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THE BETHEL FLAME ON THE WEB

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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 Bethel UMC's  
Annual Easterfest Celebration  
Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am  
In Bethel Fellowship Hall  
Located at 8405 Lima Rd Fort Wayne IN 46818

All families invited for lots of fun including:

- Egg dying
- Egg Race
- “Stained Glass” Cross Craft
- Candy Guess Jars
- Seek & Find Treasure Hunt
- Sucker Pull Prize Station
- Easter resurrection egg craft
- Photo booth with Costumes
- The telling of the Easter story w/ Pastor Mona

And, of course, LOTS and LOTS of eggs.  
We hope to see you there!

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MESSAGE  
FROM MONA



“Change in the church is scary, but necessary.”  
—Pastor Mona

The old joke goes “How many church people does it take to change a light bulb?”  
“Change? My grandmother gave that light bulb!”

We want church to be filled with tradition and familiar things. We want to tell the old, old story and sing the old, old songs.

But any church serious about thriving—not just surviving—must allow for and adapt to these important changes.

- **Incorporate contemporary concerns**  
Churches offering real help for today’s problems can’t help but be attractive. Like Applebee’s their “menu” offers appetizing classes on marriage and parenting, aerobics and fitness, divorce and grief recovery, overcoming drug abuse and more.

Note, this doesn’t mean forsaking the Bible. Growing churches find creative ways to be current and virtuous. Targeting young people is a wise priority—even to reach adults.

- **Involve many in ministry**  
Too many in church are spectators probably because we’ve been conditioned to think of ministry as something only for the professional clergy.

Yet true ministry is simply meeting another’s needs with the resources God gives to you. It’s for everyone.

Once, I asked my pastor why our church didn’t have a younger women’s fellowship for gals like me. His challenging response:  
“That’s a great idea! What can I do to help you get started?”

Like many, I had the “serve us” instead of “service” mentality.

Pastors of thriving churches equip and enable others to be active in ministry. Anything else yields a congregation incapable of growth beyond paid staff.

- **Focus outward, not inward**  
Thriving congregations exist to serve others—even at the expense of personal comfort. Growing congregations ask, “How can we reach folks not yet here?”

For Lent, Bethel church will change slightly to give worship a fresh vibe.

- No robe for Pastor Mona
- Unified start with “*I Believe*” statement
- Singing together at start of worship
- Longer teaching/preaching time

While you may not personally appreciate all the differences, please know that these changes have been prayed over and fasted over by Bethel Church Leadership...not done on “just a whim” to be different!

We’re counting on you to support our church as we intentionally become more contemporary.

Your pastor and friend,

*Pastor Mona*

Lent Worship Themes

Mar. 4	10 Commandments Series: <i>Respect your parents.</i> <i>Communion served.</i>
Mar. 11	10 Commandments Series: <i>Don’t kill humans.</i>
Mar. 18	10 Commandments Series: <i>Be faithful in marriage.</i>
Mar. 25	10 Commandments Series: <i>Don’t steal, lie or desire what belong to others.</i>
Apr. 1	Easter Worship <i>“Second Chance Sunday”</i>

Help Bethel through Kroger Plus



So check out this easy way that you can support Bethel UMC! The Kroger Community Rewards program is a way that you can give back to an organization that you choose every time you shop for groceries, gas, etc.

You can now select Bethel United Methodist Church to receive funds from the Kroger Community Program simply by registering your card and choosing Bethel United Methodist Church as your community rewards organization.

It cost you nothing, and you still get your Kroger Fuel points and all applicable discounts! Once your card is registered all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! If you do not have a card you can pick one up at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

The Organization Number for Bethel United Methodist Church is: 69016

To register your card:

- Go the website [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)
- Click on ‘Sign In’ or ‘Create an account’ if you are new to the online account.
- If this is your first time with an online account enter email, pick a password, choose a favorite store (you can use your card at any Kroger), enter zip code, agree to terms, and click create an account.
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Enter our Organization number or you can type ‘Bethel United Methodist Church’ and click confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see Bethel United Methodist Church on the right side of your information page.

It’s that simple! Thanks for supporting our community and Bethel UMC!

Other ways to give at Bethel UMC

1. Special Needs – A new steel door for rear of Sanctuary to cost \$1,500 - \$2,000.  
Memo line: New Door - This is to comply with fire safety.
2. Reduce The Deficit – Special “Catch Up Budget (CUB)” account established.  
Memo line: CUB Every bit helps!
3. Consider a tithe – Step up to God’s greatest out-pouring of blessing by giving 10%



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

Juanita Arnold  
Maria Cheshier  
Jeff DeLeon  
Edna Doty  
Betty Failor

Opal Herrberg  
Irene Johnstonbaugh  
Ronald Jones  
Delores Ohnesorge  
Elizabeth Richards

Mrs. Rooney Stewart  
Joy Stuckey  
Russ Sunday



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



Pastor Mona Visits  
Irene Johnstonbaugh



In Memoriam  
Margie Culbertson



Pastor Mona and Bob Moore  
visits Russ Sunday

## BETHEL PRAYER LIST

### Bethel Family & Friends

**JOY!** New 2018 visitors

Maria Cheshier  
Family of Margie Culbertson  
Jeff DeLeon-improving at home  
Diana Halter - loss of sister  
Ron Jones- little improvement at  
Ashton Creek  
Family of Baby Mya  
Katie Robinson & Family  
Kid's Kingdom & teachers  
Awana Kid's Program

Families in crisis-financial, health,  
marriage & grief  
New church officers  
Bethel Bus fundraising  
Financial Improvement  
Easter Visitors  
Kids Easter-Fest Event  
Upcoming Fish Fry  
Summer Bible School  
Bethel Historical Video Project



## Bible Study report



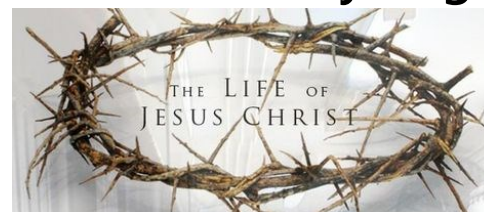
February saw us complete the Book of James Bible Study led by Pastor Mona. During this 4-week course, we discussed:

- Persevering under trials
- Foolishness of favoritism in church
- Taming the tongue and speech sinning
- Faith versus works (good deeds) for the believer

We will resume in March as we study the last days of the Life of Jesus—a perfect study as Easter quickly approaches.

Our group (nearly 20) offers lively scripture study & discussion. Weekly handouts help us stay focused. We always welcome new faces!

## New Bible Study Begins



Join us for a peek into the fascinating life of Jesus as he walked his last week on Earth.

Lessons include:

- Jesus anointed at Bethany
- Jesus & the Lord's Supper
- Jesus Prays in the Garden
- Jesus is crucified

This is the perfect study as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Everyone welcome!

**Sunday evenings in March: 6pm-7pm**

**Bethel UMC in SS Classroom S6**

Our group (nearly 20) offers lively scripture study and discussion. Weekly handouts help us stay focused. We always welcome new faces!

Note: We are offering this short-term class in the evening in hopes that some new folks will participate. Bring your favorite Bible and join us.

## Springtime Mission Opportunity UPDATE



Thank you, thank you, thank you for all those who have agreed to help with the Easter Party for the children at Charis House home for Women and children.

- Amber Harris has agreed to serve as Event Chair
- Home Builders Class will pay for the lunch
- Seekers Class will furnish LOTS of candy-filled eggs
- Mothers & Others Class (new class name) will serve as hosts for the party and lead games.

Together, we anticipate a GREAT event on Saturday, March 24th from noon-2pm!!

## Church Chuckle



"Who wants to listen to me recite God's top ten commandments?"





February saw the new UMW Officers welcomed



in Pastor Mona's "note-worthy" Installation Service. Additionally, women gathered twice to make homemade valentines for our congregation.

March is the month when the women get back into high gear working around our church.

Here's the scoop on what's around the corner while we wait for the arrival of Spring.

In the Reading Circle in March, **Mary Ann Long** will moderate *Overload*, by *Joyce Meyer*. Join us **March, 6th at 7:00pm** in Sunday School room S6 at Bethel Church. We always welcome new readers!

**Stitch n Chatter** recently presented the latest blanket (a "groovy" tie-dyed fabric) to Maria Cheshier as she headed off to Cleveland Clinic.



**Eve Circle** continues to send cards of care to anyone needing encouragement. Sarah Menefee hosts the March Eve Circle meeting at Bethel Church in Sunday School room S6 on March 15th at 11:30am.



**UMW FUNDRAISER**

**UMW Fundraiser Paint With Kim**  
**Saturday, March 3rd: 2pm to 4pm.** The cost is \$30 if you

choose to paint on canvas or \$35 if you choose to paint on wood. A signup sheet is posted on the Church bulletin board with a picture of your 2 choices. Please pay Carol Barton and if you pay by check, write the check to Carol Barton. Snacks and soft drinks will be provided.

## Easter-Fest Party

Coming in March is the annual Easter Fest for children of Bethel and neighborhood. Please help us by donating wrapped candy to fill 1,000+ eggs! We also need several women to furnish hard-boiled eggs for an egg-dyeing station. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or with Pastor Mona.



## Last Supper UMW Fundraiser

UMW will sponsor a Fundraiser dinner on Thursday, March 29 at 6pm just before the Maundy Thursday service. This is a Free Will offering event. Proceeds will go to Associated Churches Food Bank. Menu: Scalloped Potatoes with Ham, Tossed Salad, Cake and coffee and lemonade.

Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will begin at the Fellowship Hall tables at 7pm. Separate signup sheets for attendance and volunteers will be posted on UMW bulletin board beginning March 4.



**Save the Date!!**  
**Mother-Daughter-Friend Ladies Brunch**  
**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am**  
**At Bethel UMC**

*Program: Planting Seeds of Friendship*

*Join us for a delicious brunch and fun program.*  
*Women and girls of all ages welcome.*  
*Special recognition of 3+ generations.*

**1st Annual Women's Sunday Service**  
**Sunday, May 6th beginning at 10am**  
**Sponsored by UMW**

Women needed to serve as ushers, greeters, and communion servers. Watch for sign up sheet to be posted on UMW board.

# BETHEL NEWS & NOTICES...



**INVITATION!** You are invited to join us in celebration of Bob Menefee's 70th Birthday, Saturday, April 7th, 2pm-4pm in the Bethel Fellowship Hall. In lieu of gifts, a donation the Associated Churches Food Bank can be made.

**Get ready for the April Fish Fry!**

**Friday, April 20th 4:30 -7pm**

Tickets available beginning March 18th in the Bethel church office & Sunday Mornings.

Adults \$10.25, Children 6-12 \$5, 5 & under free

FREE Bounce House Available For the Kids

Craft & Bake Sale table also available

Come for food and fellowship!



## Church Meetings

**Wednesday, March 7th**

6:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Monday, March 12th**

9:30am Church Staff Meeting

**Thursday, March 15th**

7:30pm Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday, March 20th**

6:00pm Staff Parish meeting

7:00pm Finance Meeting (This month only)

**Tuesday, March 27th**

7:00pm Ad Council Meeting



On Saturday, March 24th, a used book table will be set-up for the homeless women of Charis House.

**NEEDED:** Religious books, devotional material (including Upper Rooms, Guideposts) and Bibles. Sample authors include Joyce Meyer, Helen Steiner Rice, and more. Please, limit reading material to spiritual topics. Children's religious books and Bibles are also needed. NO fiction.

Please bring donated reading material to marked collection box in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Handbell players are needed! Basic knowledge of reading music is helpful, but not essential. It is helpful to be able to count to 4 and know your left hand from the right hand. At times, this is also a challenge for the current group, so perhaps anyone wanting to have fun is the requirement.



The next Game night will be held on Saturday, March 17th in the Bethel Fellowship Hall from 4pm to 6pm. Euchre, anyone?!

## Congregational Communication

1/01/18-1/31/18	
INCOME	20,841.63
EXPENSES	29,412.58
YTD BEHIND	-8,570.95

## February Greeters

Mar 4	Jeanne & Terry Burt
Mar 11	Carol Barton
Mar 18	David Lauer
Mar 25	TBD

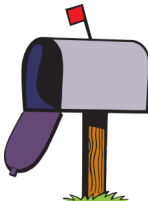
## Kids Kingdom

Jeff & Danielle Cusick
Jeanne & Terry Burt
Michael & Nicole Burt
Katie Robinson



IN THE MAILBAG

Dear Friends in Mission,  
Thank you for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).  
Through your gift you are helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.



Project	Received from	Amount	Date
Society of St. Andrew	Bethel UMC	\$150.00	12/18/17
Disaster Response	Bethel UMC	\$245.00	12/18/17

This gift will bring hope to those who need it. Grace and Peace,  
Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer UMCOR

Bethel UMC Ash Wednesday 2018



Bethel UMC Valentine Making

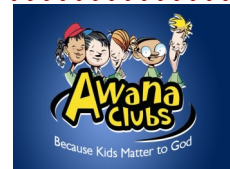


Bethel UMC Praise Team



Bethel Awana Clubs

January 10th, 2018—May 23, 2018  
Wednesdays—5:00—7:00 PM



Spotlight on T&T

T&T stands for Truth in Training. This group is for grades 3 thru 6 and is comprised of the oldest set of kids that Bethel Awana Clubs teaches. This year we are teaching from the Grace in Action curriculum which has four main sections. The first section is titled God Is and covers topics such as God Is Creator, God Is Just, God Is Eternal .etc... The second section is titled The Bible and covers topics such as The Bible is True and Without Error, The Bible Should Be Studied Carefully, The Bible Teaches Us How To Live, etc... The third section is titled Jesus and covers topics such as Jesus Is Fully God, Jesus Is Fully Man, Jesus Conquered Death, etc... And the fourth section is titled Living By Grace and covers topics such as What Is Grace?, Grace and Law, Grace in Action, etc... I have had the opportunity to teach several of the classes this year and have been amazed by the kids. Not only are they excited to participate but they ask some really great questions that sometimes we can answer right away and sometimes we have to do some research to find the answer. Watching these kids grow in their faith is what makes coming to clubs each week such an amazing experience.

Family Fun Night Pictures!  
A BIG Thank You to everyone that came out!!!



**Wednesday, March 7**  
February Coin Collection Winners

**Wednesday, March 21**  
March Birthday Celebrations

**Wednesday, March 28**  
Theme Night : Hat or Crazy Hair Night

**Wednesday, April 4**  
No Club Meeting—Spring Break



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## BETHEL CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Bethel's Annual EasterFest Celebration**  
**Sunday, March 25th, 11:30am**



Please join us for a special volunteer opportunity on  
 Palm Sunday Morning, Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Need folks to be at "Game & Craft Stations"  
 to assist with supplies, give instructions and pass out  
 prizes. Also need 6 dozen hard boiled eggs.  
 Can you help?

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 We will be seated comfortably inside for games.  
 Volunteer Arrival: 11:15am after church  
 Game Time: 11:30am – 12:15pm  
 Egg Hunt: 12:15pm – 12:30pm  
 Clean Up: 12:30pm by Trustees

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 Game/Craft Stations include: Egg dying, Egg race,  
 "Stained Glass" Craft, Sand Pit search, Easter  
 Resurrection Egg Craft, and more!  
 Optional: Dress up or wear a funny hat.

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 We expect 50 kids from Bethel and the surrounding  
 neighborhoods!



**Children's Church**  
**Join Us!!**

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



**Kids Kingdom**  
**Volunteer Schedule**

March 4  
 Jeff & Danielle Cusick

March 11  
 Jeanne & Terry Burt

March 18  
 Michael & Nicole Burt

March 25  
 Katie Robinson

We have officially finished  
 the first quarter of the  
 amazing series and on to  
 the second.

**Mar. Birthdays**

3/9 Landon King  
 3/12 Marissa Wohlfeil

## All About Bethel Class Coming!



This class is designed for any of the following:

- Those new to Bethel, wanting to know about history of congregation, programs offered & basic beliefs
- Persons wanting to meet Pastor Mona
- Those new to the United Methodist church
- Persons exploring membership

### All About Bethel

Class lead by Pastor Mona  
 Sunday, March 18  
 8:45-9:45am

In Pastor's Study  
 across from Church Office

Everyone Welcome!

## Bethel UMC State of the Church

As we mark our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Bethel UMC is improving in outreach, programming and finances.

3 Priorities for 2018:

1. *Balance the Budget* (see Financials below)  
 Pastor Mona and Lay Leader will attend Stewardship Conference in August to learn how to make giving a spiritual priority. Cost savings and increased giving needed.

2. *Strong programs for Children & Youth*  
 Special events planned quarterly with intentional invitations to Preschool, Daycare, Awana and neighborhood families. Last event was December Children's Nativity Play & Youth lunch. Next event: EasterFest celebration here at Bethel, after worship on Palm Sunday, March. 25<sup>th</sup>.

3. *Mission & Outreach*  
 All Sunday School classes, UMW groups and Awana classes are asked to do at least 1 Mission project in 2018. Projects planned include collecting canned goods, foreign missions, Easter party for homeless children and more.

Financial Update:

Custodial Contract Savings \$1,000/month	\$12,000
Staff Salary Savings	\$ 5,000
Sunday School Curriculum	\$ 2,500
Annual Savings Anticipated	\$19,500
2018 Budget Deficit	\$58,000
Catch Up Budget (CUB) still needed*	\$38,500

\*NOTE: Contributions (Memo: CUB) are needed to further reduce the deficit, and help us achieve our Balanced Budget goal.

## Springtime & Easter Volunteers Needed!

- Welcome Center Host needed for Palm Sunday and Easter before and after Sunday service. Duties: Greet folks and answer general questions.
- Children's Teachers needed to rotate leading 1 time every 2 months. We work in teams of 2. Teaching notes and craft supplies are provided in advance. This is such A GIFT to parents in our church!





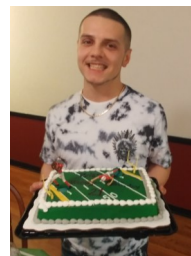


All youth invited to join Pastor Mona for a Movie Night!! We'll meet at Church, choose a movie and head to the AMC movie theater on Dupont.



**Movie Night**  
**Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**6pm-meet at Church**  
**\$5 admission on Dupont**

Join us for some great "teen time" as we talk of friends, Spring Break plans, and the latest Promposal!! All youth welcome to join us!



Youth Tyler Robinson celebrates his 21st birthday at Super Bowl party at the parsonage!

## YOUTH CHUCKLE



"I hate these new DVDs...I can't figure out how to rewind them!"

# MISSION POSSIBLE

Mission projects planned in 2018 by Bethel groups include:

- Home Builders collecting coffee for Shepherd's House. Also, donation to other mission causes thru the year.
- AWANA collecting canned goods for Food Pantry. Also, Awana giving global mission experience by exchanging homemade cards with kids from the Bulgarian Mission.
- Seekers of the Covenant plans to do some neighborhood outreach. Also, they volunteer (with Koinonia class) to clean admin area of church and staff Welcome Center.
- Koinonia class (with Seekers of the Covenant) volunteering to clean the admin area of our church and staff Welcome Center.
- Mothers & Others is working with women & kids at Charis house, first with an Easter Party, then ongoing support in other ways.

## Byron Healthcare Bingo Party Report

Pouring rain outside didn't dampen spirits for BINGO at Byron Health Center. UMW Women lead by Bingo Caller Kathy Smith provided prizes and refreshments to over 60 residents.



St. John's Missionary Baptist Church women were our co-hosts.



Carol holds prize tray and waits for the BINGO shout!

Folks are already anticipating our return (and all those QUARTERS) next year!

# BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

## It's Cookie Time

Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins March 1st and ends on March 16th. Each item in the catalog will be \$13. We should receive our orders by April 9th. The Daycare will give a credit of...

- \$75.00 of their daycare account for the 1st place seller
- \$50.00 off their daycare account for the 2nd place seller
- \$25.00 off their daycare account for the 3rd place seller

The Preschool will give a credit of...

- \$30.00 off their preschool account for the 1st place seller
- \$20.00 off their preschool account for the 2nd place seller
- \$10.00 off their preschool account for the 3rd place seller

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new bus!!!



Daycare Chapel Time with Pastor Mona where they learned about 'Jesus the Great Doctor'

## The BOGO Book Fair Is Here!!!

Our Buy One Get One FREE Book Fair is open March 5th - 9th. 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. You can make your purchases with either Sarah or Brandi. Once an item is gone, it's gone, so hurry in! See you at the fair!



## Preschool Notes

Parent/Teacher Conferences are March 8th & 9th. There will be no preschool on these days. This is the last report card for the year so please plan to attend.

Lots of things will be planned for the last 3 months of school so please check your child's bag regularly!!!

## 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.

## Upcoming Events:

T/Th class Field Trip	March 1st
Cookie Dough Fundraiser	March 1st – 16th
Buy One/Get One Book Fair	March 5th – 9th
Parent/Teacher Conference (No School)	March 8th & 9th
MWF All Day Field Trip	March 16th
Easter Fest	March 25th
Good Friday (No School)	March 30th
Spring Break	April 2nd – 6th

## Daycare Enrollment for 2018-2019 begins!

A completed Enrollment form and a Registration Fee are required for every child that is attending Bethel Daycare. Early Enrollment and fee of \$30.00 will now be collected through April 20, 2018. Thereafter a \$40.00 Registration Fee will be collected. Classes fill fast, so please be sure to turn in your child's Registration Fee and Enrollment Form as soon as possible.

Also, If your child is in need of summer care (K-5th) please let us know. We ask that you turn in a \$45.00 activity/field trip fee by Friday March 30, 2018.

## Jan. Scrip Report:

Total Sold	<b>\$1,910.00</b>
Parent %	<b>\$14.43</b>
School %	<b>\$29.35</b>

# TRUSTEE CORNER



In February, the Church Trustees continue their busy pace.

- New washer & dryer installed in parsonage (from Dave Hord)
- Sanctuary door estimates received

## Church Building Security

Notice: To keep our building secure, only the Main Doors (nearest Welcome Center) will be unlocked on Sundays. Please make it a habit to use these doors only. Thank you!

## Changes on Rummel Avenue

The City of Fort Wayne is exploring the opening of Rummel Avenue all the way to the nearby school.

Additionally, the city would like to install a sidewalk to enable children to walk safely to the school.

Representatives from the City and Lima Valley Association will soon be at Bethel UMC to discuss the project.

## Medical Emergency Team Forming

We seek to identify and/or train persons in:

- Medical emergencies (CPR and AED)
- Severe weather threats
- Active shooter situation
- Domestic disputes

If you have special skills in any of these areas and are willing to respond during an emergency, please let a Trustee know.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Fire Marshall Inspection Notes:

- Sanctuary door replacement in progress
- Sanctuary extension cords now redone
- Gasoline snow blower now outside
- Christmas decor moved to basement
- Fire doors and exits labeled & lighted



Snow shovelers Gary Merriman & Bob Harris. Thanks, Trustees for all your hard work. Our Trustee Board: Bob Shugert (Chair), Bob Arnold, Jerry DeLeon, Don Borches, Gary Merriman, and Jim & Dee McCrea.

## Building Use Policy Change

As our church struggles from a cash deficit position, we have had to take a hard stand against free use of our building. Utility costs have skyrocketed leaving us with a \$9,000 gas bill for a two-month period alone this winter!

As a result, the finance committee recommends the following fee schedule for general events for the public (1-time, up to 2 hours):

Sanctuary use \$100  
Fellowship Hall use \$50  
Classroom use \$25

For Bethel church members, the fees will be half of the above stated rates.

For events lasting more than 2 hours, fees are higher. For weddings, a separate policy outlining fees for building use, officiants, musicians and technicians is already in place.

Additionally, no tables, chairs are other Church equipment will be rented or loaned out to anyone, per Trustee policy, 2010.

Thank you for understanding our situation, and for helping us to adhere to our financial goal of a balanced budget.

Pastor Mona

# BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL



## March Sunday School Happenings

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

Christian Homebuilders Class will be studying "The Andrew Paradigm" by Michael J. Coyner. This is a twelve week study. The teacher for March is Sarah Menefee.

Part I: The "Almost" Followers of Christ

1. Possessions Can Get in our Way
2. Unresolved Grief Can Hold Us Back
3. Family is Important, But It can Limit Us
4. Seekers Don't Always Become Followers

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

In March, Seekers of the Covenant continues the book study "The Great Spiritual Migration" subtitled "How the world's largest religion is seeking a better way to be Christian."

Final chapters focus on the Church in Mission and challenge us to meditate on Jesus' words "Follow me."

Our next study has a local connection--Rob Fuquay's (Senior pastor of St. Luke UMC, Indianapolis) has written "The God We Can Know." This popular pastor and author shares a great study of Jesus' "I am..." statements from the Gospel of John.

The class will be using the accompanying DVD filmed in the Holy Land. Join us for a fascinating view of the actual places Jesus stood when he declared that he was the bread, light, shepherd, vine and more.

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

The Koinonia class is always into something interesting, and March is no exception! John Bergy will lead the study of 1st Maccabees, which is one of the books of the Apocrypha. It covers part of the time period between the old & new testaments.

Although not included in our Protestant Bibles, the Macabees books (I and II) are important historical documents recanting the story of the Maccabees, the leaders of the Jewish rebellion against the Seleucid dynasty. The books I & II Macabees are included in the Catholic Bible.

This class offers in-depth discussion and stimulating thought from many perspectives.

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

Our newest Sunday School class has been named Mothers & Others. March finds us completing the study of Simon the Leper and moving on to Martha, the sister of Lazarus. Our study of friendship is challenging us to befriend others as Jesus would. This class makes use of 3 books each week:

- Friends of Jesus historical novel by Karen Kingsbury
- Friends of Jesus accompanying workbook
- Bible, any version

We offer Bible study and personal reflection, and are always welcoming new faces!