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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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We are One in the Spirit;
We are One in the Lord!



With a true desire to be one with the Lord and each other, in an effort to help our entire church family come together in unity of spirit, a decision has been made regarding our worship services here at Bethel. After much prayer and consideration, in consultation with the leadership of Bethel UMC (Staff Parish, Worship Committee, Finance Committee, and Administrative Council), and after seeking out the opinions of several BUMC members, our Administrative Council voted unanimously to authorize making a change for Bethel to move to One, Unified Worship Service.

Beginning Sunday, September 4th, we will move to the one worship service format with Sunday School beginning at 8:45am and Worship beginning at 10am. This means that each current service will only be changed by a ½ hour and this is a compromise we believe all can adjust to and live with without too much disruption. The current first service folks will just be having Sunday School first and Worship afterwards (with a 15 minute window in case class runs over or people just need a short break before Worship starts) and the current second service folks will just be adjusting by about a half hour.

As far as our Worship service itself goes, it will be similar to what we were doing last Advent season (which most everyone said they really liked), and we will do a blended service enjoying both traditional and contemporary worship styles and music.

We are excited about the blessing it will be having the entire church worshipping together and what the Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will do as we join as one unified body seeking God’s will for the future of Bethel UMC and our community!

Thank You All for your prayers and willingness to be open to the move of the Spirit! May God continue to bless Bethel UMC as we worship together in Spirit and in Truth! May we BE a Blessing as we seek to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World!

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- The Answer to Debt is Tithing!
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The Answer to Debt is Tithing!

Over the last couple of Sundays I have shared from the Gospel of Luke about what Jesus had to say about how we handle our possessions, finances, and all God has blessed us with in our lives. Are we storing up treasures to simply enrich ourselves or are we living out the call of Jesus (and to paraphrase Mr. Wesley) to “earn all we can, save all we can, so we can give all we can?”

I shared about the question that was recently posed to me, “Why are so many Christians in debt?” and that the answer to this question was found in the word *debt* itself. If you recall it has been suggested that “D.E.B.T.” might actually stand for the hard truth that many Christians “Do Everything But Tithe!” Many Christians often take a more worldly view on their finances and do all they want to, or feel the need to, before considering giving back to God what is rightfully His in the first place.

God has set forth very specific directives about what He expects us to give back to Him (Lev. 27:30; Deut. 14:22-23). Malachi 3:8-12 clearly teaches that we are to give Him a *tithe*, which is ten percent of what we produce or earn (the word *tithe* is based on the number ten in Hebrew).

Offerings were gifts, often of material goods, given above and beyond the tithe. People normally made offerings for specific reasons. In this case, it was a requirement of the Law, such as their sacrifice on the Passover; and sometimes voluntarily to meet a special need or as thanksgiving for a special blessing (Lev. 1:1-7:21). The children of Israel gave such a generous offering at the time they built the tabernacle that Moses actually had to tell them to stop giving (Ex. 35:4-36:7)! **The tithe is given to God from our increase and for our increase.** It is our acknowledgement that all we have and all we are able to achieve comes directly from the hand of God (Mark 12:41-44).

It is also the way we open the door of our finances to give and receive His blessing. When we give the first tenth of our earnings back to the Lord, we return to Him what was His in the first place and what He asks us to give to Him so that **He will remain our first priority** (Matt. 6:19-24).

The Lord is very specific in the way we are to give our tithes and offerings:

First, we are to bring them into His storehouse. Generally that meant His tabernacle or temple in the Old Testament, and the church in the New Testament. We are to give our tithes wherever we regularly worship the Lord—not only to care for the church building and those who work there but to support the expansion of His kingdom by spreading the gospel and ministering to the community for His name’s sake (2 Cor. 9:7-14).

BETHEL PRAYER LIST

Bethel Family

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

Friends of Bethel

Brent Ashby, Rachel	Ryan & Chole McIntyre,	Wayne Smith
Campbell’s brother	relatives of Betty	Shappell’s son-in-law
Ava Bower, child with	Failor	Caz Strzynski
Leukemia	Judy Miller, friend of Ron &	Marscell Sloffer,
Helen Goonen, Betty Failor’s	Phyllis Shappell	Charlotte Klerner’s
sister	Jim Overholt, friend of Bob	mother
Julie Harper, friend of	Moore	Niccole Snowden Willoughby
Sarah Menefee.	Larry Reeder, Top Clean	friend of Pastor Brian
Richard Johnson, Jenny	Beth Richardson, friend of	& Rachel Campbell
Lemmon’s father	Dave & Pat Muncie	The President and Cabinet
Mercedeas, Shugert’s	The Saneta Family	(the government)
granddaughter	Wayne Sauers, Linda	Pray for the schools,
	Wheaton’s father	children, teachers etc.

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
- Arlene Domer:
3136 Goeglien Road, D12, Fort Wayne, IN 46815
- Edna Doty:
2033 S. Lone Pine Rd, Columbia City, IN 46725
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- 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, Hometown, IN 46748
- Rooney Stewart:
P.O. Box 5194, Fort Wayne, IN 46895-5194
- Russ Sunday: St. Anne Home
1900 Randallia Dr, Room 223-B Fort Wayne, IN 46805
- Erna Troth:
7843 W. Jefferson Blvd., Room 518, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

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

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Second, we are to make our gifts on a regular basis. Paul advised the Corinthians, “*On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come*”(1 Cor. 16:2). In this way, we make our obedience to God a consistent practice and have a constant reminder of His lordship and provision in our life.

Third, choosing to obey God by tithing our income indicates the level of our faith in Him. When we obey Him, we are essentially saying, “Lord, I trust You for every need I have.” We not only honor Him through our giving, we also demonstrate our faith in His ability to provide for us. There is no way we can outgive God! Therefore, we need to give with a willing heart, knowing that He has given more to us than we could ever give back to Him.

Fourth, we are to give our gifts joyfully. People who give grudgingly, solely from a sense of duty, do not truly open up their lives to God’s purpose and blessings for them (Matt. 6:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:1-15). The joy in our hearts about giving is a direct expression of our trust in God to meet our needs (Phil. 4:19).

God’s financial plan differs from any we will see in the world, but His principles have proven to be effective. The Bible and church history show that for thousands of years, Christ’s followers have chosen to give from a compassionate heart and a sacrificial spirit. And He rewards them with increased faith and enough material goods to meet all of their needs.

Back in Malachi chapter three (Mal. 3:10-12) God says to test Him in this and see what He will do. If we trust and obey His leading in this area He promises to prosper us, protect us and bless our testimony! God has promised that He “*will supply all [our] needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus*”(Phil. 4:19), and He is totally and completely trustworthy!

God is faithful and true, may the Lord help us all to be faithful and cheerful givers (2 Cor. 9:7) in all ways, with our time, talent, and treasures! And may the Lord give us a fresh vision of what He can and will do with everything we thankfully lay before Him to use as He desires!

Blessings!
PB

(Much of this article was adapted from Dr. Charles Stanley’s sermon “A Financial Plan” and "The Charles F. Stanley’s Life Principles Bible," 2008.)

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Bishop Mike Coyner's E-Pistle

"Pray for the Commission"

By now you have probably heard that the Council of Bishops Executive Committee (of which I am not a member) is in the process of naming the special commission which was approved by the General Conference to seek a way forward for our UMC. Each active bishop has been asked to nominate five persons to be considered, but realistically we all know that the Commission will be small (about 20-24 members) and our own particular nominations may not be able to included. Nonetheless, I am sure the process will generate some excellent names to be considered.

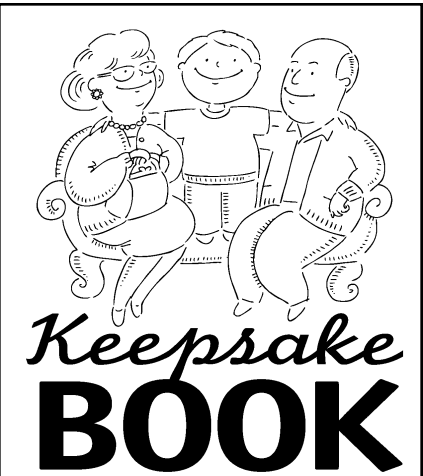


As the Commission begins its work, I am asking that we all pray for them (even though we don't know their names yet), and to be effective in our prayers we need to remember several things:

1. The Commission is entitled "The Way Forward" Commission. It is not a "sexuality commission" (even though the UM news service and others keep calling it that). Their purpose is much larger than simply studying and recommending possible changes in our *Book of Discipleship* about human sexuality. They are to study and propose a way for our denomination to move forward together, or alternatively, a way for our denomination to make tough decisions which might cause some to choose to leave – hopefully with grace and peace.
2. The Commission is not a commission of the General Conference, it is a commission of the Council of Bishops. General Conference asked the Council of Bishops to propose a way forward, the COB proposed a Commission to be named by the COB, and the General Conference approved that recommendation. This Commission will be a product of the Council of Bishops, and it will report to the Council of Bishops. Any proposals for changes in our *Book of Discipline* will need to come to the next General Conference, of course, but the Commission will first report to the Council of Bishops.
3. The naming of this Commission does not necessarily mean that there will be a "called session" of the General Conference, but it could well lead to the Council of Bishops calling such a session. It will all depend upon the product of the work of the Commission, and then the Council of Bishops will be the group that determines if there are proposals and possibilities that merit the expense of a called session of General Conference. As I look at the calendar, that would likely be in 2018 because the Commission needs time to work in 2016 and 2017, and because having a called session in 2019 would be too close to the regularly scheduled General Conference in 2020. But no one has made a decision yet about whether such a called session will happen.
4. During the time the Commission does its work and we move toward any future decisions about changes in our *Book of Discipline*, it is important for everyone – and I mean EVERYONE – to be faithful to our current *Book of Discipline*. Some persons, some groups, and even some conferences are not being faithful, but I call upon everyone in our Indiana Conference to be faithful. Please do not put our new Bishop, Julius Trimble, in the awkward and unfair position of having to deal with disruptions while he is trying to get acquainted with Indiana.
5. The Commission, it seems from what I have read, it going to be composed of persons who want to find a way for our UMC to stay together. That should be the focus of our prayers for the Commission. This is not about either side of these debates trying to "win" or trying to make others into "losers." This is about seeking God's guidance for a way forward. Let's keep that prayer focus, too.

So, as I am in my final couple of weeks as the Bishop of the Indiana Area, I ask of you and everyone else in Indiana and beyond: please pray for the Commission, its work, its focus, and its guidance by the Holy Spirit. Please pray.
Thank you.

JUST FOR FUN!



With your grandparents, create a special book to preserve cherished memories.

- What you need:**
- Index cards
 - Pencil
 - Hole punch
 - Binder ring (or yarn)
 - Crayons or markers

- What you do:**
1. Brainstorm questions to ask one or more of your grandparents (topics can include their childhoods, favorites and advice). Write one question on each index card.
 2. Ask your grandparent to write his or her answers on the blank sides of the cards.
 3. Make a cover by decorating one index card.
 4. Punch a hole in the top left corner of each card.
 5. Use a binder ring or string yarn through the holes and tie to secure the cards together.

After you complete the puzzle below you can check you answer at the bottom of page 16.
Have fun!



THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.

Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

Start at 19. Draw from 19-18, 18-17, 47-62, 62-77, 22-21, 21-20, 50-51, 82-81, 81-80, 80-65, 65-50, 50-35, 35-20, 24-38, 38-53, 24-40, 40-55, 17-32, 47-48, 32-47, 26-41, 41-56, 56-71, 71-86, 56-57, 57-58, 55-54, 54-53, 53-68, 68-83, 55-70, 70-85, 58-43, 57-73, 73-88, 43-28, 28-27, 27-26.

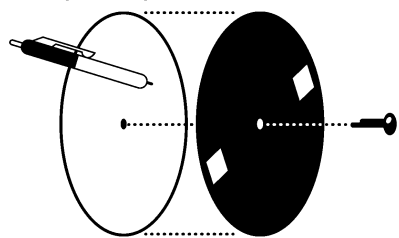
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>> "So do not __ __ __ __ , for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10, NIV <<

JUST FOR FUN!

P R O M I S E W H E E L

This craft will remind you that God is always with you.



What you need:

- A large round bowl
- 2 large pieces of construction paper
- A pen
- Scissors
- A ruler
- A brad
- A Bible or search engine

What you do:

1. Turn the bowl upside down and trace around it on both pieces of paper.
2. Cut out the circles. Draw a dot in the center of each.
3. On one circle, trace and cut out two 2" squares opposite each other, with the dot in the middle.
4. Align the dots and place the brad through both circles.
5. In the space left by one square, write a fear you have. Then write a comforting Bible verse in the other square.
6. Rotate the circle to a new blank space, and write another fear and verse.

Rest and Rainbows



Sometimes it's important to work for that pot of gold. But other times it's essential to take time off and to make sure that your most important decision in the day simply consists of choosing which color to slide down on the rainbow.

—Douglas Pagels, These Are the Gifts I'd Like to Give to You

Christian Symbol ~ Ship



The Christian church has long been symbolized by a ship. While the Old Testament tells of Noah's ark preserving righteous people during the flood, the New Testament recounts Jesus calming the storm that battered the disciples' fishing boat. St. Ambrose described the church as a ship with the cross as its mast, and others have compared salvation to being drawn out of the sea of death into the safety of the church (ship). Indeed, many large churches are constructed to represent a big boat, with the main worship space called the nave — Latin for ship.

Bethel True-isms:

- Success is 1% luck and 99% you

Bible Trivia Question:

Which of the following sports does Paul use metaphorically to describe the Christian life?

- A. Fishing
- B. Running a race
- C. Boxing
- D. Both B and C
- E. All of the above

Check your answers at the bottom of page 16



BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 NORTHEAST DISTRICT UMC ACADEMY of LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

Location: Bethel United Methodist Church, 8405 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Dates & Times: Five Sundays...September 11, 2016 to October 9, 2016 ~ 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Commitment Service...October 9, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Classes offered:

Basic, Preaching 1, 2, 3, Bible Study, Leading Worship, Leading Prayer, UM Heritage and Polity

There is still time to sign up for a class, so please pick up a brochure at the Welcoming Center with detailed information and registration form. Scholarships available. All course offerings promote faith, spiritual growth, fellowship, and training to serve the Lord more passionately and effectively. Also, help will be needed in the kitchen to set up snack time for the participants plus a media person(s) for the first and last session of the academy. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Thanks for your help.

Voices of Praise



Did you ever think that God gave us music that we might pray without words? In Psalm 92:11 it says, "It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to the most high." The Psalms are poems or songs of praise, worship, thankfulness, and repentance. This is what we do when we praise the Lord with our voices. We worship God, we thank God, we praise God, and we repent to God through music. Choir rehearsals are on Thursday evening, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come and be revitalized as we sing praises to our Lord!

Habitat for Humanity Mission Opportunity



Habitat for Humanity of Northeast Indiana is building on faith beginning in October. The build site is located at 207 E. Mill Street, Angola, Indiana. Framing of the home begins on Saturday, October 8, with 25-30 volunteers needed. Maybe swinging a hammer isn't for you?? There are other ways that you can put your faith and love into action. Volunteer form can be obtained at: www.hfhnei.org. or for more information please contact Marianne Stanley at 260-925-2508.

Faith on Friday



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. Please join us for a devotional and fun fellowship time! We hope to see you there!

~Faith on Friday will meet September 16th at 7:00pm.

BETHEL AWANA CLUBS

Sep 7, 2016 - May 24, 2017

5:00 - 7:00 PM



Awana Clubs Begins Its 3rd Year

Bethel's Awana Clubs begins on Wednesday, September 7! Registration is year-round, however, class sizes are limited.

Donation Requests

- Birthday Cookies (no peanuts, please) - Each month we will celebrate birthdays with cookies and small prizes. If you are interested in donating cookies for approximately 70 people, please let us know. September is already being covered.
- Plastic table cloths
- 20 Small Mason Jars & Lids
- Mod Podge
- 20 Small Battery Tea Lights
- Magic Erasers
- Imitation Leather Cord (for Bracelets)
- 20 Smooth Rocks (about the size of your palm)
- Clorox Wipes

Popcorn For Sale

Popcorn for sale in a variety of flavors! Enjoy as an afternoon snack or buy several for your next gathering. Prices are either \$2.00 or \$4.00 depending on the flavor you choose.

Notecards For Sale

Notecards designed by Bethel's own kids are available in packages of 8 cards for \$6.00.

Upcoming Events

September

- Wednesday, September 7—1st Night of Awana
- Wednesday, September 28—Theme Night: Wear Your Pajamas

October

- Wednesday, October 12—Bring a Friend Night
- Wednesday, October 26—Theme Night: Costume Dress-Up (nothing scary)

Important Notes

This year Awana is a Peanut and Latex free zone. Please do not bring any peanut-based products or anything containing latex such as balloons.

Shelby Naibauer
416-0752

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



Bethel UMC's Next Dine to Donate

Please join us on Sunday, September 18th at **Arby's** located at 9831 Lima Rd Fort Wayne, IN 46818 just in front of Office Depot. This event runs from **11:30 - 2:30pm ONLY (3 hours)**. **15% of your bill will be donated to Bethel**, not including tax or gratuity. In order for us to receive this donation **you must present a flyer with your payment**. Flyers are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office. Help Bethel raise some money and enjoy some good food at the same time!

THANK YOU

I wish to thank those who prayed for me during my recovery from hip joint replacement surgery. Also the cards you sent and many well wishes. Thank you Pastor Brian for visiting and prayers. I feel very blessed to be a part of the Bethel family.

Carol Barton

BETHEL HAPPENINGS...

Faith on Friday will be held on September 16th at 7pm. See you there!

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on September 3rd at 9:30am.

Sept. Meetings

Thursday, September 1st

7:30pm Trustee Meeting

Thursday, September 8th

9:30am Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 20th

6:00pm Staff Parish Meeting

7:00pm Ad Council

Tuesday, September 27th

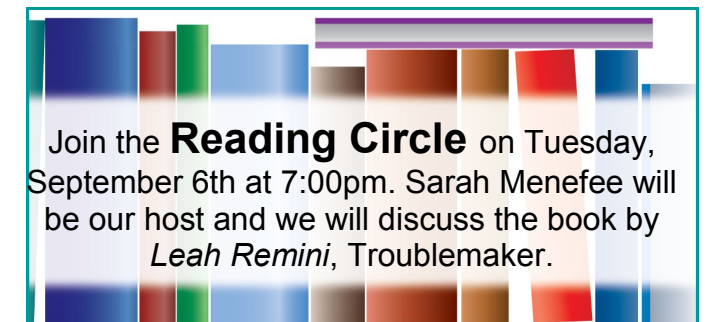
7:00pm Finance Meeting

Thursday, September 29th

7:30pm Trustee Meeting



Eve Circle will be held on Thursday, September 15th at 12:30pm. We will meet at Bethel church in one of the Sunday School rooms. Kathy Smith will be our host. See you there!



General Operating Report - July

7/01/16 Beginning Balance	-24,524.04
INCOME	23,507.39
EXPENSES	16,892.30
7/31/16 Ending Balance	-17,908.95

September Greeters

Sept. 4	Don & Barb Cross
Sept. 11	Mike & Shelby Naibauer
Sept. 18	TBD
Sept. 25	Minerva Belote

The Discipleship Development Team of the INUMC presents:

A Unique Opportunity for the Northeast District

September 10, 2016

Location:
Covenant UMC
10001 Coldwater Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825



The Schedule:

Registration & Gathering

8:30 - 9:15

Worship

9:15 - 9:30

Welcome & Opening Address

9:30 - 10:00

Break

10:00 - 10:10

Session 1

10:10 - 11:45

Lunch

11:45 - 12:30

Session 2

12:45 - 2:15

Break

2:15 - 2:25

Session 3

2:25 - 3:55

Closing

4:00 - 4:20

What is Back to Basics?

"Back to Basics" is dedicated to a time of re-focus on the most foundational principles of our faith. Healthy churches are those churches where discipleship is expected and blessings are obvious. The more intentional a congregation is about discipleship the better they will be equipped and motivated to fulfill our mission "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

This all day conference will address the growing need to reclaim who we are to be as disciples through the opening teaching and break out sessions that include every age level. **Any size church will benefit.**

Pastors, ministry staff, and lay servants are all encouraged to attend.

Let's work together to embrace the roots of our faith and the purpose of God's church.

Contact: Ann Handschu, Assoc. Director
Local Church Discipleship
ann.handschu@inumc.org
812.841.2803



Discipleship Development
of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana

Cost: \$10 per person
(includes lunch)

Registration Deadline:
September 7, 2016

BETHEL CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School Starts!!

The kids really enjoyed learning about the life of Moses, the plagues God sent upon the Pharaoh until he let the Israelites go and the game plan that God has for each of our lives. We are looking forward to further incorporating this material into our program next Summer. **Thank you to all our teachers and coaches that helped this summer!**



Starting in August we will resume our regular Sunday School classes. The program will be based off of BUZZ curriculum by Group. This material allows for kids to engage in a variety of learning methods including drawing, playing games, acting and more. Squires and Knights classes will learn about the Armor of God and people from the Bible who wore this armor. Kids Kingdom classes will learn about the famous kings and queens of the Bible.

As a reminder our Sunday School classes are 3yrs-1st grade (Squires), 2nd grade-5th grade (Knights) and 6th grade-12th grade (Youth). Squires class will meet in the castle and the Knights will meet in the music room.

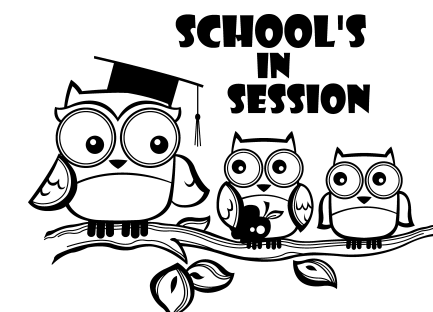
If you are interested in helping teach a Sunday School class or with the nursery, please see Traci King or Nicole Burt.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes to began in August. Pastor Brian with assistance from Nicole and Michael Burt have been leading a Confirmation class. This class is targeted for anyone that is 6th grade and older. If you are interested in learning about the history of the Methodist church and taking these first steps to becoming a member of our church you are encouraged to attend and participate in this class. This class will be held in the loft on Sundays during the Sunday School hour. Any questions please see Pastor Brian or Nicole Burt.

Music Programs

Due to summer schedules we have decided to formally launch our music programs (Kids Choir and Bethel Boomwackers) in the fall and will incorporate them as part of our ministry program. More information about these programs will be provided in upcoming Flame and Bulletin announcements.



Sunday School Join Us!!

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

Kids Kingdom:
~during worship
service
~combined age class

Sept. Birthdays

9/1 Adam Utnage
9/4 Lane Rust
9/20 Emily Robinson
9/23 Kassidy Odum

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



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

“The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him---the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.---and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.” (Isaiah 11:2-3, NIV)

Beginning in September, lessons in Adult Bible Studies follow the theme, “Sovereignty of God.” Through the visionary images of the authors of Isaiah, Hebrews, and Revelation, we come to see more clearly the sovereign nature of God. The first four lessons in September explore how the prophet Isaiah viewed the reign of God over the whole world as a peaceful kingdom, a mountain of God, the foundations of the earth, and in a new and everlasting covenant. Join us and be blessed as we are blessed by sharing together in God’s Word!

Unit 1 The Sovereignty of God

September 4	The Peaceful Kingdom	Isaiah 11:1-9
September 11	The Mountain of God	Isaiah 25
September 18	Foundations of the Earth	Isaiah 40
September 25	Everlasting Covenant	Isaiah 61

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

The Seekers continue to study the J. Ellsworth Kalas book, The Story Continues. This is a study of The New Testament book, The Acts of the Apostles. This study focuses on 12 ordinary men who, after seeing their leader and teacher perish, begin a movement that now encompasses one third of the world. The book also shows how the 12 Apostles, empowered by The Holy Spirit, became men of action who managed to deliver the Gospel despite their world's many obstacles. Please join us and learn how you can overcome great obstacles in order to achieve great things or just how to overcome the small obstacles we face in our everyday life. We have just begun this study and are only about one quarter of the way through the book. Even if you haven't participated yet, you will not feel lost. We look forward to seeing you.

Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members

The Koinonia class is continuing their study of Angels by Dr. David Jeremiah. Using Scripture to separate fact from fiction, the topics for discussion in September are:

- 1) How angels and humans are alike even though God’s good angels are holy and we are not.
- 2) Who is “the angel of the LORD?”
- 3) How angels can teach us how to worship wholeheartedly and all the time.
- 4) How angels can teach us “the great joy of obeying God quickly.”

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

As we continue our study of Chapter 2, Lordship and Obedience in *The Purple Book*, we have learned that the Lord or Master is the one in charge, the one who gets to decide what’s right and wrong, acceptable and unacceptable. We have discussed how submitting to authority seems to grate against the fabric of our very existence by answering the question “Why do you think God has a certain way we should do things? In other words, why does God want us to obey His commands?” In September we will continue to talk about obedience and how does our obedience to God’s Word impact our relationship with God, with other believers, and with non-believers. It has been a joy to welcome new friends and followers in our class and thank them for blessing us with their presence. We invite you to join us too for a time of great fellowship and sharing in God’s Word!

BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

New Class Available in Preschool!

We have just opened a new class in our Preschool. It will be a 4 & 5 yr old class Monday – Friday in the afternoon from 12:30 – 3pm. The fee for this class is \$140/month. If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Sarah at 260-489-3651 or bethelpreschool@frontier.com

New School Year!

This year we have two new teachers here at Bethel Preschool! We would like to welcome Mrs. Amstutz and Mrs. Burkart.

Here is a list of upcoming events:

September 6th & 7th: First day of school

Back to school



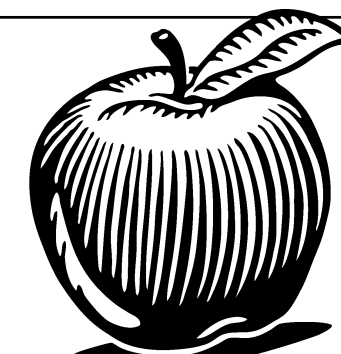
Is it just me or did summer totally fly by?
It seems to have gone by in the blink of an eye!
It’s that time of year again.



The school year has officially begun.
Pencils, crayons and backpacks galore...
And you can never have too many pens; I always need more!
The new normal is the morning rush,
Makes me reminisce of lazy summer days when I lounged late in my bed,
all plush.

Coffee and breakfast to go is now how we roll.
It’s only been a couple days and it’s already taking its toll!
I know I shouldn’t throw a fit,
As summer will be back before we know it!
So, be happy and don’t shed a tear,
Hip Hip Hooray for a safe and blessed school year!

We're Going Back To School



After-School snack

Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don’t have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!

July Scrip Report:

Total Sold	\$4850.00
Parent %	\$26.42
School %	\$150.73