

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



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From the Interim Pastor and Council President

We've had interesting discussions in the Leadership Council about the possibility of becoming an Open and Affirming Congregation as that is defined by the United Church of Christ. This began because of a Round Table held because of youth involvement and a decision by the school corporation. By the time you receive this, we will have held four Round Tables on the topic. Below is a response from me (Stephanie) following the September Council meeting as well as the resources that will be helpful to you. Following the 4th Round Table, the council will lead us in answering, "Where to from here?"



As always your ideas, thoughts, feelings, and questions are welcome. Please share them with any member of council: Deb Wilson (pres.); Jo Haller (vice-pres.); Tamara Payne (sec); Clark Absher (treas.); Richard Condi (Administration); Linda Hape (Congregational Development); Sharon Lawson (Faith Formation); Carmen Mazick (Mission); Carolyn Stephens (Worship); At-Large: Don Carrell, Larry Coleman, Jerry Dills, Ruth Willis, and Scott Scales (past pres.)

What it means to be ONA in the UCC: An "Open and Affirming" setting of the UCC (a local church, campus ministry, etc.) means that it has publicly declared that gay, lesbian, and bisexual (GLB) people (or those of all sexual orientations) are welcome in its full life and ministry (e.g. membership, leadership, employment, etc.). It bespeaks a spirit of hospitality and a willingness to live out that welcome in meaningful ways. (From the UCC website)

Suggested Bethel Statement (what we would publicly declare): Because we affirm the face of God in all, we fully welcome and include people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations and gender identities into our life and ministry. (From Bethel's Leadership Council as of 9/17/18)

Why Open and Affirming? Why now? (The "I" is Stephanie; this article has been vetted by Deb Wilson, our president.) One of the requirements of an interim minister is to help a congregation figure out who God is calling it to be. That enables the best match between a congregation and a settled pastor. The current profile asks if a congregation is open and affirming, the UCC language for having made a public statement of support for people who are LGBT (Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgendered).

In recent years, the congregation has been served by a variety of pastors, some who are straight and ONA themselves; one who would not do same-sex marriages or, perhaps, civil unions; one who is gay; and others whose stand on the matter is not personally known to us.

I am not doing my job if I do not lead the congregation to decide where you stand. Remember the three questions of a search:

Who are we?

Who is our neighbor?

Who is God calling us to be?



We will fail at one of the tasks of an interim time, if the congregation is ONA and calls a pastor who is not or if the congregation is not ONA and calls a pastor who is, no matter what that person's sexual orientation.

Individuals and congregations are on journeys. We change positions over time. However, in terms of the search, we are to answer the above three questions for this time in Bethel's life. The most difficult is the third one, "Who is God calling us to be?" We owe it to ourselves, to the search committee, to those who are "trying Bethel out," and to God to grapple with it.

Why not wait until the new pastor comes? Because he or she will want to know if Bethel is ONA or not. Can you say you are in the process? Yes. However, the pastor will know where he or she stands and will want to know where the congregation is. The church can say it is in the process. The next question the candidate will ask is, "Which way is it leaning?" It isn't fair to the search committee to ask them to represent the whole congregation.

If you wait for the settled pastor(s), the early days and months of that person's pastorate will be given over to making the decision, when there are so many additional challenges. And as one person has asked, "Why put this off when we have come this far?" I am an interim. I will be gone as soon as the settled pastor(s) arrive. The church can decide either way. I will respect your decision and make my personal decisions accordingly.

Another task of an interim is to "call them as you see them." If you decide not to decide, some of the misunderstandings and losses of recent years will continue.

Whatever your decision at that point, there will be long term implications and ramifications for the pastor and the congregation. Better to reach a difficult decision when you have a short term person, especially if that means you are more likely to make a good match with a long term person.

Many have asked, “Where is the congregation? What would the vote be?” The hang up seems to be the word “affirm.” Without exception, among the people who have talked with me, those opposed say that we are open and accepting. Why can’t we just say that? We can. However, that is not the word that is understood in common practice. There are more than 5,000 congregations in the UCC. It would be hard to know what we are talking about if we all choose different words. It is hard enough when we use the same words!

Words do make a difference. In my mind and heart, to be accepting, means to be okay with wherever the other person is – on any subject. To be affirming, means, in the words of our proposed statement: **We see the face of God in every person. We welcome them into the full life of our congregation. We will stand by them. We will stand up for them.**

For instance, I have shared that I never imagined I’d be a part of a Gay Pride Parade. I have been. It was in Louisville, the last year I served the UCC in that city. There had been a horrible hate crime against the LGBT community. I marched in the parade. Did I care for every float? No. But I joined others in affirming LGBT people as having the face of God and in saying I “have your back.” That was more than accepting; that was affirming.

Here are the kinds of things that churches that are ONA do. They

- ✓ have LGBT leadership on boards, committees, and other ministries.
- ✓ welcome the transgender community (we have hosted a transgendered gathering and have had a round table about it).
- ✓ are willing to host same sex weddings or blessing ceremonies (the most recent one was postponed).
- ✓ welcome LGBT couples and their children as we do others.
- ✓ are willing to advocate for LGBT neighbors when their rights or human dignity are under attack; advocate for youth who are threatened by bullying.
- ✓ are willing to call an openly LGBT pastor if that person is the best candidate.

Please note: We do not have to fly the rainbow flag. We do not have to march or even like the Gay Pride parade. We do not have to accept every choice that every child of God, gay or straight has made.



Resources:

Our four Round Tables (the one that requested we explore this: one with Wally Painter of the Tri-State Alliance; one after the worship service dealing with the Old Testament texts; one after the worship service dealing with the New Testament texts and with Lynn Martin of St. Lucas UCC and Pam Johnson of Zion UCC, Henderson, both congregations are ONA).

Homosexuality and the Christian Faith: Questions of Conscience for the Churches, edited by Walter Wink.

The Bible's Yes to Same Sex Marriage: An Evangelicals Change of Heart by Mark Achtemeier.

Information from the American Psychological Association found at www.apa.org/topics/lgbt/orientation.aspx. This is particularly helpful in understanding what we know about the origins and nature of sexual orientation. There are hard copies of the pamphlet at the church.

What's next? As this is written, we are not sure. We will await the direction of the Leadership Council as it meets after the 4th Round Table. We may have more Round Tables. We may “table” it. We may move ahead on making a decision. What are your suggestions? What would be helpful in addition to the discussions, sermons, and study that we have had?

And, of course, pray. Here is the prayer I am using: God who loves us like a mother or father, help me see your son's face in every one of my brothers and sisters, everyone, no exceptions. Amen.

Seeking and Serving,
Deb and Stephanie

From the Director of Music . . . Cynthia Grassman

Music for October will include:

- “Bless the Beasts and the Children,” made famous by The Carpenters and sung at the Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 14.
- “From a Distance,” made famous by Bette Midler.
- “He Leadeth Me,” and “We Fall Down,” a Christian Contemporary song by Chris Tomlin.



Directions for Congregational Singing

1. **Sing all.** See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find a blessing.

2. **Sing lustily, and with a good courage.** Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.

3. **Sing modestly.** Do not bawl, so as to be heard above, or distinct from, the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.

4. **Sing in time.** Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before, nor stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voices and move therewith as exactly as you can. And take care you sing not too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.

5. **Above all, sing spiritually.** Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim to pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this, attend strictly to the sense of what you sing; and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve of here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

~ From John Wesley's *Select Hymns* (1761)

From the Program Associate . . . Debra Niswonger

Elementary Sunday School:

- 10/7 Fourth session, “Jonah” (Sharon)
- 10/14 Fifth session, “Jonah” (Debra)
- 10/21 Sixth session, “Jonah” (Sharon)
- 10/28 Halloween party



Middle and High School Sunday School (9:15 AM, after choir):

- 10/7 Fourth session, “The Way I’m Wired” (Makenzie teaching)
- 10/14 Fifth session, “The Way I’m Wired” (Scott teaching)
- 10/21 Sixth session, “The Way I’m Wired” (Debra teaching)
- 10/28 Start Stories: Live One Worth Sharing – Look at things in our stories that we aren’t proud of and talk about how to crop those things out.

Youth Group: Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. for K-12; Games, gym, and study nights.

October Events:

- 10/12 – 13 “Come Alive” retreat at Bethel
- 10/21 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. games, food, and fundraiser at St. Peter’s in the Fellowship Hall
- 10/24 Trunk or Treat at Bethel
- 10/27 CROP Walk



Some Youth Activities to Highlight!

- November – Thanksgiving Baskets Project – another way to ease the ache of hunger.
- December – A Christmas Bash – more to come.
- 2019 General Synod in Milwaukee, Wisconsin: June 21-25. Rev. Tracey Stewart (new national youth leader) is putting together a youth component to run along-side of General Synod.
- 2019 ETSA Mission Trip to Back Bay Mission: July 7-13, 2019. ETSA Youth (must be 14 or older) are welcome to join. Contact Kim Armstrong 812-454-5638.
- 2020 National Youth Event at Purdue: July 22-25, 2020. We would like to get all the youth in the ETSA involved and go as an Association.

- 2020 NYE Youth Leadership - Tracey Stewart has put out a call to all youth (14-19) to help plan the National Youth Event. There will be little to no travel, as the meetings will be virtual.



SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER:

10/7 – World Wide Communion Sunday & Neighbors in Need Sunday. The texts for the morning are Mark 12:28-34 and Mark 14:22-25, the basis for the homily, “If scripture commands...” Home communion is available during October. Please call the office so we can make arrangements.

10/14 – An outdoor service, combining Oktoberfest and the Blessing of the Animals. We will gather at 10:15 in the Meditation Garden behind the church with animals to be blessed, in cages or on leashes, please. After a relatively short service, we’ll return to the Fellowship Hall for our Second Sunday Celebration of Birthdays, Anniversaries, and any other happy event.

10/21 – Congregational Meeting to vote on council and team leaders for 2019. The nominating committee is working on this. If you or someone you know would be good for a particular task, please let the committee know. It is not a sure thing, since we try to balance committees and make sure all bases are covered. But suggestions are tremendously helpful to the church, and to the person. The nominating committee: David Willis, Linda Absher, Linda Hape, and Scott Scales.

10/28 – Communion and Observation of All Saints

“FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON” . . . WNL at rest

The Wednesday Night Live program, known as Bless the Week last year, has run its course. Most members of the adult study group have moved on, are on the search committee, or prefer not to drive at night. The youth have a lot of activities going on, both at church and beyond church. So, here is how Wednesday night looks now: 6:15 – Bells; 7:00 – Choir; Search Committee; and Youth Group for K-12 with a variety of activities, including food and the possibility of doing homework. This is especially helpful to the people in choir and on the search committee. However, it isn’t limited to them. All are welcome and we are eager to build the program up again. Have questions or suggestions? Please contact Debra

Niswonger, our program associate. Further, we are considering a short term adult Bible Study, during the day or in the evening. Interested? Let Stephanie know.

“LET GO OR BE DRAGGED” . . . Engaging Young Adults

We have been very excited and much helped by being a part of the first stage of Engaging Young Adults, a program of the Center for Congregations. However, the members of our team are moving in a variety of directions and we simply don't have the people power to go the next step, that of seeking a matching grant to do more ministry through EYA and COC. Sometimes the best way to move forward is to step back.

We are grateful for our many learnings and will be able to use them in the future. We are also grateful to the original team: Makenzie Lawson, Celia Langford, Jennifer Nance, and Chad Wininger, with Raygan Baker as staff, and to those who stepped up later, Amber Absher, and Brandon Owen, with some coaching by Clark Absher and Ron Vogel.



ADMINISTRATION TEAM: In the new governance, this team deals with the building and grounds, the church office – and stewardship! We begin our annual work on resourcing our ministry for 2019, also known as the stewardship campaign, on October 21. The theme for our ministry is, “What shall I bring?”

We'll explore possible answers on the four Sundays from October 21-November 14. Among them, we bring our head, our hearts, our hands, and our hope.

How are we doing? As of August 31, 2018:

2018 Budget: We have \$167,809 in contributions toward our annual budget estimate of \$255,125 in pledges and contributions.

Heifer: \$1,771 toward our goal of \$5000 (+September celebration and \$175 from the Arts fest!)

ASP: \$2,051 toward our goal of \$12,000.

MISSIONS TEAM:

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive October 7, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Gresham House: Bethel made a major contribution to the refurbishing of this historic home so that it can serve as a way station for challenged veterans. The Iron Man Group visited recently. What a great outreach. Vets have 60 days to live there, to obtain a job, usually within the first week, a paycheck, and housing. It opened about six months ago, can house six individual men, and has a room for women vets or a family. To date they have "graduated" 12 with a 98% success rate (meaning the vet had a job, paycheck, and housing, when the person left). There are more than 20 on the waiting list. A vet should never have to be in this situation and should never have to wait. But they do and we are part of the solution. Way to go, Bethel!

Challenge Grant for UCS: Excited about the initiative for a new crisis center, a member of Bethel has issued a challenge grant. The member will give dollar for dollar up to \$1000 for each gift received for UCS. The caveat? It must be "new" money, not from the budget or existing funds. This will be particularly helpful as UCS hosts a crisis center that will aid first responders in dealing with those who have mental health and substance abuse issues, giving them an option to jail.



Stockwell Opportunities: On Friday, November 2, a fun, family night is in the works! Volunteers will be selling refreshments or running a game activity. We helped with this event last year. The students loved it, were very active and excited, and yet they were well mannered. We heard many thank yous from the children! Please let Linda Hape or Barry Burleigh know if you'd like to help. The **first grade** teachers are asking for tutors to help their students with word recognition, for **one hour a week** anytime during the school day. Just contact Linda Hape or Barry Burleigh to get started!

The Weekday Christian Education group is hosting the "Anniversary Encore" Dinner Celebration on Sunday, October 14. The dinner is at SWIRCA Ivy Room, 16 W. Virginia Street in Evansville. Park in the lot off of Baker Street, and enter through the door under the blue overhang. The doors open at 4:00 and dinner is served at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person, or a table of eight for \$200. Please RSVP by calling 812-425-3524.

FAITH FORMATION

Out and About with our Youth:

It happens early in November, so we don't want you to miss: "A Very Sig Show," November 2-4 with Allison Payne - more to come as we get closer!

Keeli Webster has been chosen for the Honors Choir!

Laylani Garvey has a band contest every Saturday. Good luck, Laylani!

Confirmation Possibilities: We are looking forward to having a confirmation class this year. Now, if we can just figure out when to have it! (It will probably be November until Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019.) All ages are welcome. Interested? Contact Stephanie.

Let's read and discuss: We've mentioned Pulitzer Prize Winner Jon Meachem's, [The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels](#). Meachem is an historian and biographer, not a political pundit. He does have a take on our current situation, but puts it in an historical context. Interested? Let Stephanie know.

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM:

New Members: We will receive new members on Sunday, November 4. There will be two sessions of membership interpretation on October 21 and 28. Interested? Hope so! If so, please see Stephanie.

A Word about Membership: Some faith communities do not require membership; others say anyone who comes is a member; others require lengthy classes; others invite those considering membership to informal conversations. At Bethel we want to be sure you know what we believe and “what you are getting yourself into” (one of the finest families I know ☺). We have some tremendously important decisions coming up: the vote on lay leadership; the vote on a settled pastor; the budget; the decision about ONA; and more concerns that God will place before us. While we welcome everyone at everything, voting is restricted to members. That is a best practice and is prudent, responsible, and wise. So, if you are a friend of Bethel, please consider being a member.

Take a Shot! (At basketball, that is.) The gym is open for pickup basketball on Thursday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. All who are high school age, or older, are welcome. Currently, it is all men, but women are welcome and have played in the past. Members are free; guests are \$5. Kraig Nance is the contact. Thanks, Kraig for your leadership over the years and especially now!

Second Sunday Celebration: Join us on October 14, after worship in Fellowship Hall. This just happens to be the same morning as The Blessing of the Animals. Maybe a donation to the Heifer Fund, International in honor of Rover or Fluffy would be appropriate! You don't want to miss this gathering!



EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE - Carolyn Bennett, Chair

To better describe our mission, our name has been changed to the Early Childhood Committee. In September, we met to discuss some possible directions we could take to continue to serve very young children. As you can imagine, there is discussion and work to take place before we can formulate a plan, but we are dedicated to finding a way for Bethel to use our love and resources to best serve our community's youngest members.

INFORMATION BROCHURES on several cancer resources are available in the area between the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. All the services are free. These include:



- Touch Inc. They provide financial assistance to those going through treatment and have trouble keeping up with their monthly utilities, gas, etc.
- American Cancer Society provides 24 hour hotline (call anytime of the day or night for support or guidance).
- Road to Recovery Program provides patients with free rides to treatments.
- The Hope Lodge provides free lodging to patients and families that travel out of town for treatment.
- Chemo Buddies provides care and someone to talk to while undergoing chemo therapy. They are in the treatment rooms at Oncology Hematology and Associates and Deaconess Gateway Chancellor Center.
- Gilda's Club provides support groups for patients, caregivers, and the children of patients. Gilda's club has a monthly calendar of events posted on their web site.

If you know of someone who has been affected by cancer, please provide them with this information.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Wednesday, October 10 at Shyler's at 12:30 p.m. Doris Rohlfer is hosting and can be reached at 812-303-6024.

OUR COMMUNITY BREAKFAST will be Saturday, October 27, 8:30 to 9:30. Leggo My Eggo is hosting the breakfast.

WISE WOMEN: Any Wise Women Out There? Come join us Tuesday mornings at 9:00 in the Fireside Room for fun, fellowship, and spiritual study. We are planning to have guest speakers join us this year at various intervals so that we can learn about local missions in the Evansville area. We laugh, we council, we share, we learn. Please give us a try. Current members are listed below. ~ Linda Absher, Sandra Altheide, Harriet Anderson, Patti Coleman, Sharon Hoffman, Wanda Karn, Joan Meyers, Delores Padgett, Joan Ritter, Judy Schultheis, Carolyn Stephens, Ruth Ulrich, Ruth Willis, Debbie Wilson

IRON MAN GROUP is now meeting at Friendship Diner on Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. Friendship Diner is located at 834 Tutor Lane in Evansville.



BETHEL BUDDIES: If you are aware of someone in your family, neighborhood, or workplace who is coping with an illness or a difficult time in their life, and really needs an extra hug, please take them one of the Bethel Buddies located in the pews.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to order altar flowers in memory or honor of a person or event, please sign up on the flower chart outside of Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$36, payable to Bethel UCC, and be sure to let the office know which Sunday you sign up for. Payment can be dropped off in the church office or placed in the collection plate on Sunday. If you do not want to take the flowers with you after worship, they will be shared with nursing home residents.

AROUND THE WIDER CHURCH:

Days for Girls International empowers women and girls around the globe by providing sustainable feminine hygiene solutions and health education, in areas where women have been taught that menstruation is a curse and a reminder that they are somehow less. It is helping them to remember that their bodies are their own, and that they are worthy of health, opportunity, and dignity. Bethel UCC has committed to producing 50 of these kits, and there is a group of ladies working on this project. Thank you to those who have provided thus far. We look forward to a successful mission project. Items still needed for these kits:

- Monetary Donations, checks marked “Days for Girls.”
- Girls’ Size panties 10, 12, 14, and Women’s size 6 & 7. These need to be 100% cotton briefs, dark solids or prints with no animals, super heroes, words, or patriotic symbols. There are two pair per kits, so the need is 100. Currently none have been donated.
- Washcloths, good quality 100% cotton in dark pretty colors. Thirty more are needed.

Our Friends at St. Paul's UCC (Michigan Street) need volunteers for their after school program, Tuesday-Thursday, 3:00 – 5:00, and a Girl Scout Leader. Contact Kim Armstrong at 812-454-5638 or karmstrong@stpaulsuccevanville.org

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO:

- **Come Alive:** All Church – All Community Retreat (See enclosed brochure.)
- **Let's Talk:** An All Community Seminar on the Reclaiming Jesus/Civil Discourse Movement (See enclosed brochure.)
- **A 500 voice choir** for the 500th Habitat for Humanity House is singing on December 9 at 2:00 p.m. during the U of E vs Ball State basketball game. Choir Members = free admission. Interested? See Cynthia.
- **We learned a lot about each other at the Arts fest.** For instance, Suzanne Farney is selling her hundreds of oil paintings, ink paintings, photographs, and hand colored silk scarves at the following:
 - Patchwork Central Holiday Sale on Washington Avenue at Haynie's Corner, on Saturday, November 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Arts Council of Southwest Indiana Winter Sale, November 17 - January 7, at 212 Main St. on the walkway.
 - U of E student art club sponsored sale, Thursday, November 29, Melvin Peterson Gallery, SW Corner of Lincoln & Weinbach, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Since this is a composite of joys and concerns since the last newsletter, many of the health issues have been overcome. So, whether a joy or concern, we pray for:

Bill & Brenda Arrick

Dan Gilbert

Bob English's sister

Joan English

Rev. Joe Foster

Arelene Horton

Kim Kilinski

Don Mullen

David Night

Mary Louise Paulson

Cindy Schnapf

Emily Schuff

Mary Simpson

Rev. Gary Turner

Chris Whiteley

Deb Wilson's brother

Sheila Wulff

Lynn Marino's granddaughter

We celebrate with:

- Stephen Vanhooser and Laurel Smith, who were married on September 13, 2018 in a sunrise ceremony in the Rocky Mountains. Stephen is the son of David and Michele Vanhooser, and grandson of Evelyn Vanhooser.
- Bobby and Jamessa Potts who have been approved as foster parents.

We give thanks for the lives of:

- Chuck Redding, and hold Debby Josey Redding in our prayers and;
- The Rev. Dr. Joseph Fraccaro, Senior Pastor of Bethel from 1987 - 2009, and hold his wife Letta and their sons Kyle, David, and Josh in our prayers.

MEMORIALS: A contribution was made in memory of Phyllis Yarber to the memorial fund from Andy Yarber.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

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| 4 | Debbie & Dan Patterson | 13 | Mardell & Joseph Puckett |
| 7 | Ruth & David Willis | 20 | B.J. & Lloyd Caldemeyer (67!) |
| 8 | Deborah & Greg Neidig | 28 | Linda & Gregory Shekell |
| 13 | Jessica & Brian Cusimano | 31 | Susan & Scott Siegel |

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

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|---|-----------------|----|--------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Amy Carey | 10 | Sadie Atkisson | 24 | Ava Greer |
| 3 | Nancy Noland | | Clint Kemper | | Adam Hartzel |
| | Susan Siegel | 15 | Jerry Griepenstroh | | Kraig Nance |
| 4 | Linda Absher | | Melissa Williams | | Jerry Noland |
| | Beth Gilles | 17 | Chad Wininger | 26 | Anna Lutz |
| 5 | Jeanne Carter | 18 | Laylani Garvey | 28 | B.J. Caldemeyer |
| 7 | Patti Manley | | Judy Schultheis | | Jerry Langford |
| | Greg Neidig | 21 | Alexandria Perigo | 29 | Robert Batey |
| 8 | Lauren Dominick | | Kimberley Shafer | | Luke Brown |
| | Debbie Wilson | 23 | Lynne Finney | 30 | Eloise Buente (100!) |
| 9 | Joan English | | Chris Matthews | | |

OUR MINISTRY IS EXTENDED THROUGH:

Children's Church:

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| 10/7 | Leader: Jamessa Potts | Helper: Carol Garvey |
| 10/14 | Leader: Carol Garvey | Helper: Jenni Webster |
| 10/21 | Leader: Jenni Webster | Helper: Cathy Johnson |
| 10/28 | Leader: Cathy Johnson | Helper: Julie Vogel |

Greeter/Hospitality:

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| 10/7 | Linda Hape | 10/21 | Patti Coleman |
| 10/14 | Joan English | 10/28 | Ruth Willis |

Ushers: (The head usher for October is Larry Coleman.)

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| 10/7 | Makenzie Lawson; Mardell Puckett; Jim Rine; Leesa Scales |
| 10/14 | Barry Burleigh; Aaron Krueger; Carolyn Stephens; Kai Webster |
| 10/21 | Clark Absher; Bob English; Harold Shafer; Debbie Wilson |
| 10/28 | Brad Neidig; Dan Patterson |

The deadline for the next Bethel Record is October 19.

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