

BLESSINGS FROM BETHEL

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November, 2011

Greetings to you, and, peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ!

As I prepare for this month's message I have many things running through my mind because of some of the world events that have happened and I have had a difficult time focusing on one issue. I do apologize but there is a reason all of these issues are hanging in there.

First of all our prayers go out to all in Turkey – those who are searching for survivors of the earthquake and certainly for any who may be alive but still under rubble. We just heard yesterday how a mother and a two week old baby were found alive. PRAISE GOD!!!! We certainly keep in our prayer thoughts the families that lost loved ones but we also give glory to God when people are found alive so many days after such a disaster. We also offer our prayers for strength and protection for the people who are there to help search and to help the rebuilding process. GOD BLESS THEM ALL!!!! We can certainly identify with those working in the rebuilding process because we in our area are still rebuilding after the recent flooding. We also pray for all in our area who are busy rebuilding their homes!

We also keep our world in prayer because there are so many areas where there is strife. I just heard this morning that the economic situation in Greece and throughout Europe is on an upswing and resolution of the problems looks encouraging. We definitely hope and pray that this is true and the global economy improves!

Looking to how things are going closer to home, we can say that at Bethel we certainly feel the power of the Spirit at work! We are being blessed and are sharing blessings with the Prayer Shawl Ministry. PRAISE GOD! And, we felt the work of the Spirit when we had the prayer meeting on October 17th. We had 11 people come together in prayer for our community and our church. HOW AWESOME!!!! We will have our November Prayer Meeting as part of our Thanksgiving Eve Service. After all, we are so thankful to God for all that He gives us, it is appropriate to join in prayer to say our Thanks. We are also venturing into a new Outreach project. Operation Welcome Home Maryland is asking for donations of snack goods and home made cards. This group goes to the Baltimore and Washington airports when soldiers are returning to the USA. They give a "goodie bag" to the soldiers that contains a variety of non-perishable snack items. They also include HAND MADE welcome home cards. On October 23rd we had a group of children and adults make cards and we now have 84 cards we will take to OWHMD to share with the soldiers. We will also check in to the opportunity to go to the airport to welcome the soldiers home! More information will follow.

We are continuing our outreach to God's Meal Barrel with the contributions placed in our Grocery Cart. We will also be giving all of our Harvest Home contributions (November 6) to God's Meal Barrel and we give praise to God for Doris and the crew and how they minister to the Hanover area!

We now have gift tags available for residents of Hoffman Homes for Christmas and we have a sign-up sheet for residents from Homewood Homes. Let us know if you would like to help out with these projects! We will again help with Christmas Gift wrapping at Hoffman Homes, and will let you know what date that will be!

As I offer my daily prayers I give praise and thanks to God for the BEAUTIFUL people of Bethel! This is an awesome congregation and we are doing awesome things for the glory of God! Thank you all for your service to God! God Bless you! With love, Pastor Lou Ann

Monthly Pastor's Activity Report

Month: September, 2011

Worship Services: 9/4 – Outdoor Service
9/11 – 10th Anniversary Commemoration Service
9/18 – Baptism of LIAM MATTHEW McKEE
9/25

Meetings: Consistory – 9/12
Bible Study – 9/27
Adult Choir – 9/6, 9/13, 9/ 20,9/27

Visits: 11
Nursing Home: 1
Contacts: 18
Hospital: 1
Home Communion: 0

Other: Bulletins – 9/1
Memorial Service – 9/2 – Charlie Chubb
Baptism Consult – 9/14
Wedding Rehearsal – 9/16
Wedding – 9/17 – PHILIP McCAULEY & SARA LeFEVRE
(Elicker's Grove)
Baptism Consult – 9/21
Pew Cushions – 9/24
Baptism – 9/25 – SYDNEE FAYE WILLIAMS (Great-niece)
Sandwiches – 9/28
Newsletter - 9/29

Complete Days off: 6 – including Labor Day and 2 days for my Mother's Funeral
Sick Days: 0 **Total for the year:** 7
Vacation Days: 0 **Total for the year:** 27

Respectfully Submitted:
Rev. Lou Ann Jones

Bethel U.C.C. Consistory Meeting
September 12, 2011

Meeting was called to order by President Bankert at 7:35 PM with Pastor Lou Ann leading the group in prayer.

Attendance: Dave Bankert, Sue Tharp, Sue Roth, Jeri Jones, Dequay Lauchman, Ed Miller, Kim Weaver, Tammy Diehl, Bob Murray and Rev. Lou Ann Jones.

August minutes were reviewed. B. Murray made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by K. Weaver.

Treasurer's report (K. Weaver): The report was approved by a motion from S. Tharp and 2nd by E. Miller with all approving.

Pastor's Report (Rev. Lou Ann): Motion to accept the report was made by S. Roth and seconded by B. Murray.

Church Care: (E. Miller) Trimming of shrubs will be October 8th at 9:00 a.m.

Social: (L. McJunkin): Nothing to report.

Outreach: (D. Yost): No report

Education: (T. Diehl): No issues to report. Mini-golf outing is being planned. Lori Noel is searching for a Christmas program. All teachers now have their clearances.

Worship: (J. Ernst): Folks like the member circle at close of worship; Many comments on 911 service; Maybe have a special focus on a topic once a month or so; October 2nd is Communion. Servers are K. Weaver, S. Roth, D. Bankert, R. Murray and D. Lauchman as alternate; During summer services, spread hymns out throughout the service; Rev. Lou Ann has a nice comfort zone during sermons with different delivery approaches; Rev. Lou Ann has a new wireless microphone to try out.

Ministry and Advisory (D. Bankert): Meeting scheduled for tonight was postponed, rescheduled for October 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Rentals: (S. Tharp): Hall is rented for September 18th, November 2nd, November 19th and November 24th.

Offering and Attendance: (D. Bankert) August report was reviewed.

Fund Raising: (J. Jones): Sandwich sale scheduled for late September. Rev. Lou Ann introduced an idea to participate in Mt. Carmel's October 9th Blessing of the Pets program selling deserts and chips. S. Roth made a motion to do Mt. Carmel and D. Lauchman seconded the motion. K. Weaver introduced an idea about hosting a Mystery dinner and a Movie Night after the Holidays. Kim will investigate the Movie Night idea and a Butter Braids fundraiser.

Website: (Jeri Jones) – Asked for any posters or flyers made to be emailed to him to post on website.

Old Business:

Purchase Policy – D. Bankert and J. Ernst

On the Road to Vitality - More discussion will occur at the October meeting.

New Business:

Bylaws: Should include statement to how bills are approved and paid; Add “Safe Church” statement.

Rally Day: Joy Bringers to perform if approved. A free-will offering will be taken to counter the expense for Joy Bringers. Breakfast begins at 9:00 a.m. with worship starting at 10:15 a.m.

Harvest Home and Fall Family Fest: Scheduled for November 6th with a covered dish lunch, Jump House and White Elephant Sale.

We should be involved a troops “Welcome Home” program. Provide non-perishable items as gifts and could be at Baltimore-Washington Airport to welcome home a soldier. T. Diehl will investigate.

Heat Pumps: Will need to be replaced in the future and church should be ready for project. The Ralph Allison memorial will not cover total costs. Start a once a month special offering, i.e. third Sunday of the month and include in Improvement Fund beginning in January.

Prayer Shawls Project: Rev. Lou Ann introduced this to Consistory that members will make shawls for others to use.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeri Jones
Secretary

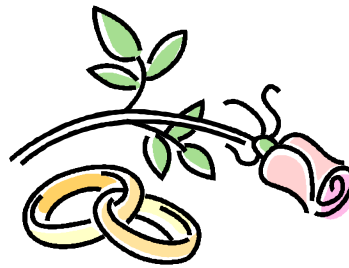
November Birthdays

8 – Sue Tharp
8 – Georgetta Kreitz
8 – Bryan Rice
8 – Joan Murray
12 – Ryan Simpson
12 – Randy Noel
14 – Bob Murray
15 – Sarah Diehl
16 – Kathy Main
19 – Melvin Rice
23 -- Laura Walter
24 – Steve Trimmer



November Anniversaries

7 – Jim & Cheryl Worley
13 – Kevin & Lindsey Byrnes
13 – Jim & Beth Worley
16 – Bryan & Rose Rice
16 – Bob & Joan Murray
19 – Tim & Jill Kuhn



LIST OF SHUT-IN AND PRAYER CONCERN MEMBERS

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From the Congregation's Life:

RAYMOND WARNER has been diagnosed with Prostrate Cancer and is in the process of treatments. He feels well so we give praise for that! God be with you, Raymond!

NANCY & DICK TRIMMER are definitely in a battle with health problems. Dick has stage 2 Lung cancer. He is not eating and getting the nutrition he should get. We certainly pray that Dick gets stronger! Nancy is waiting to hear about the surgery she needs. **GOD BLESS THE TRIMMERS!**

GLORIA FAHNESTOCK had surgery on October 18. The surgery went well. We certainly hope this takes care of the problems she was having. We keep Gloria in our prayers!

RUTH SNYDER has Ulcerative Colitis and is now on a fairly restricted diet. **GOD BLESS, RUTH!** We certainly pray your digestive problems get better!

We also uplift many of our congregation who have been going through some rough times: **MARJORIE TRUMP; DEB BANKERT; JOLENE ERNST.** We also keep many friends of our faith family in our prayers!

We certainly apologize if we fail to mention anyone going through any illnesses or other experiences we mention during our prayer concerns at church! We do keep you in our prayers!

COMING EVENTS:

Have you checked out the church website? You can find us at www.betheluccspringgrove.com
Our e-mail address: betheluccspringgrove@g-mail.com.

FAMILY FALL FEST will be held on Sunday, NOVEMBER 6 beginning at 11:45 to 12:00 noon. We will begin the activities that day with a covered dish dinner followed by activities for all ages! The WHITE ELEPHANT SALE will also be a part of the activities that day! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** If you would like to help with activities, see Pastor Lou Ann!

FUND RAISER – Craft Show at Porter's Fire Hall – November 19th. We will be participating in another fund raiser. **We need baked goods, fudge, anything for desserts!** The show will take place from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. **We will also be making candy to sell at the craft show!** We will be making candy but the work dates are not set at this time. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping to make the candy! Plans are to also bake our "famous" Sugar Cookies to sell that day so let us know if you can help out in any way! We can always use donations to help purchase the ingredients we will need!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY –

Prayer Shawls have been given to a few people both from the church and friends of members! God is blessing all participating in this ministry. But, we could use more shawls!

We are looking for people willing to knit or crochet shawls for the church. These shawls will be kept at the church and there will be copies of prayers for special occasions or events. You are welcome to choose a shawl for someone you know going through a rough time or celebrating a special occasion and present this shawl to them to let them know the people of Bethel are praying for them!

Also, if you have any yarn you don't know what to do with, please contribute it to the church and we will use it to make these shawls. THANK YOU!!!!!!

We will meet again the second Thursday of the month so we will meet at 7:00 pm on October 13th for the next gathering. Bring the shawls or lap blanket you are working on!

PRAYER MEETINGS – Third Monday of each month. Following the special Prayer Meeting we held in July, I would like to see this gathering continue. So, the third Monday of every month we will gather at church for a Prayer Meeting. We will begin at 7:00 pm for the prayer time. You may bring prayer concerns that we will share. We will also pray for our church, the community, the nation and the world. There may also be an opportunity for healing services during this prayer time so if you have need for healing, plan to participate. This prayer time will also be open to anyone interested so if your friends or neighbors would like to participate, invite them to come also!

We cancelled the September meeting because it was the evening of my mother's funeral. We will meet on Monday, October 18th for a time of prayer! ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND or if you can not attend, take time at home to be in prayer with us!

HANGING OF THE GREENS – November 27, 2011. Our Annual Hanging of the Greens Service will be held during worship the First Sunday of Advent. We ask all attending worship that day to bring a bell with you to worship. We will also offer a special blessing for any ornament you may wish to bring to the worship service as well.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Time to order Poinsettias for our Christmas Services! The cost this year is **\$5.00** per plant. The deadline for ordering is: **November 27, 2011**. Please fill out this form and return to SUE THARP or PASTOR LOU ANN. THANK YOU!

NAME: _____

Number of Plants: _____ **at \$5.00 per plant:** _____ **TOTAL:** _____

Dedications: Please indicate if the plant is in **MEMORY** of or **HONOR** of and the way you want the dedication listed in the bulletin. **THANK YOU!!!**



Happy Thanksgiving!



Hi Kids!

It is the November newsletter already! During November, we celebrate Thanksgiving and take time to thank God for all he has given to us, which we know we should do everyday but I am sure most of us often forget, myself included. But you know what, I am going to ask God to help me to remember to “thank” him everyday for at least one thing (because he has given us SO MUCH to be thankful for) and I invite you to join me. In fact, why don’t we keep track together for what we remember to thank God for each day for one month and we will share them each Sunday and I will share mine too! If you forget to “thank” God one day, it’s ok, just try to remember the next day. Use the yellow calendar that I have provided each of you with during Sunday School.

We have earned the llama! We give THANKS to all our supporters in purchasing candy to support our Heifer project. We are now working on the Dream Gift Basket. This basket provides shares of a sheep, heifer, goat, rabbits, and a flock of ducks and chicks. The Dream Gift Basket is \$120.

On Sunday, November 13th during our Sunday School hour, we will be making our Christmas ornaments to be placed on a tree at Christmas Magic. We will plan to meet in the Kids Korner for this activity!

PARENTS – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Christmas is coming quickly and our Christmas program this year will be on **Sunday, December 18th**. I have found a play for us to do this year and it is entitled “T’was the Night Before Christmas” (sound familiar). I am looking forward to working on this play with all the children and then presenting it to the Congregation on the 18th of December during the Sunday School hour. In order to prepare for this program (in the midst of crazy holiday busy-ness), we are going to begin the Children’s’ Sunday School right at 10:15 on **Sundays, December 4th and 11th**, which means you should report directly to your classroom at 10:15. Then at 11:00, we will meet in the Kid’s Korner to practice the Christmas songs and the play for our Christmas program and should finish around 11:30. We will have one dress rehearsal with props/costumes on **Saturday, December 17th** from 9:00-11:00 (we may not need the full 2 hours).

Your challenge for the month of November is on the next page. This page includes a good Bible story about being thankful and I thought it was a good reminder for each of us. Under this story is an Acrostic puzzle, where you will write a word of something that you are “Thankful” for that starts with that letter. Remember to complete the puzzle and bring to Sunday School for your prize!

God's Blessings,
Lori



Do you know why we celebrate Thanksgiving? *(I borrowed this info from Sunday Network.com)*

Thanksgiving Day is a day we set aside as a nation to thank God for his goodness towards us. What are some things you are thankful for? What are some ways we can say, "Thank you" to God?

Have you ever begged your parents for something, and when they finally gave it to you, you forgot to thank them? I want to read a story from the Bible that speaks about such a thing.

"Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." (Luke 17:11-19)

In Jesus' time, leprosy was an incurable skin disease. People with Leprosy were hated, feared and looked down on by other people. They couldn't live with their families or community. They were outcasts, and had to live with other lepers. It was a lonely life, a terrible way to live!

What *is* important about this Bible story is that all ten of these people had leprosy, and they knew Jesus had the power to heal them. They cried out for him to have pity on them so they would be healed. Which is exactly what Jesus did. But how many were thankful for being made well? Yes, only one. Only one of those people took the time to come back to Jesus to say thank you.

The other nine understood that God is all powerful and able to heal them, yet had thankless hearts. Let us live our lives like the one Leper who was thankful and understand that all good things come from God. The Bible says, "For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless." Psalm 84:11

Jesus has done so much more than heal *our* bodies; he has healed our broken and sinful hearts by his sacrifice on the cross. This year as we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us remember that all good things come from God, and remember to thank him!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<i>1</i> Bible Study - 9:00 am Adult Choir - 7:00 pm	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> Worship - 9:00 am Harvest Home Sunday Sunday School - 10:30 am Family Fall Fest - 12:00 noon	<i>7</i> Consistory - 7:30 pm	<i>8</i> Bible Study - 9:00 am Adult Choir - 7:00 pm	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Prayer Shawl Meeting - 7:00 pm	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
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<i>20</i> Worship - 9:00 am Sunday School - 10:30 am	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Bible Study - 9:00 am	<i>23</i> Thanksgiving Eve Service - 7:00 pm Adult Choir follows	<i>24</i> Thanksgiving Day	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> Worship - 9:00 am Hanging of the Greens Sunday School - 10:30 am	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Bible Study - 9:00 am Adult Choir - 7:00 pm	<i>30</i>			