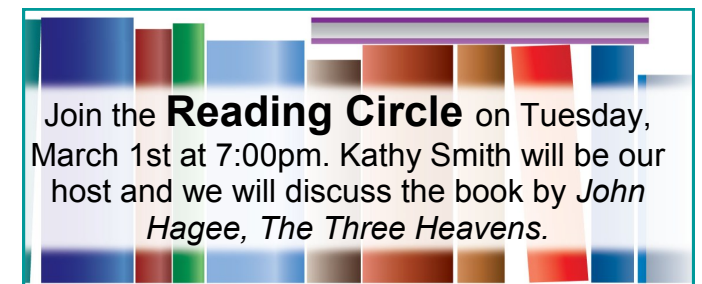
Thursday, March 31st

7:30pm Trustee Meeting

Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on Saturday, March 5th at 9am.



Eve Circle will be held on Thursday, March 17th at 12:30 in Bethel's Fellowship Hall. Our host will be Barb Hontz. See you there!



Join the **Reading Circle** on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00pm. Kathy Smith will be our host and we will discuss the book by *John Hagee, The Three Heavens*.

General Operating Report - Jan.

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| 1/01/16 Beginning Balance | - |
| INCOME | |
| EXPENSES | |
| 1/31/16 Ending Balance | - |

March Greeters

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| Mar 6 | Dick Fruit Cheryl Nicolet |
| Mar 13 | Bob Moore Robb & Diana Bilderback |
| Mar 20 | Dallas & Pat Raypole Mandy Odum & Kids |
| Mar 27 | Beth Champion Traci King & Kids |

THANK YOU

My Bethel Family, **Thank you** for all your prayers and concern in the loss of my grandfather and grandmother. It was sudden, and of course, my whole family will miss them. Your support has been such a blessing to me and my family. Thank you, Sarah Davidson

Thank you to my Bethel Family for all the cards, gifts, flowers, visits, and prayers during my recent hospital recovery. It was all very much appreciated. Thank you, Bonnie Jean Merriman

Northeast District ACADEMY of LAY MINISTRIES

Sunday, March 20th, 4:00 p.m. is the celebration at Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, 10145 Maysville Road, Fort Wayne for the Commitment Service of the 2016 Winter Session of the Academy of Lay Ministries. Bethel's participants are: Katie Robinson ~ Preaching 1, Kathy Smith ~ Sharing Our Faith Story, and Ted Swihart ~ Basic. Everyone is invited as we congratulate all participants on their faith commitment to the Lord and His church.

JUST FOR FUN!

Bethel True-isms:

People lose so many laughs by not laughing at themselves.

Bible Trivia Question:

While Jesus was dying on the cross, who mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself"?

- A. Priests
- B. Scribes
- C. Elders
- D. All of the above

Check your answers at the bottom of page 12



Christian Symbol

~ Ewer and basin

The ewer (a vase-shaped pitcher) and basin, which symbolize cleansing, are related to two biblical events from Holy Week: when Jesus washed his disciples' feet (John 13:1-17), and when Pilate "washed his hands of" Jesus' blood before the crucifixion (Matthew 27:24). Because of the foot-washing, the ewer and basin have become a symbol of service ministry.



Easter Joy



Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen. —Mother Teresa

MINISTRIES

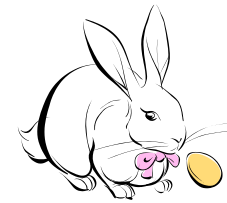


Easter Pictures (with or without bunnies)

Thursday, March 10 from 3—6 PM at Bethel UMC

This year we are partnering with Stellhorn Photo to make it easy for you to get your Easter pictures taken. Stellhorn Photo will come to Bethel's Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 10 from 3:00—6:00 PM to take individual and/or family pictures. Bunnies will be available to hold during the photo shoot if you desire.

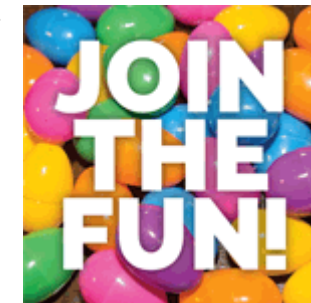
Order forms can be made available for you which will contain pricing information. As an added bonus, **Bethel's Children's Ministry will receive 10% of the proceeds.** So if you've been thinking about taking family pictures or if you are accustomed to taking family photos at Easter, consider taking advantage of this opportunity and help support the children's programs.



EasterFest

Palm Sunday, March 20 at noon at Bethel UMC

Donations—We are requesting donations of candy and toys that are small enough to fit inside plastic eggs. Candy **MUST BE** individually wrapped. Donations need to be received by Sunday, March 13 and can be dropped off in the church office or in Fellowship Hall.



Volunteers—We are also requesting volunteers to help clean up Fellowship Hall after the egg hunt. Contact Shelby Naibauer if you can help.

Thank you for your help in making this year's EasterFest fun for the kids.

Sunday School

Squires of the Son

Ages 2—Grade 2
Location: Crib Room

Crews:

Hollie Pease
Christie Serre
Kristi Miller
Mandy Odum

Knights in Christ

Grades 3—6
Location: Music Room
Crew: Traci King

Children's Church

Kids Kingdom

Ages 2—Grade 6
Location: The Castle
Crews:

Hollie Pease
Christie Serre
Kristi Miller
Mandy Odum

Wednesdays

Awana Clubs

Ages 3 yrs—Grade 6
Sep 2, 2015—May 25, 2016
4:45—6:45 PM

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



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

“We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 1:3, NIV)

Spring is coming and this spring our class will follow the theme, “The Gift of Faith.” The quarter’s first four lessons deal with powerful faith, simple faith, struggling faith, and resurrection faith by examining Biblical texts from Mark’s Gospel as stated below. You won’t want to miss these empowering lessons on faith! Our class is intergenerational and all are welcomed in Christian love.

THE GIFT OF FAITH

| Unit 1 | Tests of Faith | Scripture |
|----------|--------------------|---------------|
| March 6 | Powerful Faith | Mark 9:14-29 |
| March 13 | Simple Faith | Mark 10:17-31 |
| March 20 | Struggling Faith | Mark 14:26-31 |
| March 27 | Resurrection Faith | Mark 16:1-8 |

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

The Seekers class recently started a new study of the Gospel of John. The Gospel of John is a very interesting study due to its many differences from the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). This is a 6 week DVD series hosted by Pastor Adam Hamilton. Each week, we hear a short lecture and then discuss how John's Gospel applies to our Christian lives. Pastor Hamilton's discussions are always interesting and informative and lead to lively class discussion. Our class has just begun this series and will continue through the Easter season. We always welcome new participants, and if this interests you, please don’t hesitate to join us. Our Sunday school class is as much about fellowship as it is learning. We hope to see you soon.

Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members

The Koinonia Class is still in the process of finishing their study of 40 Days to Lasting Change: An AHA Challenge by Kyle Idleman because this interesting book is stimulating a lot of discussion! We will be studying the third step of AHA (1-awaken, 2-honesty, and 3-action) or the Action needed to transform our lives. Then we will finish Heroes, Rogues, and the Rest, a study of the Bible through its personalities, by J. Ellsworth Kalas. These ancient biographies deal with contemporary issues helping us to live Christian lives in a sinful world. We would love to have you join us!

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

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

BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

Bethel Daycare Ministry is Celebrating 27 years!

On Thursday March 17th at 6:30 pm Bethel Daycare will celebrate its birthday with a short Program. The Program will take place in the Sanctuary. Please bring your child at 6:15, as they plan on singing for you. Also, there will be a picture slide show of the children. Refreshments will be served immediately after in the Fellowship Hall. Children may dress up. Family and friends are welcome!

Preschool Registration

Preschool Registration is now open to the public for the 2016-2017 school year. Please keep in mind that tuition is going up this year by \$5. The registration fee is reduced to \$40 per child if you sign up before March 31st. If you are interested in signing your child up for preschool, registration forms are located by Sarah’s office door or online. We would love to have you!!!

Now Hiring!

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

It’s Cookie Dough Time!

Cookie Dough Fundraiser starts February 29th and runs until March 11th. If you haven't tried these cookies, they are fantastic. Everything in the catalog will be \$13 each. A catalog will be available on the round table starting that first Sunday, February 28th. Help us raise money to update our facilities!!

Capri Sun Pouches & Lunchable Containers

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

Upcoming Events

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| Buy one, Get one Free Book Fair | Feb 29 – Mar 4 |
| Parent/Teacher Conference (No School) | Mar 3 & 4 |
| Cookie dough Fundraiser | Feb 29 – Mar 11 |
| Puppet Show Field Trip All Day classes | Mar 16 & 17 |
| Petsmart Field Trip Am Classes | Mar 23 & 24 |
| Good Friday (No School) | Mar 25 |
| Spring Break (No School) | Apr 4 - 8 |



The BOGO Book Fair Is Here!!!

Our Buy One Get One FREE Book Fair is open February 29th to March 4th. Spring Break is coming up fast so start building your reading list and visit the book fair. The Book Fair is open each day from 8am to 3pm. We accept credit cards, cash and checks made out to Bethel Preschool. See you at the fair!

Jan. Scrip Report:

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| Total Sold | \$4,060.00 |
| Parent % | \$37.34 |
| School % | \$97.64 |