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THE BETHEL FLAME ON THE WEB

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Service Schedule:

Worship Service	10:00am
Sunday School	8:45am

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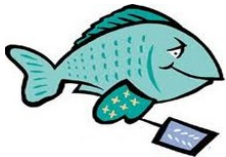
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...I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...2 Timothy 1:6b

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IT'S FISH FRY TIME!!!



Join us for the



Bethel United Methodist
Church Fall Fish Fry

Saturday, September 16th
4:30 -7:00pm

8405 Lima Road Fort Wayne IN 46818

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

~ Dan's Fish & Chicken ~

Menu: Fish or Chicken, Cole Slaw or
Applesauce, Desserts & Drink
Dine In, Carry Out and Drive Thru Available

Tickets available in the church office
Adults \$9.00, Children 6-12 \$5, 5 & under free.



FREE Bounce House
Available for the Kids



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As a former stockbroker and securities trader, I am often asked for advice on money management.

To be sure, it's an important topic-and not just to me.

Do you know that 15% of all that Jesus said had to do with money? In fact, Jesus spoke more about money than almost any other topic.

That's exactly why I chose this topic for my first sermon series, "Money Talks" beginning Sunday, September 17.

I hope you will plan to be a part of this teaching series. You can expect Bible insights, sound advice, and even humor each week as we learn how to please God with money.

Meanwhile, here are some great principles for sound money management from John Wesley who founded the Methodist movement:

1. Earn all you can. Show initiative in the workplace and honor God with your career.

2. Save all you can. Be cautious with debt beyond a reasonable home, and living within your means is a must.

3. Give all you can--starting with God. You see, it's generosity--not accumulation that makes God smile.

See you in Church!

Pastor Mona

Pastor Mona in the community:

- 1. Met with Dupont Library Branch Manager
- 2. Attended Fort Wayne Clergy Meeting
- 3. Attended TinCaps baseball game
- 4. Worshipped at Pathways Church
- 5. Met staff at Ashton Creek Health & Rehab
- 6. Met staff at Covington Funeral Home
- 7. Published column in the Journal Gazette

Church Chuckle



BETHEL PRAYER LIST



Bethel Family

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

Friends of Bethel

Linda Bir, friend of Bob & Jean Shugert	Jim Overholt, friend of Bob Moore	Marscell Sloffer, Charlotte Klerner's mother
Ava Bower, child with Leukemia	Koree Neuenschwander, Shugert's Great-granddaughter	The President and Cabinet (the government)
Helen Goonen, Betty Failor's sister	Beth Richardson, friend of Dave & Pat Muncie	Pray for our schools, children, teachers etc.
Julie Harper, friend of Sarah Menefee.	Caz Strzynski	
Judy Miller, friend of Ron & Phyllis Shappell		

Notice: In an effort to keep our prayer list current, all names will be removed on the 1st of every month. Any name may be "readded" back on the prayer list by submitting a prayer card in the offering plate or notifying the church office. Thanks for keeping our prayer list up-to-date!
~Pastor Mona

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:**



**Pastor Mona visits
Juanita Arnold, official member since 1929
but has attended since birth, 8-23-1918**

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

Jeff DeLeon:
2103 West Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Edna Doty:
2033 S. Lone Pine Rd, Columbia City, IN 46725

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2001 Hobson Rd, Room 601-B, Fort Wayne, IN 46805; (260)446-3899

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Irene Johnstonbaugh:
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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.**

SEPTEMBER 17TH

NEW FACE IN A FAMILIAR PLACE

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST + 8405 LIMA ROAD

"MONEY TALKS!" UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

TOPICS INCLUDE:

What the Bible says about wealth
Crazy celebrity stories about money
Today's most common money mistakes
The "Affluenza" epidemic
How I can please God with Money
Balance spending & saving
How we sin with money

I'm Pastor Mona Safley, the new
pastor for Bethel United Methodist
Church and I would love to meet you!



Rev. Mona Safley
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I BELIEVE...

God's love is for all.
Bible preaching should be relevant.
Church can be fun!



I HAVE...

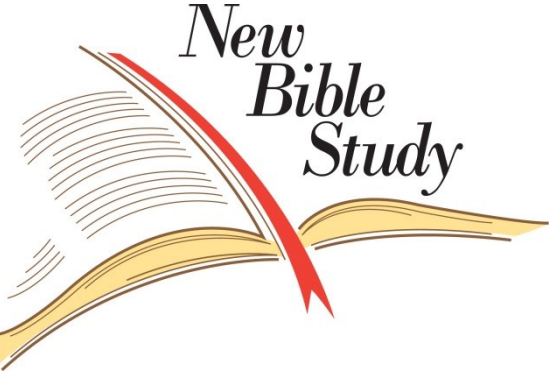
Just moved to Fort Wayne
Speaking and Pastoring Experience
A Desire to make the Bible come alive!

NORTHMEN AND CATHY

The Northmen, from Fort Wayne, Indiana, are celebrating their 25th year as a Christian music group. They travel various parts of the country. The Northmen do their work as a business and ministry all in one. The Northmen entered the professional quartet circuit when singing on the main program of The National Quartet Convention two years in a row. Join us on Sunday, September 17th, for Northmen and Cathy's music alongside Pastor Mona Safley's sermon.



Layout: Maria Cheshier



7 LESSONS FROM JOB

Study Title:	7 Lessons from Job			
Led by:	Pastor Mona			
When:	Mondays in Sept & October			
Time:		<u>DAYS</u>		<u>EVENINGS</u>
	Bible Study Monday	11am-12 noon	&	6pm – 7pm
	Prayer & Share	12 noon-12:30pm	&	7pm – 7:30pm
	Dismissal	12:30pm sharp	&	7:30pm sharp

Come for Bible Study or Prayer/Share time. Or Both!

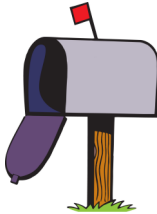
Summary: Everyone's heard of Job, but have you ever studied the book?? Join us as Pastor Mona leads this interesting and insightful peek into the life of Job's woes. Beware-there's lots for us to learn from Job's troubles... and a happy ending to celebrate!

- Topics:
- 9/11 God knows all
 - 9/18 God limits the trial
 - 9/25 Seek growth, not vindication
 - 10/2 "Why" often unknown
 - 10/9 Trust in the face of anguish
 - 10/16 God will reward both good & evil
 - 10/23 We must learn what God teaches
 - Job Study Completed



IN THE MAILBAG

A letter from Jim McCrea:



For the past 10 years I have been blessed to be Lay Leader, Business Manager, and Worship Leader for Bethel Church. As Lay Leader, I have been a member of a majority of the administrative Committees. As I approach my 81st birthday I believe it is time for me to step down from these positions in order for those with new ideas and sufficient energy to step into these responsibilities. Pastor Mona brings these attributes and many more to her role as our new Pastor. She will need new leadership in the positions I am leaving as of September 1st to assist her in her ministry here at Bethel.

Dee and I will continue to be involved in various ministries and activities, I will just not ne involved in the administrative responsibilities. Thank you to all that have supported me and given me words of encouragement over the years. A special thank you to my wife Dee as she has always been right beside me with her help, energy, encouragement and support.

God bless you all and may Gad continue to bless the ministry of Bethel Church. ~Jim McCrea

BETHEL HAPPENINGS...

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

Labor Day Weekend
Sunday, September 3rd
Wear your work clothes to worship.
Message: Workplace Christianity

ChurchMeetings

Wednesday, Sept. 6th
6:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 14th
9:30am Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 19th
6:00pm Staff Parish Meeting
7:00pm Ad Council Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 28th
7:30pm Trustee Meeting

SAVE THE DATE!

October 28th ~ 4-7:30pm
Look for more information in the next newsletter.

Greeters for September	
Sept. 3	Dave & Pat Muncie
Sept. 10	Randy and Gayle Westfall
Sept. 17	Cheryl Nicolet
Sept. 24	TBD

Congregational Communication	
07/01/17	
Beginning Balance	-34,781.67
INCOME	19,024.85
EXPENSES	20,599.15

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE



♦ Looking for a way to serve? We need 6 people (each taking 2 months) to sign up to help with Communion Sundays, which entails buying the communion bread, preparing the cups of juice and cleaning up/putting away after service. See Pastor Mona to serve ASAP.

- ♦ We have been utilizing Facebook live since January of this year. If you are camera shy, sit on the right side of the aisle as you come in, Pastor Mona has been coming off the platform to ask questions in the congregation and to keep her in the frame, the camera is panned.
- ♦ Help is always appreciated on the tech side- soundboard/graphics, Facebook live, etc. Training will be provided.
- ♦ For anyone planning to sing a special song that requires backing tracks, it is asked that the track is given to the tech no later than 30 minutes before service so it can be checked for quality, levels, etc. It's ideal if the person singing can be present so the tracks/vocals can be balanced. The soundboard can vary from day to day on levels, so a fresh balance will maximize the quality of the special song.
- ♦ Worship meetings will be held at Bethel on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm.
- ♦ Along with the Sunday message, we have feature called "Moment with God and Pastor Mona" It's a weekly devotional that you can find on the Facebook page!

2017-2018 Voices of Praise



Choir practice begins Thursday, September 14th. We will begin at 6:45 and finish up at 7:30.

If you can sing, join us! If you can't sing, join us! All are welcome!

We will be singing along with an accompaniment cd. If you or someone you know plays the piano and would like to accompany the choir please contact Kathryn Burt.

Cell Number- (260) 450-6394

Email- kathrynburt1008@yahoo.com

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.

- ♦ Monday, September 25th
- ♦ Tuesday, September 26th
- ♦ 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



August was amazing as our women hosted the largest funeral dinner yet with more than 160 served as Bob Moore's family gathered.

Thanks to **Cheryl** for selecting July's book, *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy*. Nine ladies agreed that Cheryl's rich chocolate mousse dessert was better than the book's crazy ending! Next month, we take up a read on women's rights in Afghanistan called, *The Underground Girls of Kabul*.



Some great photos this month from Stitch n Chatter—the only Circle that meets weekly. Most ladies attending share an interest in sewing quilt blocks, but any hand work will do. This month, the SNC ladies decided to begin work on a red, white and blue quilt for a deserving Veteran from our Church. Hopefully, the project will be complete in time for presentation at this year's Veteran's Day Sunday Service.



Special prayers for the Habitat of Humanity El Salvador build that has been postponed. **UMW members Julie Cusick and Carol Barton** are hopeful to join the next team—maybe going in March, 2018.

So what's required to join UMW?

Nothing but a love for God and an interest in missions—especially for women and children. No dues required. Give us a try!



All ladies are invited to join us for an evening of antiques and fun Monday, September 18th at the Church at 6:30pm.

Please bring an antique (*no husbands!*) or a photo of a larger piece for our time of Show 'n Tell. Our knowledgeable guest will do a fun appraisal of our treasures.

We will also be electing 2018 Officers. 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 Reading Circle and Stitch n Chatter Circle. Enjoy! --

BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

We are back!!!

It's a new year for preschool and we are hard at work. Yes, Mrs.

Davidson's office is a mess again! 😊 School will begin September 5th & 6th with almost full classes! Keep us in your prayers as we start the new school year!



~Help Wanted~

Bethel Preschool is still looking for an energetic, loving, and talented teacher to join our staff. Resumes may be submitted to bethelpreschool@frontier.com



We will be hosting a Movie Night fundraiser on October 6th so keep your eyes open for more information to come soon.

Our Daycare Fun Day was a hit!



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!

July Scrip Report:

Total Sold	\$3805.00
Parent %	\$4.76
School %	\$128.65

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

August Sunday School Happenings



Christian Home Builders-(Room S6)- Leader-Shared leadership between members
The Christian Homebuilders Class has been studying the message of Calling. We are presently studying the New Testament Book of Acts and learning about how we can best share God’s love through our calling. Our door is open for anyone searching for a Sunday School Class!

Seekers of the Covenant (Room S5)- Leader- Jeff Cusick
On Sunday, August 19th, the Seekers will begin a new study titled *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Profit*. This is an exciting DVD study created by Pastor Adam Hamilton. This study looks at the prophet Moses from his humble birth to his leadership during the Hebrew Exodus. This study will show how the most reluctant among us can overcome obstacles and mature into bold Christian leaders. Each week will include a short DVD clip hosted by Pastor Hamilton followed by group discussion. If this sounds interesting, please plan on joining us.

Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members
"The Koinonia class is wrapping up a fascinating study by Skye Jethani titled With about the way we relate to God. Then we will be studying these 6 of the 12 minor prophets: Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Hosea, Amos, and Micah. Our objective is to see how they pertain to our Christian faith today."

Friends & Followers - (Fellowship Hall) Leader– Sue Richards
The Friends and Followers have been studying Discipleship and what it means to be a disciple in today’s world. We even have a challenge. From a friend and mentor, I was told of a challenge with a wooden cross necklace that we (our class would wear) and when we are out and about in our busy days if someone sees the cross and ask about it, we are to tell them, and give it to them. Hopefully they will pass it on. The rest of August will be focused on Discipleship and relating it to today's hectic world as we cannot leave family obligations, but we can still follow Him.

Notice of Kids Sunday School Changes

One room Sunday School (nursery to 10 years of age) will be staffed during Adult Sunday School hour. A full children’s lesson with games and crafts will be available during church service as usual.



Kids Sunday School modeling “Joy Hats”



As of September, the Men’s Prayer Breakfast will have a new name—and a new convener, Pastor Mona.

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

Saturday, Sept. 9th ~9am at Church
Program: Missionary & financial advisor Paul Phillips will discuss well digging in Central America

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



A New Fun Group has formed...
WHO (Widowers Helping Others)
WHO’s Next meeting & lunch:

Thursday, Sept. 14th
12 noon at Ziano’s for lunch
Pastor Mona leads us
It’ll be great!!

All widowers AND widows invited to our Dutch-treat gathering. Join us Ladies!!!



Special Grandparents Day Service Sept. 10th

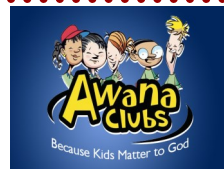
Bring a grandchild/parent to worship—or a least a picture for our cute display! We even have time for a grandchild/parent to share a special song, read a poem, tell a joke, etc.

Special punch and cookies reception following worship service.



Bethel Awana Clubs

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



Awana Begins It's 4th Year!!!

As September begins, so does Bethel's Awana Clubs 4th year. We've seen many changes over the past 3 years and the 4th year is no different. We are constantly trying to improve the program and find ways of keeping it interesting for the kids, the leaders and all who support this program. Some of the highlights for this year include having the kids take turns leading the dinner prayers. We'll be taking professional club photos at the beginning of the year so kids have memories of who were in their groups. Curriculum for the Sparks and T&T groups have been cleaned up and better organized (much like the Cubbies curriculum). We're looking forward to another exciting year. **Please continue to support us with your prayers.**

Rise & Roll Fundraiser

Rise & Roll products have a reputation for being delicious!!! They are preservative-free and some items are even sugar-free or gluten-free. Starting in mid-September we will begin a Rise & Roll Fundraiser which will include Cookies, Donuts, Pies and Crunch. Order forms and Catalogs will be available at the church on the Welcome Center, on the Awana Bulletin Board and in the Church Office. Completed forms can be turned into the Church Office with a check made out to Bethel United Methodist.

MudLove Bracelets For Sale

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

Shelby Naibauer
416-0752

Wednesday, September 27

Bring a Friend Night

Theme Night—Wear Your PJs

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

BETHEL CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

New Logo & New Emphasis



This month, we unveil a new logo and a new emphasis on Children's Ministry at Bethel.

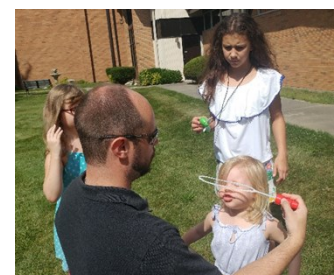
Of course, our love for kids is nothing new—we're just going to shout it a bit more! Enjoy these photos of kids around Bethel this month all taken by Pastor Mona-daycare, Awana & beyond!

Kids Kingdom

We have just kicked off a new lesson series on Fruits of the Spirit. There are bible stories, crafts, and games each week to make learning about God and growing the faith in your children a fun and engaging experience they will enjoy during church.

Also, please consider volunteering. There is a sign-up sheet posted for Nursery, Sunday School, and Children's moments during the service. The kids enjoy getting to know you as well!!

*Lots of great photos this month from the
August Back to School Bash & Awana Kick-Off events!*



**SAVE THE
DATE!**



**October 28th
4-7:30pm
Look for more
information in the
next newsletter.**

**Sunday School
Join Us!!**

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

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

Sept. Birthdays

9/01 Adam Utnage
9/04 Lane Rust
9/12 Carter Cook
9/14 Cody Partin
9/16 Joseph Partin
9/20 Emily Robinson
9/23 Kassidy Odum