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World Communion Sunday, October 3rd

Trunk or Treat, October 31st



OUR VISION IS TO BE UNITED IN SEEKING GOD'S WILL AND SERVING ALL PEOPLE.

Because we affirm the face of God in all, we fully welcome and include people of all abilities, ages, cultures, gender identities, races, sexual orientations, and socio-economic backgrounds, into our life and ministry.

From the Pastor . . . Rev. Sam Buehrer

“Bethel UCC Updates”

During our recent Thursday morning prayer team meeting, one of the members of the prayer team suggested that we be sure to include the various ministries of Bethel UCC in our prayers at this time, especially since there are many things in the works. I thought it wise that I use this space to update you all on the many things that are in the works.

We are currently working on a number of searches. With the recent congregational approval of the Youth Choir/Musical Theater Director program, we have posted the position and are in the midst of receiving resumes and preparing for interviews. It is our hope that by this time next month we will have already announced the director for that new program.

We are also in the search for Nursery Workers to staff the nursery on Sunday mornings. I am aware of at least one interview that is being scheduled with a candidate.

We are currently searching for an Audio & Video Technician who can help us with the Sunday morning worship recording. We have been fortunate that Debra Kempf stepped into this role during the pandemic, but now that we are opening back up and plan to have children in our program on Sunday morning, Debra needs to move back into the role to which she was called, that is working with our children. As a result of that shift, we are no longer able to guarantee that we are able to livestream and record the service on a regular basis. It is our hope that we can find someone willing to help us in this role as an Audio & Video Technician.

We are also now beginning a search for a Program Assistant. Debra Kempf recently informed us that their family is moving to the family home west of Mount Vernon. As a result, she has tendered her resignation. We greatly appreciate what Debra has brought to our program over the past several years. She will be missed.

As our digital media needs have changed over the recent years, we are well aware that we could use some assistance by someone skilled with working with digital media, media such as our website, Facebook and our digital sign. We are currently working on a job description and also have recently hired a preschool teacher who has many of the skills for which we are looking. I am looking forward to seeing where this conversation will take us.

With full enrollment in the Bethel Buddies preschool, the red ink due to startup has now turned to black ink, meaning we turned the corner as of this past month and are now in a positive cash flow position when it comes to income over expenses. As a result, we were able to begin to give staff wage increases in the month of September that we had planned to do in January.

As the COVID infection rate is now on the decline in this area, we are actively working on getting our Sunday School ministry going again. We already have one adult class meeting. Two more are talking about starting back up soon. We are looking at starting the children and youth programs back up by first focusing on programs that run concurrent with the Sunday morning worship service.

Do keep all of these ministries in your prayers as we are preparing for moving into the future.

Peace,

Pastor Sam

CAJE (Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment) Listening Session



jus·tice /'jəstəs/ noun

1. just behavior or treatment: "a concern for justice, peace, and genuine respect for people"

Please join the Bethel Justice Network for a Listening Session on Tuesday, October 5 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Janel Allen (812-431-6739) for more information. Learn about CAJE and share your input on issues of justice in our community. All are welcome!

Mission Focus for October – Our focus for this month is Neighbors in Need (NIN). This is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness

Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. If you would like to support this ministry, you can use the envelopes in the pews, or send a check to Bethel UCC, with NIN in the memo line. Thank you.





Neighbors Unite to End Hunger

Neighbors around the nation are stepping up to end hunger in a powerful way through virtual CROP Hunger Walks . . . and you can join the movement, wherever you are! Every step you take supports your community's local food banks and helps families around the world who are struggling to make ends meet right now.

[Register online for the Evansville Walk, to get started!](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/evansvillein)

The site is:

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The Evansville CROP Walk will be held Saturday, October 23rd, with registration at 9:00 a.m. and walk beginning at 10:00 a.m. We are hosted by the Dream Center again this year, 16 W. Morgan Ave.

This year's walk will be **SAFE** and **FUN**! Here's how we're walking this year:

·**Neighborhood Food Drive** – Could you host a neighborhood drive the week leading up to the walk? Then bring the donations to the Dream Center on Saturday, October 23rd.

·**The famous CROP Walk T-shirts!** – This is our sixth batch of CROP T-shirts, and they're becoming collectors' items. They will be available for pick-up at the Dream Center on the 23rd, along with a special "Selfie CROP Logo" for your walk use. FREE from our sponsors.

·**The Hybrid Walk** – You are welcome to walk with the group in the traditional CROP Walk.

For more information, contact Rev. Michael Erwin at mberwin@gmail.com.

Happy October Anniversaries to:

4	Debbie & Dan Patterson	13	Mardell & Joseph Puckett
7	Ruth & David Willis	27	Alyssa & Carson White
8	Deborah & Greg Neidig	28	Linda & Gregory Shekell
10	Shirley & Bob Mangold (56)		

Happy October Birthdays to:

3	Nancy Noland	9	Joan English	23	Lynne Finney
4	Linda Absher	17	Chad Winger	23	Chris Matthews
6	Ellen Buehrer	18	Laylani Garvey	24	Kraig Nance
7	Patti Manley	18	Judy Schultheis	24	Jerry Noland
7	Greg Neidig	21	Kim Shafer	28	Jerry Langford
8	Debbie Wilson	22	Theodore Scales	29	Luke Brown



To Bethel UCC: On behalf of Stockwell students and staff . . . a HUGE thank you for helping make our movie night such a success! We are so excited to be able to have fun events again! And we are so grateful for Bethel church! See you soon! ~ **Stockwell Staff & Students**

Hi Sam and Bethel UCC: Your two gifts on Sunday overwhelmed us here at the Home. Thank you! Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your gift of \$2,500.00 towards repairs on our chiller. The chiller is a refrigerant system that removes heat from the rooms in The Home, cooling the air on warmer days, much like a car radiator. You have helped make possible repairs that will keep our chiller running efficiently for the next several years. Please also accept our gratitude for your annual gift of \$1,000.00 towards the Home. Your gift will provide care for our residents, many of whom don't have the ability to pay the full cost of the high-quality care they deserve and that we provide. Your two donations to the Good Samaritan Home mean so much to the residents who call Good Sam their home. You are a hero to our residents and staff! Thank you! ~ Gratefully, Rev. Michael Erwin, Chaplain and Gift Coordinator, **The Good Samaritan Home**

Family and Friends Serving in the Active Military - We hold in our prayers:

- * Scott and Will Kirk, Air Force, grandsons of Carmen Mazick.
- * Jacob Swanson, Army, grandson of Ruth Willis.

We mourn the loss of:

- * Lorene Goodson, who died in August. (She is the aunt of Susann Jett-Phillips.)
- * Karen Lant, who died August 29. (Karen was a teacher in the old Bethel preschool.)
- * Rev. Dr. James R. Prickett, who died September 1. (Jim was a former pastor at Bethel UCC.)

Memorials: A donation was given in honor of Jim & Pat Perigo to the Habitat Fund from Kim Stevens & Pat Pricher.

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The deadline for the November newsletter is October 20th.

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AND JOIN US AFTER
THE 10:15 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
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AND CHILI.

