

Our vision is to be ***united*** in
seeking God's will and serving all people.



September 2017 ~ *BETHEL RECORD*
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Jots and Tittles from the Interim . . . Rev. Dr. Stephanie Weiner



An After Thought...In this day of immediate media, a clergy column that is received weeks after an event may seem an after-thought. That may not be so bad. Perhaps the world would be a better place, if we all spoke in after thoughts, after thinking. That is very hard for some of us to do. Take me, for instance.

After years of thinking more than speaking, someone said, “You’ve finally found your voice.” Proud of that, I now sometimes speak more quickly than I think. That isn’t so good. I’ve been trying to wait for others to finish their thoughts. I’ve been trying to take a deep breath and lower my pitch. I’ve even tried counting to ten. When I do that, it seems I often miss my turn all together. Perhaps, I should only count to five, or maybe twenty!

The intent of this column is not to psychoanalyze my speech patterns. It began with a thought about a phrase I’ve heard very often in the last few weeks. It is a variation of “if you aren’t concerned about..., you aren’t paying attention.” Or, “if you aren’t outraged...” or “if you aren’t worried...” It is often counterbalanced by someone saying, “This (whatever) is so upsetting, I just don’t listen anymore.”

Christianity offers a third option to 1) not listening or 2) being so worried/concerned/outraged. Jesus chose who he listened to. Sometimes, he pulled away all together. Remember the wilderness? Sometimes, he was concerned - about the right things. With few exceptions, he didn’t let his concern escalate to outrage. Though sometimes, if we follow his example, outrage is justified. Remember the money changers? The “woes” to scribes and Pharisees? Was he ever worried? Not-so-much. Remember the lilies of the field?

The third option, the faith option does involve paying attention. Paying attention to what goes on around us. Paying attention to what goes on inside us. Paying attention to the interplay between the two. Then what? Jesus seldom walked away. The times he did, he was called out or called back. Remember Martha? Remember the Canaanite woman?

Always, Jesus paid attention to his relationship with God. He walked toward rather than away. He gave life his all. As the spiritual says, “never saying a mumbalin’ word.” He did so, after (much) thought. *Grace and Peace, Stephanie*

Where will you spend totality?

That was the question on some of the Tee-shirts in Hopkinsville, KY on the day of the solar eclipse. It is a good one. We, at Bethel have been concerned about where we are spending the totality of the church's resources. We are grateful to Jean Webb and Ann Willis of Solarize Evansville and the Rev. Mark and Mrs. Susan Sirnic of Bethlehem UCC for presenting information on solar power during our Sunday morning Faith Formation hour.



This is being written the night before Solar Solutions gives us an estimate on what it might mean – and what it might save us to go solar. During the last calendar year, we used 174,600 kWhs of electricity, \$23,853, or 6.2% of our budget. Stay tuned!

Totally Awesome



Electricity is only one kind of power we use around Bethel. For two days, in early August days, two dozen plus people used lots of elbow grease. Many thanks to those who came to the early August work days. They were, in no particular order, though they brought a good amount of order to our chaos: Nancy Bullinger; Pat Stoltz; Richard and Donna Condi; Deb Wilson; Don Carrell; Larry Appman; Linda and Steve Hape; Janel and Wilder Allen; Laurel Vaughn; Frank and Judy Schultheis; Scott and Leesa Scales; Bob and Carolyn Bennett; Brenda Arrick; Steve and Judy Hape; Sharon Norman; Ruth Willis; Bruce Lawson; Jenni, Kai, and Kyra Webster. If we missed anyone, apologies. Let us know and we'll catch you next time!

More energy: A special thanks to Dan Patterson who is not only a Mr. Fix-it but also an amazing mover and doer. Donna Condi is still painting, but only after stripping wall paper (please, Bethel folk, never again!). And more will be gathering as this goes to print.

You have an opportunity to join the fun as we give the building a last clean out, clean up, Friday, September 8 from 9 to noon, followed by lunch.

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Join all the Excitement at Stockwell! If you are interested in helping with any of these events please fill out a Volunteer Application Form available at the Hospitality Center. Turn in the completed form to Rev. Baker, Linda Hape, the church office or the offering plate. An online form is also available at evscschools.com. Scroll down to find the Volunteer icon. Past volunteers have found that helping at these events is more fun than work! They also provide unique opportunities to learn about and serve our neighbors. The Stockwell principal, Ms. Tolliver, and her staff are very warm and welcoming. They always express their thanks and appreciation. Stockwell Volunteer Opportunities:

Morning 6:45 a.m.

Doughnuts with Dad in October

Muffins with Mom in November

Grandparents Days in April

Evening

Movie Night in September

During the School Day

International Day in May

Fifth Grade Reception in May

Tutoring

During the school day

During afterschool daycare 3:30 p.m.

Help Wanted



Through your lens: Others will be able to see, thanks to the 33 pairs of glasses that we collected and sent to the Lions' Club.

Good news for us and Habitat: Carmen Mazick has agreed to be our representative to Habitat Evansville.



Hurray for Bethel Preschool! We have reconstituted the preschool advisory committee. Its members are Carolyn Bennett, Don Bernhardt, Frank Schultheis, Sharon Lawson, Vicki

Tichenor, and Ruth Willis. We welcome your input as we guide the school into God's future. We are tremendously grateful for the hard work and dedication of the staff: Brenda Arrick, director, and Jenni Webster and Karen Lant, teachers.

They have been especially wonderful working around the construction/renovation as they get ready for the start of preschool, September 6.

Our school serves children in a wide variety of circumstances. We do that on a very low budget. There is always the need for scholarship money. Quite frankly, one of the advisory committee's goals is to address salary concerns for the staff. Other goals include continuing education, exploration of future needs of the community, and achieving Level 1 in the Paths to Quality of the 4 C's of Southwestern Indiana (Community Coordinated Child Care).

We currently have openings for the 2017-2018 program year. Invite your friends and neighbors to send their children! To help us do all of that, our own preschool will be the focus and recipient of a special offering in September. Please give as you are able and moved.

Lighting Candles Is a Life-Time Occupation

We have lots of opportunities for people of all ages to lead worship: Ushers, Readers, Acolytes, Faith-Story Tellers, Singing Bowl Ringers...



The Worship Board believes that having adults and children/youth serve as acolytes together will evidence our unity across the ages. Interested? See Dr. Weiner or Janel Allen, chair of Worship and Pastoral Care. We believe that all voices are needed to read scripture. We are seeking a new round of readers. Interested? See Stephanie or Janel. We know that families ushering together is a good thing and families come in all sorts of configurations, even just friends. Interested? See Stephanie or Janel.



Grand Re-Opening of Bethel Church - We've never been closed but we certainly have been under construction. Come celebrate its completion with us: Sunday, October 8 at 10:15.

No Candid Camera at Bethel UCC

Those of us of a 'certain age' remember the TV show that caught people "in the act" of something silly and recorded it on camera for all the world to see. Not so at Bethel. Amber Absher, our media specialist, is working hard on our new website. As they say, "A picture is worth a thousand words." We're in a very visual

age. We need pictures. So, Amber and others will be taking them, a lot of them as we gear up the new website, and then some, as we keep it current. If you do not want to be a subject or recognizable in a group, please let Amber or the church office know.

We're "Raising the Roof" - Good news! We have every confidence that we will raise the money that is needed for the new roofs over the children's chapel and offices. We now have the cash on hand that is necessary to let the contract (half up front). We hope to have the remainder when the job is completed (approximately 4-5 weeks). This will eliminate the need for a line of credit. We will conclude the campaign on September 15, one month after we began with the congregational meeting on August 13. Any amount that may be received above that needed for the roofs will be placed in the property fund for ongoing repairs, maintenance, and renovations. Thank you, Bethel! ~ Richard Condi, Chair, Financial Affairs



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The Bethel UCC Ladies **Lunch Bunch** will meet
Wednesday, September 13 at 12:30 p.m. at Longhorn.

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Kai Webster, Kyra Webster - Nursery Attendants
Harold Golday, Custodian Jenni Webster, Custodian Dave Willis, Night Caretaker
Joan Ritter, Parish Nurse Brenda Arrick, Preschool Director
Rev. Donald Bernhardt, Pastor Emeritus

Join us at the **Free Bethel Neighborhood Breakfasts** on
the last Saturday of each month from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.



From the Director of Music . . . Cynthia Grassman



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

It is time to ring or ding and sing again!!
Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 6:
Bells at 6:15 p.m. and choir at 7:15 p.m.

Do you have an interest in learning new things in a remodeled
environment of hilarious joy?????
Join the choir and/or bells!

We'll knock your socks off!!!!

PARISH RECORDS

Deaths: We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Henrietta English (mother of Bob English) who died July 28.

Memorial Gifts: To the Music Fund in memory of Pat Weiner, from the Mims family; Janel & Wilder Allen; and Evelyn Vanhooser.

**Thank
You**

We want to thank our Bethel family for their love and support with visits, prayers, and cards after the recent death of Bob's mother. ~ Bob & Joan English and Family

The deadline for the next Bethel Record is September 20.



Dedication Ceremony
and Lunch
following worship
(Worship – 10:15 a.m.)
Sunday, October 8, 2017

According to Merriam-Webster, the definition of the word “dedicate” is:

1. *formally open or unveil (a building or memorial).*
The Bethel congregation will dedicate its building renovation on Sunday, October 8, 2017.
2. *devote (time, effort, or oneself) to a particular task or purpose.*
Bethel dedicates its future to the vision of being united in seeking God’s will and serving all people.

Please join us to celebrate!
Together, we will ceremonially cut the ribbon and enter Bethel’s doors
to share the beauty of our newly remodeled facility.
Together, we will enjoy a progressive lunch as we explore the building
to admire new places and spaces!
And together, we will leave our church home, inspired to share our
vision in this community and beyond.

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YOUTH & CHILDREN CALENDAR '17-'18



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- Regular Event Cancelled
- Special Event

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DATES

- 9/10 Rally Day
- 9/13 WNL Starts
- 10/4 No WNL-Fall Festival
- 10/11 No WNL Fall Break
- 10/8 No Sun School-Fall Break
- 10/15 Children's Sunday (No Children's Ch)
- 10/25 Halloween WNL
- 10/28 CROP Walk 9-11:30 am
- 11/3-5 Fall Assembly
- 11/19 Youth T-Giving Baskets
- 11/22 No WNL- T-Giving
- 12/3 1st Sunday of Advent
- 12/13 WNL Christmas Party
- 12/17 Christmas Production (No Children's Ch/Sun Sc)
- 12/20 No WNL
- 12/24 Christmas Eve
- 12/27 No WNL
- 1/3 No WNL
- 1/21 1st ASP Meeting
- 2/4 Super Bowl Subs Fundraiser
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday Service (No WNL)
- 2/18 First Sunday in Lent
- 2/25 ASP Mtg: Commitment & Deposit Due
- 3/16-18 Spring Connection-Merom
- 3/28 No WNL-Sp. Break/Holy Week
- 3/29 Maundy Thursday
- 4/1 Easter -Youth Breakfast
- 4/28-29 Youth Lock In
- 5/2 Last WNL
- 5/5 Rummage Sale
- 5/20 Pentecost & Picnic Sun
- 6/3-7 Vacation Bible School
- 6/10-16 Appalachia Service Project
- 6/17 ASP Sunday
- 6/24-30 Creative Spirit

Stock up Stockwell – Summer 2017

School Supplies Collected during June Vacation Bible School
& Christmas in July Worship Service Project



64 boxes of Crayola 24-count crayons; 20 pkgs. of Clorox wipes; 8 boxes of Crayola jumbo crayons; 656 Ticonderoga #2 pencils; 88 pink erasers; 12 Jumbo Kindergarten pencils; 161 Elmer's glue sticks; 11 reams of paper (white or color); 33 Elmer's jumbo glue sticks; 6 pkgs. of Post-it notes; 40 one-subject spiral note-books; 29 pkgs. of loose-leaf paper; 7 boxes Ziploc bags (sandwich or gal.); 22 scissors; 156 Expo dry-erase markers; 60 backpacks (48 donated by one member); 10 boxes of Kleenex; 18 boxes of colored pencils; 13 boxes of markers; 14 three-ring binders; 6 bottles of glue; 12 sets of binder dividers; 52 pocket folders; 30 highlighters; 52 composition notebooks; 5 pencil pouches; 240 pencil top erasers; 50 Bic pens; 33 pkg. of index cards; 41 shirts and 24 pairs of pants were purchased with donated money.

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RIP WNL - Wednesday Night Live has been an important and valued mid-week program at Bethel for many years, and I and the CE Board believe that our Wednesday programs can be even better. They can be the most important night of the week for many of our members, from children through

adults, and so can also be some of the most important programs we offer. So, we want to celebrate and give thanks for all that WNL has been for Bethel in the past, and announce the beginning of BTW: Bless The Week! Our children and youth came up with the name, and what a great one they picked! The whole point of getting together is to enjoy the fun, fellowship, and blessing of being together, and maybe learning something along the way. This fall, be sure to look out for re-vamped programs kicking off for children and youth, and some new opportunities for adults!

We need to be very attentive to our income and expenses for the remainder of the year – and always! In order to be fair to those who are providing the meals for BTW, we are suggesting a donation of \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and a maximum of \$12 for families. If you are providing the meal, you will be fully reimbursed from the donations and the church.

Bless The Week: Adults too! We are planning great programming/faith formation for the adults on Wednesday nights. Units of 3-5 weeks are being planned for Bible, hospitality, the Reformation, and Advent, not to mention choir and bells. Come for supper! Come to share! Come to expand your heart and mind! Come to Seek and serve.



Congratulations to the Rev. Chip Jahn and the congregations of Trinity/St. Peter's UCC in Lamar, Indiana, Lincoln Land Association of the UCC, our neighbors. Chip and the churches were awarded the first 3 Great Loves Award of the UCC (neighbor, children, creation). Chip did his internship at Bethel. The congregations are faith and love in action. Way to go Trinity/St. Peter's.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

1	Susan Pauley	11	Jami Kinney	20	Heather Coleman
2	Eva Bender		Kenneth Long	21	Vicki Langford
	Dawn Ryan		Michele Vanhooser	22	Allen Lafferty
	Gordon Schlundt	12	Terri Schultheis	23	Theresa Lamb
3	Daren Harmon	13	Ruth Bromm	26	Karen Haas
4	Bryan Brown		Susann Jett-Phillips		Carolyn Klassy
	James Brown	15	Katie Forshee	27	Frances Brown
5	Brent McRae		Evelyn Vanhooser		Abigail Greer
6	Hunter Nance	17	John Buck		Michelle Hancock
8	Regena Bell	18	Katherine Carmichael	28	Lisa Parker
9	Mary Ann Van Britson	19	Kacie Whiteley	29	Jeanne Amsler
10	Joan Hamilton	20	Wilder Allen		Tiffany Neidig

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

3	Lee Ann & James Scott	20	Darlene & Bill Neidig (65)
5	Meghan & Cole Craven	23	Theresa & Jim Lamb
6	Rachel & Ben Luttrull	24	Jami & Adam Kinney
11	Gail & Rick Olson	28	Donna & Richard Condi
12	Barbara & Jerry Griepenstroh (53)	29	Jeanne & Marty Amsler
13	Patti & Larry Coleman (59)		

Thank you to our **SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS:**

Children's Church

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| 3 | Leader: Carol Garvey | Helper: Leesa Scales |
| 10 | No Children's Church – Rally Day | |
| 17 | Leader: Leesa Scales | Helper: Jenni Webster |
| 24 | Leader: Jenni Webster | Helper: Julie Vogel |

Greeter/Hospitality Center

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| 3 | Joan & Bruce Roth |
| 10 | Mary Ann & Gordon Schlundt |
| 17 | Jean Bernhardt |
| 24 | Linda Hape |



Ushers – Head usher for September is Greg Neidig.

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| 3 | Larry Coleman; Brenda & Stuart Perigo; Kyra Webster |
| 10 | Clark Absher; Sandra Altheide; Steve Hape; Carolyn Stephens |
| 17 | Richard Condi; Jim Rine; Frank Schultheis; Harold Shafer |
| 24 | Bruce Lawson; Leesa Scales; Jennifer & Chad Winger |

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Bethel UCC Preschool ~
We have a spot for you!

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Preschool ages near three and potty trained to Kindergarten age. We have a well-rounded, educational ½ day program to fit every child. We offer Parent's Morning Out Program from 9 – noon for children ages 1-4. We also offer Early Morning Drop-off. Call today for your SPOT!

Registration Form
Bethel United Church of Christ Preschool

Child's Name _____ **Date** _____

Boy _____ Girl _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Father's Name _____ **Address** _____

Occupation _____ Work Phone _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Mother's Name _____ **Address** _____

Occupation _____ Work Phone _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Brother(s) and/or Sister(s) _____

Family Information: Check if situation applies and explain in space provided.

Parents: _____ Married _____ Separated _____ Divorced
 _____ Guardian _____ Single _____ Partner

Child: _____ Unusual illness _____ Allergies _____ Other

Additional Comments: _____

A non-refundable registration fee (\$30.00 for first child; \$15.00 for each additional child) must accompany this form. *\$10.00 per month tuition discount for families with 2 or more children enrolled. A school logo backpack is included with your registration. They are distributed with the fall orientation forms.

2 Day _____ \$125.00/month

4 Day _____ \$130.00/month

3 Day _____ \$125.00/month

5 Day _____ \$135.00/month

***Early drop off is available at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$3.00 per morning. This is paid daily or monthly.**

Referred by _____

Reg. Fee: _____

Date Paid: _____

Signature of Parent _____

Start Date: _____

End Date: _____

NURSING/REHAB/RETIREMENT HOME/HOMEBOUND

Core of Nursing Rehabilitation

P O Box 325, Dale IN 47523

Jana Bonifer

Good Samaritan Home 476-4912

601 N Boeke Rd., Evansville IN 47711

B.J. Caldemeyer (669)

Roseale Griffith (North 671)

Betty Gustafson (South 549-1)

Hamilton Point 858-5300

3800 Eli Pl., Newburgh IN 47630

Gerald & Barbara Griepenstroh (209)

Bill & Darlene Neidig (211)

Heritage Center 429-0700

1201 W Buena Vista Rd., Evansville IN 47710

Victor Luhring (149)

Oasis 303-3310

4301 Washington Ave., Evansville, IN 47714

Pat Perigo (412)

Protestant Home 476-3360

3701 Washington Ave., Evansville IN 47714

Eloise Buente (11-N)

Jeanne Carter (Apt. 29 S)

Warren McCullough (Apt. 3 N)

Vince Riedy

Dorothy Rowley (Nursing 3 N)

River Pointe 475-2822

3001 Galaxy Dr., Evansville IN 47715

Molly Carnes

Joan Hamilton (605)

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Willow Park 473-5828

5050 Lincoln Ave., Evansville IN 47715

Betty Hawkins (302)

David Emery

Doris Lamkin

Sylvia Stamm

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