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*All Saints Sunday & Communion, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Stewardship Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>  
First Sunday of Advent, November 28<sup>th</sup>*



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

#### “Charitable Giving Comes in Many Forms”

Most often when we think of giving to the church we think of the Sunday morning offering plate. In reality, the Sunday morning offering plate is only one form of giving. Another form that provides great benefits to the future ministries of Bethel UCC is what we call “**Legacy Gifts.**” Many times, when people hear the words “estate planning” or “legacy gift,” they think “I’m not rich – that doesn’t apply to me.” The reality is that this is simply not true – legacy gifts of any amount are always welcomed and deeply appreciated. Leaving a “modest” amount (“I want to give \$3,000 to my church and the rest is for my family”) or “small” percentage (“5% of the value of my home should be donated to Bethel”) will still have a big impact on the church you love.

Also, current and legacy giving are not “either/or” decisions. Many people would like to give more to the causes they love today but are limited by the expenses of everyday life. For most people, the majority of one’s wealth is tied up in assets which is why legacy giving can bring great joy. Legacy Gifts come from the donor’s assets after their lifetime and are usually much larger than what that donor was able to give during their lifetime. Legacy Gifts can be done in a variety of ways. Below are some possibilities.

**Bequests:** A bequest is a gift from a will or trust and is one of the easiest gifts you can make to significantly impact the Bethel UCC.

- Bequests of Specific Asset: The most common asset left to charity is real estate.
- Bequest of Specific Amount: Any dollar amount can create a meaningful gift.
- Bequest of a Percent: Typically, a percentage of your entire estate. The benefit of a percentage is that if your estate is ultimately larger or smaller than you originally anticipated, the gift will automatically be adjusted, as opposed to a set dollar amount.
- Contingent Bequests: A bequest to Bethel UCC can be the “backup” plan. Say, for example, you would like to leave all your assets to your sibling. However, in the event that your sibling dies before you, all of your assets would then go to Bethel UCC.
- Bequests from Residual: The residual is what’s “left over” in your estate. You may have laid out a set of instructions for after you pass away, like paying off certain bills or allocating certain amounts to people. You can make a gift of the residual, which means that whatever is left after all your instructions are followed will go to Bethel UCC.

**Retirement Asset:** A retirement asset like an IRA account makes an excellent bequest to Bethel UCC. If you leave the IRA to your family, much of the value could be depleted through taxes. By designating Bethel UCC as the beneficiary of part or all of your IRA, the full value of the gift is transferred tax free at your death and your estate receives a charitable deduction. If you wish to leave your IRA to your spouse, you may also designate Bethel UCC as the secondary beneficiary of your account.

**Life Insurance Policy:** If you have an unneeded life insurance policy, you can donate it and take an immediate tax deduction. You can also name Bethel UCC as a beneficiary of your policy. As an asset of your estate, an insurance policy may be taxed at your death. However, if the policy is gifted to Bethel UCC, your estate avoids paying tax on the value of the policy and receives a deduction for the gift.

**Charitable Remainder Trust:** A charitable donation that provides you a tax deduction and payments for life. Benefits of a CRT:

- Income, plus the possibility of estate tax deductions
- Lifetime or term income with percent limits or fixed amounts payout depending on the type of trust

Would you like to include a legacy gift in your will or trust? Either talk to your personal professional advisor about how to incorporate a bequest into your estate plan or contact the church office and we can connect you with one.

Peace, Pastor Sam



**Thanksgiving Baskets:** Bethel is continuing its tradition of helping 8-10 local families with a basket of food and household items during the week of Thanksgiving. On Sunday, November 7, there will be envelopes in the Narthex that contain suggested items to purchase. Since shopping can still be difficult and some store shelves are pretty bare there will be envelopes in the pews for financial donations. The youth and other helpers will be organizing the baskets on Sunday, November 21. You are welcome to bring your donations on the Sundays of November 7, 14, and 21. Thank you!

**WISE Team Forum:** On Sunday November 7 at 11:15 a.m. following the morning service, the WISE Team has scheduled a forum on the topic of Alzheimer's. In a recent questionnaire, this was the most requested topic of interest. The team has invited Carolyn Hines and Shay Gable to lead the forum. Both are psychologists who have worked in the community and have extensive experience working with people around this issue. Plan to join the forum that is will be held in Fellowship Hall.

## MORE NOVEMBER EVENTS:

**All Saints Sunday:** On November 7 at our 10:15 a.m. worship service we will remember those who died this past year. Communion will be celebrated, as well.

**Stewardship Sunday:** On November 14 we will celebrate our stewardship of the resources God has given to us.

**Advent Begins:** Join us for worship on Sunday, November 28, the first Sunday of Advent.

**Reminder:** The church office will be closed on November 25 & 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.



Don't forget to set your clocks  
ahead one hour on Sunday,  
November 7 at 2:00 a.m.  
(or before you retire on November 6).

**Stockwell Family Fun-Night Volunteers Needed:** Stockwell School is having their annual Fall Family Fun Night on Friday, November 5 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Ms. Owen has asked for helpers during the event to help sell food and assist with bingo and crafts. She would also appreciate any help beforehand to set up and also afterward to help clean up. We have volunteered at this family night for several years and it's been well organized, well attended, and busy! Everyone is friendly and helpful. If you've never volunteered for a Stockwell event this is a great one to start with. Contact Linda Hape or Barry and Doris Burleigh if you can help before, during, or after the Fall Family Fun Night.

**Things Are Popping at Stockwell!** Don't you like to nibble on some hot buttered popcorn on these cool nights! Well, the students at Stockwell School like to snack on popcorn on Friday mornings. And they could use our help to prepare it. The PTA has a few moms who can handle the popcorn machine. They could use extra hands to staple the bags closed and organize the bags for delivery to the homerooms. This treat is provided every other Friday morning. Volunteers are needed from around 8:15 a.m. to noon. If you cannot be there the entire morning, any time you can spare will still be very helpful. Volunteer forms are needed and are located in the Narthex or online by googling "EVSC Volunteer Form." If you're interested or have questions, please contact Linda Hape, or Barry and Doris Burleigh.



## Happy November Anniversaries to:

1	Jeanette & Lewis Plane	19	Jennifer & Richard Neiswinger
19	Sharon & Bruce Lawson	27	Sharon & Chris Matthews (50)

## Happy November Birthdays to:

2	Bob Britt	17	Sylvia Stamm	24	Robin McRae
6	Stephen Haas	17	Nancy Tabor	24	Kathleen Parker
8	Brandon Owens	19	Juanita Paniamogan	26	India Vannatter
8	Bobby Potts	22	Megan Scales	27	Greg Nauert
11	Charlotte Scales	23	Bruce Lawson	28	Andy Yarber
15	Richard Condi	24	Don Carrell	30	Marci Schmitt

## We mourn the loss of:

- Jay Perigo who died September 28. (He was the husband of Cindy; and brother of Joan English, Stuart Perigo, and Deb Vannatter.)
- Sarah Paul who died October 7. (She was the sister of John Glaser.)

## Memorials:

Memorials were given in memory of Jay Perigo to the Helping Hand Fund from:  
B & P Supply (Mike Vannatter and Sharon Hart); and Amy Carey and Gail Neidig.

## 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.

**Welcome, Rob!** On Sunday, September 26, Rob Hartmann became the newest member at Bethel United Church of Christ. You may have seen Rob at various times, whether worshipping from the pew, or sometimes leading worship when our pastors have been on vacation. Rob is a native of St. Louis, Missouri. He received his MDiv from Eden Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1989. Prior to seminary he was a Medical ICU nurse. After seminary, Rob was called to be the Associate Pastor and then the Senior Pastor of Salem United Church of Christ in Quincy, Illinois. Leaving there in 1997 moving back to St. Louis to help care for his dad who was in hospice, he took a position as chaplain at Saint Louis University Hospital and in 2012 became the Manager of Pastoral Care Services. Rob retired in 2019 moving to Henderson, Kentucky to be with his Partner, Bryan Peelman. Rob has many interests, with playing the piano and singing at the top of his list. Welcome, Rob!



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First Sunday of Advent  
November 28

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The deadline for the December newsletter is November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Bethel Buddies Preschool and Child Care:** The Bethel Buddies are enjoying all of the fun lessons that the teachers have planned for fall. Some of the amazing lessons this month have been: crafts and science experiments with apples, studying the letter W with worms, webs, and weaving, and participating in Zumba! Chuck the Story Teller visited to read about monsters and pumpkins. The children also got to explore the inside of a pumpkin, use the seeds as manipulatives, and each child even got to paint their very own pumpkin!

You can see photos of the fun on the Bethel Buddies Facebook page. Denise posts amazing photos of the fun activities that the little ones are doing. <https://www.facebook.com/BethelBuddies> Please feel free to like and share the page.

Cynthia Grassman has been providing musical experiences for the children. We hope you enjoyed the Rally Day video that the children made. Cynthia is planning to record a video of the children each month so that you can see and hear them making beautiful music. Their enthusiasm is certainly contagious.

The children have also been discussing being thankful. The teachers have put together an adorable bulletin board next to Fellowship Hall with things we are thankful for. I'm sure we're all thankful for the Bethel Buddies and their wonderful teachers.

