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Monday through Thursday 8am - 3pm
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Service Schedule:
Worship Service 10:00am
Sunday School 8:45am

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- Kelli Moody, Daycare Director
- Sarah Davidson, Preschool Director
- Dawn Roberts, Treasurer
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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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Join us for the annual



Saturday, October 28th
4:00-7:30pm
8405 Lima Road Fort Wayne IN 46818

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.



The signs of fall are showing and with that brings fun fall activities!! Please join us for a Fall Festival here at Bethel UMC. The festivities are free and open to everyone!

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- New Youth Outings
- Soup Supper
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- Awana Picture Night
- Following the Footsteps of Jesus
- Candy Parade

Regular Features:



- Hayride
- Sidewalk chalk art
- Campfire with S’mores and more.

Mark you calendars for the October 28th from 4:00-7:30pm. Check out the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall and watch the Sunday bulletins for more details. Please don’t miss opportunity to join in on this fall fun at our church! Fun for all ages!

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Fall back into Church

Fall—my favorite season is finally here. The air has cooled, the apples are crisp, and the mums on my porch are just beautiful!

As I watch for autumn leaves to turn, I was suddenly mindful of how many things I wanted to accomplish this year—and realized I only have three months left!

Although we generally don't think of new year's resolutions now, there's no better time than autumn to "turn over a new leaf" to improve our lives, even yet this year.

Somehow fall resolutions are more heartfelt—accompanied by no party horns or champagne, but only sincere dedication. Surely, they can be just as meaningful and maybe even more productive in generating positive change.

Here are some ideas to stir your thinking:

Make God a priority. Maybe your church attendance could improve—or perhaps you might commit to attend Bible Study, pray faithfully for our church, or volunteer on some project.

Make peace with the past. By accepting things we cannot change, we are finally able to move forward.

Reconnect with a lost friend. Did you know loneliness is an epidemic? Reaching out can help us all.

Express appreciation to someone—or even yourself! Don't just "think" a compliment—actually speak it and make someone's day wonderful.

Self-reflection can be difficult—even sobering. Yet few things are as powerful to effect true change. Joy and renewal await those who take the challenge! See you in church!

Pastor Mona

Pastor Mona in the community:

1. Clergy meeting-Gethsemane Food Bank
2. Met staff at Northern IN Funeral Home
3. Met staff at Carriage House mental health facility
4. Met with Trinity-Huntington pastor
5. Met with Covenant Youth Pastor
6. Attended Johnny Appleseed Festival
7. Attended Pathways Church
8. Meet with Lima Valley Neighborhood Association

Church Chuckle

...AND YOU'RE SURE THE INVITATION SAID TO MEET AT NOAH'S PARK?



BETHEL PRAYER LIST



Bethel Family

Jeff DeLeon-improving at home
Lori Desormeaux's adult bother-missing
Margaret Detamore-cochlear decision
Ken-Diana Menefee's brother-rehab after fall
Bonnie Jean Merriman-home after fall
Scott Pontius-adult nephew of Jo-Anne Knapp-missing
Families in crisis-financial, health, marriage

Job hunters in our church
Those grieving this Fall
LifeTouch Directory project
Kid's Kingdom
Awana Kid's Program

Happenings around Bethel



Grandparents Day Smiles



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



← **Pastor Mona visits Ron Jones,
homebound member of Bethel.**

**Jeff DeLeon now at home,
making progress!** →



Juanita Arnold: Heritage of Fort Wayne
5250 Heritage Parkway, Room 328 Fort Wayne, IN 46835

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1821 Gilmore Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46818

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10925 Pine Mills Rd. Fort Wayne IN 46845

Ronald Jones:
413 Columbia Drive, Apt #19, Columbia City, IN 46725

Elizabeth Richards: C/O, Tom Richards (her son)
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.**



Fish Fry Fun!





Youth Group at Bethel returns with a BANG this Fall as we have some great FUN planned.



Enjoy the area’s largest (12 acres) Corn Maze along with the shelled Corn Box, Hay Mountain and Wheelbarrow Racing.

DATE: Sun. Oct. 8th at 1:30pm



Join us at Crazy Pinz for some bowling fun or show us your climbing skills on the rock wall. Afterwards, bring your money because we will walk to Wendy’s for a treat as we recap our fun night.

DATE: Sun. Oct. 22nd at 6:00pm



All Youth & Kids invited to the Loft during Sunday School hour for time of Bible story and activities lead by Dan Culbertson & Pastor Mona. See you there!



Nothing but silly fun when we play with some photo props and take pictures for our newly created “Center Stage” Youth Bulletin Board. Pastor Mona has a special prize for the best photo. Coffee and conversation served at Bethel church!



DATE: Sun. Nov. 5th at 6pm

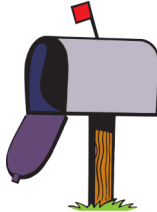
CLIP-n-SAVE YOUTH CALENDAR

- ⇒ **Corn Maze & Chili**-Sunday, Oct. 8th. Meet at Church at 1:30pm to carpool to Amazing Fall Fun-Waterloo. Chili after at Church. Pick-up time: approx. 6pm. Cost paid!
- ⇒ **Crazy Pinz**-Sunday, Oct. 22nd. Meet at Church at 6:00pm to walk over to bowl or climb rock wall. Bring money for Wendy’s afterwards. Pick up time: 8:30pm. Cost paid!
- ⇒ **Coffee Night & Photo Booth**-Sunday, Nov. 5th at Bethel. Meet at Church at 6pm for K-cup Coffee and Funny Photos for our Teen “Center Stage” board.

P.S. Transportation and supervision provided to all events. Guest friends are welcome!

IN THE MAILBAG

Dear Bethel Family,
Thank you for the cards, prayers and caring thoughts during my recent surgery and recuperation. They lifted my spirits and kept me in a positive attitude. They were very much appreciated and will never be forgotten. ~Beth Champion



Dear Friends at Bethel UMC:
Thank you for your \$475 gift (Aug. '17) to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to benefit the Society of St. Andrew. 100% of your gift directly helps people who need it most. Bless you for your generosity! ~UMCOR Treasurer

Dear Bethel UMC,
Thanks to everyone for the contribution to Campus Ministry at IPFW and Indiana Tech. The faithful support of your congregation for years has been a source of real encouragement to us and the college students we serve. ~God Bless, Ben Gates, Exec. Director

BETHEL HAPPENINGS...

State of the Church Message
Sunday, Oct. 8th
Come hear Pastor Mona’s assessment of Bethel’s assets and challenges after her first 100 days in office.

Bible Study on the Life of Job
Mondays in Sept/Oct. at 11am
Lead by Pastor Mona
We are growing, a total of 18 people have joined us. There’s still room for you, too!

Church Meetings
Wednesday, Oct. 4th
6:00pm Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 12th
9:30am Church Staff Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 17th
6:00pm Staff Parish Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 24th
7:00pm Finance Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 26th
7:30pm Trustee Meeting

Special Veteran's Day Worship.
Sunday November 5th. Flags, Patriotic music and special videos to salute all soldiers!

GAME NIGHT
The next Game night will be held on Saturday, October 21st in the Bethel Fellowship Hall from 4pm to 6pm. Euchre, anyone??

| Greeters for October | |
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| Oct. 1 | Jim & Dee McCrea |
| Oct. 8 | Dallas & Pat Raypole |
| Oct. 15 | Carol Barton |
| Oct. 22 | Cheryl Nicolet |
| Oct. 29 | Terry & Jeanne Burt |

| Congregational Communication | |
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| 08/01/17 | |
| Beginning Balance | -36,355.97 |
| INCOME | 32,863.31 |
| EXPENSES | 31,703.47 |



Bethel Preschool and Daycare

Family Movie Night

Now Showing: Hotel Transylvania (PG)

Show Date: Friday, October 6th

Show Time: 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Cost of Show: \$3.00 each includes a slice of pizza, popcorn and a bottle of water.

(Additional servings will be available for purchase that evening.)

Reserve your tickets by:

Wednesday, October 4th!

Bring your favorite chair, pillow and blanket!

All students must be accompanied by an adult all evening. Thank you!

Movie Night Reservation Form

Student/Family Name: _____

How many attending: _____ X \$3.00 each = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Bethel Preschool



You are invited to

**Capture Memories
 for a Lifetime**

Be a part of our new family directory program. Our goal is to include everyone!

We will partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our families and preserve your timeless memories.

Treasured keepsakes

All photos will be here in time for Christmas. They make great gifts for the family.

Schedule your appointment today!

Call us at 260-489-3651 or visit our website bethelchurchfw.com to schedule your session on one of our convenient dates.

- ♦ Friday, October 13th
- ♦ Saturday, October 14th

Many Ways to SAVE!!

- Save 20% off your entire order by scheduling your session at our event
- PLUS Save \$10 by if you schedule online or by provide your email address
- PLUS Save an additional \$5 by bringing a non-perishable food item to your photo session

Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location. In your one-hour session you will:

- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your photographs
- Have an opportunity to purchase photography gifts



Each family will receive a
**complimentary 8x10
 photograph & directory**
 for participating



Exclusive products for your
cherished memories



As the season turns to Fall, our Methodist Women are busier than ever... circles, antiques and the fish fry, oh my!

Thanks to **Sarah Menefee** for selecting Reading Circle's book for August, *The Underground Girls of Kabul*. In October, we take up a WWII story *Lost in Shangri-La* with Sharon Krouse leading.



What a fun evening at the Ladies' Antique Roadshow General Meeting. 20 gathered with great heirlooms to be appraised. Certainly a joy to see how much easier our household chores have become! The evening ended with wonderful homemade peach cobbler from Carol Brown and a NEW 2018 President, Suzie Richards. Yummy congratulations!!



Hugs and special thanks to Fall Fish Fry Chair Nicole Burt and her mentor and able assistant Carol Barton for all their hard work. Your UMW sisters are very proud of you both!!



Annual UMW Soup Supper will be Friday, October 20th from 4:30-6:30pm. Menu: Soup beans with ham or vegetable soup, corn muffins & crackers, Risen 'n Roll donut and apple cider or coffee. Dine-in: \$7
Carryout: \$8/quart or \$4/pint
Hot Dogs: \$1
Proceeds split 50/50 between UMW Missions and Bethel Youth. See you there!

- * **Eve Circle**-Meets 3rd Thursday in homes with variety of programs. Carol Brown, Chair (482-9985)
- * **Reading Circle**-Meets 1st Tuesday in homes or church-Book Club. Jeanne Burt, Chair (486-4156)
- * **Stitch n Chatter**-Wednesdays @ 1pm in room S-6 at Church. Carol Barton, Chair (341-8294)

-- Photos this month from Antiques Roadshow Enjoy!

BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

New Preschool Teacher Hired

Thank you so much for your prayers. We have recently hired a new staff member, Loretta Wilkinson. She will be assisting Mrs. Pequignot in our MWF 3yr old class.

Check out our facebook page! Teachers will be adding pictures and maybe a little of "Kids say the darndest things!"

Daycare Position Open

Bethel Daycare is looking to hire an afternoon, 1-6pm, position to care for our school-agers. Experience with children required. Please contact Kelly Moody, Daycare Director at 260-489-3651.

Candy Parade

The Preschool will need volunteers to pass out candy on Monday Oct 30th @ 9am and Tuesday Oct 31st around 10:30 or 11 am depending on when the party in the fellowship hall ends. The children all look cute in their costumes. You can feel free to dress up too! If you would like to volunteer, please let Sarah know.



- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization (**BETHEL**) of your choice. ●

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Candle Fundraiser

Candle Fundraiser will begin on Oct 19th – Nov 3rd. We hope you will help us to raise money for new carpet for the preschool & for playground maintenance. For Preschool parents, there will be tuition off for the 1st three highest sellers. More information to be handed out soon.

Upcoming Events:

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| T/TH AM Class Field Trip | TBA |
| MWF AM Class Field Trip | TBA |
| T/TH All Day Field Trip | Oct 5th |
| MWF All Day Field Trip | Oct 6th |
| Movie Night | Oct 6 th |
| Picture Day | Oct 16 th & 17 th |
| Candle Fundraiser | Oct 19th |
| Fall Break | Oct 23 rd |



Ever wanted to support your favorite charitable causes even MORE? **Scrip** program available at our church helps you do just that!

How it works:

Scrip allows you to purchase gift cards from all the places you shop at anyway—with a rebate going back to your favorite charity. That's convenience for you (and nothing unneeded to buy!) plus a donation to your favorite cause—a Win/Win for all!

What you do:

Sundays in Church Fellowship Hall, buy gift cards (at face value) from our large selection. Then, use gift cards like cash to shop. Rebate is automatically sent to our designated charity—Bethel Preschool, or even you!

Aug. Scrip Report:

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| Total Sold | \$2550.00 |
| Parent % | \$00.00 |
| School % | \$70.03 |

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

October Sunday School Happenings



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

During the month of October the Christian Homebuilder's class will be learning about God's Covenant with his people. We welcome anyone looking for a fellowship of believers.

- Oct. 1 God's Covenant with Abram
- Oct.8 God's Covenant with Israel
- Oct. 15 God's Written Covenant
- Oct. 22 God's Covenant with David
- Oct. 29 God's Covenant with the Returned Exiles

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

The Seekers are currently enjoying a DVD based study titled Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Profit. This study, created by Pastor Adam Hamilton, is based on the story of the Prophet Moses. During his life, Moses overcomes many obstacles in order to lead the Jewish nation from bondage to the promised land. These obstacles include stuttering and a Pharaoh's death decree. During this study, we are learning that even though we all have life and health issues, we should be alert for God's call to service. God is always with us and provides hope and a way for all of us to serve. The lessons include a short DVD clip hosted by Pastor Hamilton followed by group discussion. If this interests you, please join us as we continue this exciting study.

Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members

The Koinonia Class will be studying I Peter and II Peter in October. The Apostle Peter said that he wrote the first letter to encourage us and to testify that this is the true grace of God. (I Peter 5:12) He also writes about how to handle persecution. Peter's second letter addresses Christian virtues, false teaching, and preparation for Christ's return.

Pastor & Staff Appreciation Day



Sunday, October 8th has been designated as our Pastor and Staff Appreciation Day. We will have a Carry In lunch immediately following Sunday service. The Church will provide Ham and Turkey sandwiches. Please signup on the sheet which is posted on bulletin board. We look forward to seeing you participate in letting Pastor Mona and staff know how much we appreciate all they do for Bethel Church. In addition to Pastor Mona and her immediate staff, we have also invited all Daycare and Preschool staff members to attend Church service and the lunch. A basket will be provided for those who would like to express your appreciation by giving cards to Pastor Mona and staff.



September saw us welcome stockbroker and part-time missionary Paul Phillips. Great time!

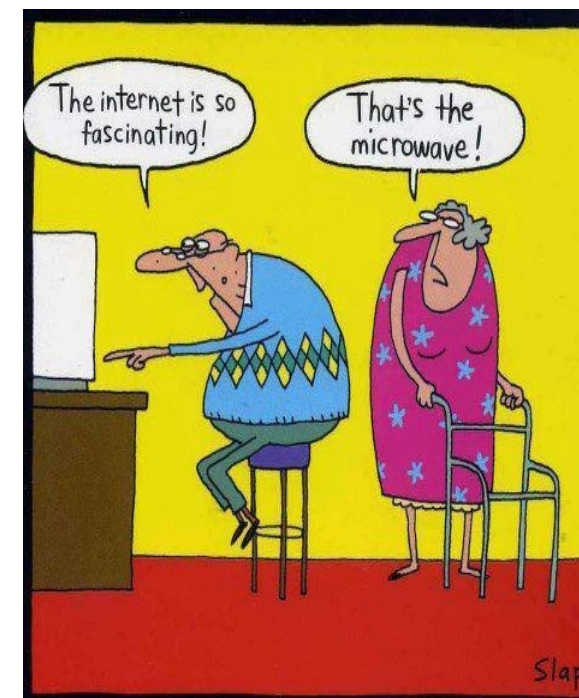
Men of all ages are invited to join us for a time of food, friendship and prayer.

Saturday, October 14th
9am at Church for Donuts
Program: Bob Moore
"My Journey with Marcia"

Join us for some great "guy time" as we talk of sports, cars and other man cave topics. We will wrap up and dismiss by 10am so you can get on with your weekend.

All men welcome to join us!

Men's Chuckle



Join us Sunday, November 5th for a Veterans Day Worship Service dedicated to all veterans.

We will begin with Flag Presentation, Pledge of Allegiance and the Star-Spangled Banner. Special videos showing war footage and Arlington Cemetery scenes will be shown.

Lots of patriotic music will be featured, including *God Bless America* solo, *America the Beautiful*, and the famous *God Bless the USA* song by Lee Greenwood closing.

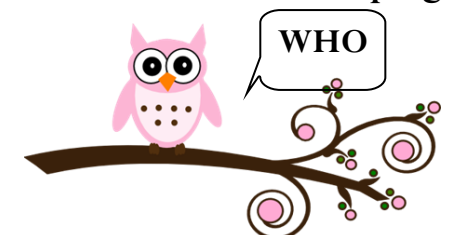
Make plans now to attend—and bring a friend.

Veterans!!

Please bring military photos (candid or posed) for our Veterans display, Sunday, Nov. 5th.

Note: Helpful-but not required to have photos framed. Submit as many as you want. All photos available for pick-up after worship Sunday, Nov. 5th.

WHO(Widowers/Widows Helping Others)



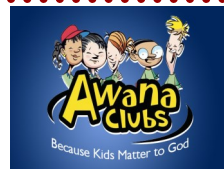
WHO's Next meeting & lunch:

Thursday, Oct. 12th,
12 noon at Joanna's Family
Restaurant for lunch
Pastor Mona leads us.
It'll be great!!



Bethel Awana Clubs

September 6, 2017—May 23, 2018
Wednesdays—5:00—7:00 PM



Awana Picture Night

This year we will have pictures taken of each club by Photos At Home. Help your children remember who their clubmates were for years to come by purchasing a printed 5x7 club photo for only \$4. Or if you prefer, we can provide a digital club photo for \$5. All photos will have the words “2017-2018 Bethel Awana Clubs” as well as the name of the club. An All-Club photo will also be available for purchase. In addition a copyright release will be provided with the sale of all photos.

Rise & Roll Fundraiser

Rise & Roll products are due in on Wednesday, October 18. Please come to Awana Clubs on Wednesday, October 18 between 4:30pm—7pm to pick your order up. If you cannot make it at that time, your order can be delivered to you earlier in the day or the following day. Because there are no preservatives in these products, a prompt delivery to you is best so you can enjoy them at peak freshness.

MudLove Bracelets For Sale

Clay bracelets w/ sayings “Joy” & “Inspire”. \$8.00 each. Hurry before they’re gone! There are only a few left.

Wednesday, October 11

Awana Picture Night

Wednesday, October 25

Theme Night—Costume Dress-Up

Shelby Naibauer
416-0752

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

BETHEL CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

Kid’s Kingdom News



Following the Footsteps of Jesus

Kids of all ages are invited to Kids Kingdom for an exciting new study “Following the Footsteps of Jesus” during 10am worship service. We’ll study the stories of Jesus teaching, healing and helping the people. Activities and snacks provided each week! The fun begins Sunday, October 22nd with a lesson where Jesus begins—in the manger of Bethlehem. Join us! It’ll be fun!!

****Kids Kingdom Volunteer Workshop & Luncheon****

With a new Kids Kingdom Study also comes a new team with a new, **simpler** way of teaching! Volunteering has never been easier. Join us on Sunday, October 1st at 11:15 in Fellowship Hall as Sarah Davidson and Brandi Williams show how simple it is. Lunch is provided!!! Please let the church office know that you will be there.



Ministry Mission Project.

Our Children’s program would like to give the children of the church an opportunity give to those in need. Therefore in October & November we will be collecting nonperishable food items. All items collected will be donated to the Food Bank to assist with providing meals for upcoming holiday dinners. We hope this will be an opportunity for our kids to gain an appreciation for the blessings that they have as well as serve to others through giving.

And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:16

**SAVE THE
DATE!**



**October 28th
4-7:30pm
Look for more
information on the
front page.**

**Children’s Church
Join Us!!**

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

Oct. Birthdays

10/30 Emily Bloom