

BLESSINGS FROM BETHEL

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

Here we are approaching the end of August. WOW, has this year flown by! We are looking to children returning to school within the next week or two. And, of course, this time of year we look to the regular activities getting back into full swing at church. That means that the children's Sunday School will resume on Sunday mornings beginning August 28. This also means that Adult Choir will start rehearsing on Tuesday evenings beginning August 30. Bible study will return to a weekly meeting instead of every other week as we do in the summer months. The end of summer also means that if there are any children 11 years of age, they may begin Confirmation Study. The Confirmation classes will be offered during the Sunday School hour unless another convenient time can be determined.

Looking back over the summer months, we have gone through a trying time at Bethel. Unfortunately the journey that Bethel church went through this summer involved a major change in the life of the church. Our superb treasurer for many years, Connie Martz, resigned from that position and her husband Brian – who did a good job on the fund raising committee – resigned from Consistory. We definitely appreciate all that Connie and Brian did for Bethel and we thank them for their service. At the August meeting Consistory hired a new treasurer – Kim Weaver. In the interim time Fred Brillhart stepped forward as the interim treasurer. THANK YOU Fred for your great job and doing double duty! Also, a new consistory person was approved and Bob Murray will serve as a Trustee and finish the unexpired term for Brian. This term will be until December 2013. So, THANK YOU, Kim and Bob for responding to the call to serve in these positions! Bob and Kim were installed in their positions on August 14th.

After the resignations were announced at consistory in July, Sue Tharp suggested that we call a special prayer meeting the third Monday of the month to pray for our church. We announced this at worship July 17th and we had 26 people turn out. We had good discussion and moving prayer as we looked for God to guide us through this time. One of the suggestions that came from that evening was to have a "BASKET OF GOOD THOUGHTS" available for people to place papers containing their good thoughts about Bethel church. We have looked at a few of these during the children's message in Worship and there are a few more in the basket to look at in the weeks to come. BUT – we ask for you to think about what you appreciate about Bethel church and write this on a piece of paper and place it in the basket. We randomly pick these papers and look at them for the children's message.

I know I definitely appreciated the prayer meeting and the feeling of the presence of the Spirit that was evident at that event. I am placing a call to all of you to keep this prayer time going. I am calling for a prayer meeting to be held every third Monday of the month. We will get together to offer prayer for Bethel. We will pray for the guidance of the Spirit. We will offer prayer for people in need of prayer. We will pray for our nation. We will pray for our world. We will pray for whatever the Spirit directs us to pray about! Whether one or many gather, we will be in prayer!

But – beyond the focus on prayer for our church, I would also like to begin an outreach program. I have heard a number of people talk about PRAYER SHAWLS over the years, so I would like to have Bethel church begin a Prayer Shawl Ministry. This involves anyone who knits or crochets to make shawls that we will accumulate throughout the months. These shawls will be available for YOU to take to anyone who you think would like them or appreciate them. There will be pieces of papers with special prayers for different situations available that you can attach to the shawl and let those going through trying times know that we are praying for them. We are looking for donations of yarn to be used for these shawls. So, if you have a supply of yarn you don't know what to do with, give it to the church. ALSO, if you knit or crochet, let us know if you are willing to make prayer shawls for us! So PRAY about this and participate if you feel led!

The Spirit of God is definitely at work in Bethel! Praise be to God!

With love, Pastor Lou Ann

Monthly Pastor's Activity Report

Month: June, 2011

Worship Services: 6/5 – Graduate Recognition
6/12 – Pentecost Sunday (Communion)
6/19 – Father's Day, Outdoor Worship
6/26

Meetings: Consistory – 6/6
Ministry Advisory – 6/6
Bible Study – 6/14,6/28

Visits: 11

Nursing Home: 2

Contacts: 24

Hospital: 5

Home Communions: 6

Other: Bulletins: 6/3, 5/8,6/15,6/22
Errands: 6/7
Penn Central Conference: 6/11
VBS: 6/26, 6/27, 6/28, 6/29, 6/30
Newsletter: 6/30

Complete Days Off: 4

Sick Days 0 **Total for the Year** 6

Vacation Days 0 **Total for the Year** 20

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. Lou Ann Jones

Month: July, 2011

Worship Services: 7/3 – Outdoor Worship
7/10 – played piano for service; Dedication of memorial for Marion Louey
7/17 – Outdoor Worship
7/24
7/31 – Prayer and Praise in the Pavilion

Meetings: Consistory – 7/11
Bible Study – 7/12, 7/26

Visits: 13

Nursing Home: 3

Contacts: 16

Hospital: 6

Home Communion: 0

Other: 7/4 – Dedication of Marion's memorial for family
7/9 – Bulletins
7/26 – Sight and Sound trip
7/30 – Picnic games supplies
7/31 – Church picnic

Complete Days off: 4

Sick Days: 1 **Total for the year:** 7

Vacation Days: 0 **Total for the year:** 20

Respectfully Submitted:
Rev. Lou Ann Jones

Bethel U.C.C. Consistory Meeting
June 6, 2011

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

Attendance: Jolene Ernst, Dave Bankert, Lynn McJunkin, Jeri Jones, Dequay Lauchman, Ed Miller, Tammy Diehl, Connie Martz and Rev. Lou Ann Jones.

May minutes were reviewed. Several corrections were made. E. Miller made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by L. McJunkin.

Treasurer's report: (C. Martz): The report was approved by a motion from E. Miller and 2nd by D. Lauchman with all approving. Pew cushions monies have met the goal and have been ordered.

Pastor's Report: Presented by Pastor Lou Ann. Motion to accept the report was made by D. Lauchman and seconded by L. McJunkin. Rev. Lou Ann announced that Genelle Smith of Pittsburgh area has transferred membership

Church Care: (E. Miller) New dusk-to-dawn lights installed with the help of Walter Miller. Upstairs women's toilet needs repaired. Stove is working better with new gas supplier.

Social: (L. McJunkin) Family Dinner in June was a success. Thanks to Sara and Justin Diehl, Brett and Brady Noel for being special servers. 50 people attended.

Outreach: (D. Yost): No report

Education: (T. Diehl): Preparation for Bible School continues. Setup of a checking account has taken place.

Worship: (J. Ernst): Penecost Sunday is June 12th. Outdoor service is June 19th.

Ministry and Advisory (D. Bankert): Expenses have to be approved by Consistory. Normal operational expenses including housecleaning, paper products, maintenance, worship aids and office supplies exceeding \$150 must be approved by the President. A more comprehensive statement will be forthcoming. We should have a Homecoming theme for picnic. Next meeting is September 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Rentals: (B. Martz): June 12th – Lochbaums have pavilion; July 17th –Tharp's have hall.

Offering and Attendance: (D. Bankert) May report next month

Fund Raising: (B. Martz): August 27 is next Chicken BBQ. Tickets should be out in early July. Announcement to be placed in bulletin and website.

Website: (Jeri Jones) – Updated to this point. Chicken BBQ has been added.

Old Business

New Business:

Rev. Lou Ann requested vacation for August 28th with Rev. Phil Nace serving as supply minister. Request granted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeri Jones
Secretary

Bethel U.C.C. Consistory Meeting
July 11, 2011

Meeting was called to order by President Bankert at 7:30 PM with Pastor Lou Ann leading the group in prayer.

Attendance: Jolene Ernst, Dave Bankert, Sue Tharp, Sue Roth, Jeri Jones, Ed Miller, Kim Weaver, Tammy Diehl and Rev. Lou Ann Jones.

June minutes were reviewed. Several corrections were made. K. Weaver made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by J. Ernst.

Treasurer's report: (F. Brillhart): The report was presented by President Bankert. The report was approved by a motion from S. Tharp and 2nd by E. Miller with all approving.

Pastor's Report: Presented by Pastor Lou Ann. Motion to accept the report was made by S. Roth and seconded by K. Weaver.

Church Care: (E. Miller) Upper restroom plumbing is repaired.

Social: (L. McJunkin) Family Picnic is July 31st. S. Tharp and Rev. Lou Ann will plan games. T. Diehl will talk with contact about getting a Bounce House.

Outreach: (D. Yost): No report

Education: (T. Diehl): Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in Bible School and donations. 15 people are going to Sight and Sound. Sunday School begins again on August 28th.

Worship: (J. Ernst): 6 outdoor services remain including Labor Day. We should end summer worship services with Doxology and holding hands in a circle.

Ministry and Advisory (D. Bankert): Next meeting is September 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Rentals: (S. Tharp): July 17th and September 18th –Tharp's have hall.

Offering and Attendance: (D. Bankert) Both May and June were reviewed.

Fund Raising: (J. Jones): Committee is reorganizing. Looking for a new BBQ chicken cooker.

Website: (Jeri Jones) – Updated to this point.

President Bankert read a letter of resignation from Connie Martz as Treasurer. Consistory member in attendance signed a letter officially releasing Connie as the Church Treasurer. Brian Martz had resigned from consistory in June. These actions were regrettably accepted and sparked a lively and lengthy discussion on the future of the church. This discussion included the financials, new members and various approaches to improve our finances. Two items of interest that will occur as a result of this discussion are:

- a. A Prayer Meeting will be held on July 18th at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Connie Martz will be recognized at a future worship service for her great service as Treasurer.

Old Business:

J. Ernst and J. Jones will search for a Consistory member replacement for Brian Martz.

Purchase Policy – D. Bankert and J. Ernst

New Business:

Rev. Lou Ann introduced the U.C.C. program known as the “Road to Vitality” and wondered if this is a good time for Bethel to investigate the concept. David Good will be invited to the August meeting to discuss the program.

Lori Noel requested off August 7th and December 25th. S. Tharp motioned to accept the request for August 7th only and seconded by K. Weaver.

Safe Church program – youth Sunday School leaders have clearances.

Rev. Lou Ann reviewed the tree planting in memory of Marian Louey by the family.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeri Jones
Secretary

September Birthdays

1 – Stephanie King
1 – Daisy Ernst
1 – Robert Ernst, III
1 – Joshua McMaster
2 – Josh Lochbaum
7 – Lori Noel
7 – Kim Weaver
8 – Edward J. Miller
11 - Jim Roth
20 – Tess Weaver
23 – Wade Jacoby
26 – Lexie Lochbaum
29 – Theodore (Ted) Kreitz, III
30 – Rev. Lou Ann Jones

September Anniversaries

6 – Gary & Rose Simpson
9 – Dennis & Rachel Nelson
17 – Jason & Danielle Spahr
19 – Josh & Danetta Lochbaum
24 – Brian & Connie Martz



LIST OF SHUT-IN AND PRAYER CONCERN MEMBERS

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From the Congregation's Life:

MELLIE SIMPSON has been through a lot this summer. She had a shock procedure to her heart and that got her heart back to a good rhythm BUT this also spurred COPD for her. She went through a very rough time but is doing much better! GOD BLESS, MELLIE!

BOB LINDSEY had surgery to remove the kidney stone and is now doing very well! He went through quite a spell of health problems since the beginning of the year but PRAISE GOD he is doing fine!

JIM & SUE ROTH were in a car accident August 19th. THANK GOD they were not injured but they are experiencing problems with whiplash and bruises. Their van did not fare so well. But, praise God they will be fine! We keep the ROTH's in our prayers!

CHARLOTTE MILLER has been battling a case of Diverticulitis. For those who know the pain connected with this, we praise God that she is doing better. We certainly pray that she does not have any more flares!

NANCY TRIMMER was in the hospital with some complications with her heart. She will be having surgery soon and we certainly pray that all goes well. Dick was also in the hospital because of blood loss and is doing fairly well. He continues his dialysis and is also fighting Cancer. GOD BLESS the TRIMMERS!

ROSE SIMPSON had surgery on her foot. All went well and we give praise to God for that! She can now walk without pain! YEAH!

GLORIA FAHNESTOCK also had surgery on her foot. She is coming along and we certainly pray that all goes well for her!

We also uplift many of our congregation who have been going through some rough times: **RUTH SNYDER; SUE THARP; MARJORIE TRUMP; MARY ALLISON; DICK TRIMMER;** 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.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES:

September 4 will be the final outdoor service for this summer. We have once again enjoyed our outdoor services even though a few of them we affected by bad weather. We certainly hope that Labor Day weekend will be beautiful weather and we can enjoy our final outdoor service!

10th Anniversary of 9-11 Service!

2011 is the tenth anniversary of the attacks of 9-11. Since September 11 is a Sunday, we will have a very Patriotic focus to our worship service. We will focus on the events of 9-11-01 and the past 10 years. If you have any special readings you would like to share for this worship service, please copy them and give them to Pastor Lou Ann. The adult choir will sing "A Song for The Unsung Hero" written by Joe Martin and commissioned by Bermudian Springs High School. It was written just after the events of 9-11.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – As I shared in the Pastor's column, I would like to see a PRAYER SHAWL ministry at Bethel. We need 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 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!!!!!!

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!

WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH!!!

Hey Kids!

Welcome back from Summer! I am sure you were very busy this summer as I know my family and I were. I know that you were busy one week of the past summer for sure because I remember seeing all of you at Vacation Bible School – Beach Blast. What a fun week we all had. We want to remember to thank God for our beautiful summer (even though it was quite and hot for awhile). But thankfully in the recent weeks, he has provided us with much needed rain and some relief from the heat. If I remember correctly, I believe one of the evenings at Vacation Bible School, we talked about God's Provision (provide) and how he will provide for us all our needs. Does anyone remember which story that was? (Hint: 5,000)

Sunday School will/has resume/d on Sunday, August 28th – not exactly sure when you will receive this newsletter. I look forward to seeing each of you in Sunday School again. Sunday School begins at 10:30 and finishes around 11:30. Some of you will be changing Sunday School classes this year and we will do this on Sunday, September 11th. We look forward to learning/sharing new songs again this year as well as singing some of those songs we have sung before in Sunday School. Also, Christmas is coming quickly and our Christmas program this year will be on Sunday, December 18th. Children – I am hoping to do a play again this year.

Upcoming in the fall, we will share in some more activities together! Have mom and/or dad keep an eye out for e-mails over the next few weeks. We are STILL trying to get some dates together for a miniature golf outing, a sleep over, and many other activities.

God's Blessings,
Lori

September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Worship - 9:00 am Outdoor Worship Sunday School - 10:30 am	5 Labor Day	6 Bible Study - 9:00 am Adult Choir - 7:00 pm	7	8	9	10
11 Worship - 9:00 am 9/11 Anniversary Service Sunday School - 10:30 am	12 Ministry Advisory - 6:30 pm Consistory - 7:30 pm	13 Bible Study - 9:00 am Adult Choir - 7:00 pm	14	15	16	17
18 Worship - 9:00 am Sunday School - 10:30 am	19 Prayer Meeting - 7:00 pm	20 Bible Study - 9:00 am Adult Choir - 7:00 pm	21	22	23	24
25 Worship - 9:00 am Sunday School - 10:30 am	26	27 Bible Study - 9:00 am Adult Choir - 7:00 pm	28	29	30	