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**June 2022 Bethel Record/Newsletter**

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**Mission Focus: United Caring Services**



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.

## Bethel UCC On the Move

We have a busy summer planned here at Bethel. On Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be having once again our annual church picnic. This time around we will be pulling out the smoker and a crew of folk will start the smoking process early in the wee hours of Sunday morning so that many hours later the pulled pork and the barbecue chicken will be ready by the time worship is over. Do plan to join us for that day. Any left overs will be sold and the proceeds will go to assist the expenses of the ASP work camp.

June 6<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>, our Faith Formation Team will be holding Vacation Bible School. We are excited about growing this program as we hope to serve some of our preschool families and well as families from the surrounding neighborhood. We are still looking for volunteers to assist with this program.

For the month of June and July, Bethel Buddies will be extending their program to serve 5 year olds who are preparing to enter kindergarten in August. For those two months, we will likely be serving an additional 15 children on top of the 34 or so children that are a part of our preschool program.

On Sunday morning June 12<sup>th</sup>, our work camp with the Appalachia Serve Project (ASP) will begin. We are excited to have 23 work campers going this year. At least three in attendance are young men who have become part of our program by joining with those who play basketball in the gym every Tuesday evening under the leadership of our Youth Director, Cynthia Jones.

During the weeks of June 12 – 18 and June 19 – 25, we will be hosting two different work camps who are coming to Evansville to volunteer with various organizations. These groups will be staying overnight at our facility and during the day will be out working on various projects.

Please keep all of these activities in your prayers. It is truly a joy to be a part of a congregation that is so active in so many ways.

Peace,  
Rev. Sam Buehrer



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! BETHEL'S ALL CHURCH PICNIC IS BACK!**

SUNDAY, **JUNE 5** RIGHT AFTER THE 10:15 SERVICE IT'S PICNIC TIME.  
SMOKED PORK AND CHICKEN WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH DRINKS AND DESSERTS.

**WE ASK YOU TO BRING:**

A SALAD IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH A-K  
A VEGETABLE DISH IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH L-Z

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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**CONGRATULATIONS!** We celebrate the graduations of the following:

**Allison Payne**, the daughter of Tamara Payne. She will be graduating from Harrison High School with an Academic Honor Diploma and will attend USI in the fall. She will be majoring in Theater.

**Austyn Pyle**, The Great Grandson of Millie Jolivette, graduating from Castle High School.

## June MISSION FOCUS United Caring Services

**United Caring Services** provides values-based, low barrier, sustainable, and high quality homeless shelters, services and solutions. Our Second Sunday Celebration offering has been used to help renovate the restrooms at the shelters. We have designated United Caring Services to receive our special mission offering for June. If you are able to help further their mission and ministry with contribution in June, it will be appreciated.



**Volunteers are needed for VBS!! Please sign up in the Sanctuary lobby or contact Cynthia Jones.**

### APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)

As we have done for many years now, Bethel UCC is sponsoring a work camp in conjunction with the organization, Appalachia Service Project. This ministry is spearheaded by Bethel member, Scott Scales. We are now in the late planning stages of organizing the trip for 2022. We have 23 volunteers going this summer who will be divided into 4 work crews. Last year, one crew replaced a very badly aged roof and the other two worked on decks and ramps so that the residents could safely navigate in and out of their homes.

**Mission Trip 2022 will be held June 12th-18th. Departure will be 8am**



## June 19<sup>th</sup>

**Deadline for the July newsletter is June 22nd**



**From Judy & Frank Schultheis**

“Thank you for all your kind expressions of sympathy to our family after the death of our son Todd.”

**From The Good Samaritan Home**

“Dear Bethel Friends,

You did something really special. Your donation to the Good Samaritan Home to help purchase a new transport van means so much to the residents who call Good Sam their home--- all because of you!

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your gift of \$2500.00 that you made on 4/18/2022. Every act of your generosity helps further the mission – “to provide a caring community in the atmosphere of Christian love and concern.”

Everyday residents of the Home need rides to medical appointments. State-provided transportation is inadequate and undignified. Good Sam stopped using those services a few years ago. Residents deserve better care than they offer. Our new van will provide the level of care and dignity our residents deserve.

You are the transportation hero to our residents and staff! Thank you!”

**Contributions to the Memorial Fund in memory of Bob Britt from:**

The Iron Man Group  
Jennifer Keeney  
Diane Bessing  
Sharon Russel

**Contributions to the Memorial Fund in memory of Jean Bernhardt from:**

**To the Memorial fund**

Cara Meilus  
Brian & Karli Hape  
Amy Carey & Gale Neidig  
Phillip, Andrea & Alison Damm  
Ronald & Karen Krueger  
Carolyn Stephens  
Nancy Bullinger  
Laurel Vaughn  
Clifford Kleymeyer  
B.B Bernhardt  
Frank & Patricia Stewart  
Joan & Bruce Roth  
Jack & Sue Schriber  
Larry Appman  
Diane Wire  
Patty & Larry Coleman  
Jolayne & Charlie Haller  
Dennis & Karen Woolston  
Misty & Jeff Thomas  
James Rine  
Edwin Emerson

**To the Music fund**

Jim & Marianna Vogel

**Contributions to the Memorial Fund in memory of Todd Schultheis from:**

Jim & Marianna Vogel

*In*  
**EVERYTHING**  
*give thanks.*



## **From REV. Don Bernhardt**

Dear Members and Friends of Bethel Church,

I cannot begin to tell you how much your love, prayers and concern meant to me during the days leading up to and following my wife, Jean's passing. Your notes, cards and phone calls truly sustained me during those difficult days and continue to do so. I am so grateful to God for all of you.

During the days and nights we spent with Jean in the hospital and hospice care, our pastor, Sam, physically and spiritually stood by Jean and me along with our daughters Sara and Susan and their families. I'm Thankful for his comforting pastoral care and support.

I felt God's peace in Jean's beautiful memorial service. I'm grateful to all who participated in it, and for all who were there, as together we thanked God for Jean's life.

The delicious meal prepared and served by many loving hands following the memorial service made it possible for my family, friends and Bethel members to spend time together in a relaxing and informal way. Thank you for giving us those special moments.

May God bless all of you, today and always, and bring you peace.

Don Bernhardt and family.







**Happy June Birthday to:**

2	David Vanhooser	10	Mary Oswald	25	Kolton Schuff
4	Marianna Vogel	11	Arline Taylor	26	Kim Stevens
6	Tim Hartig	15	Linda Forshee	29	Harriet Anderson
7	June Bretz	20	Nita Voorhees		Jeanette Plane
	Jerry Dills	22	Stuart Perigo		Bruce Roth
8	Dylan Whiteley	25	Kolton Schuff		Journey Thomas
9	Dan Patterson	26	Kim Stevens		Gavin Wininger
	Brenda Perigo			30	Leesa Scales

**Happy June Anniversary to:**

2	Jolayne & Charles Haller
3	Kelly & Kevin Greubel
8	Marianna & James Vogel
10	Rebecca & Leland Fehd
11	Nancy & Jerry Noland
14	Linda & Clark Absher
18	Deb & Mike Vannatter

**We Mourn the death of Jean Bernhardt, who passed on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**We Mourn the death of Barbara Krick, who passed on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**We Mourn the death of Jack Ruston, who passed on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

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

\* Scott and Will Kirk, Air Force, grandsons of Carmen Mazick

### Comments about the WISE Church

“The WISE church group has given me the opportunity to get to know people I had not known before. It has also given me a sense of belonging that I have not previously experienced through the church. In our meetings, we have discussed thought provoking questions pertaining to faith, sense of self, and care and acceptance of others. I strongly encourage others to join a WISE church group.”

“I enjoy being in the WISE Group. When you come you feel welcome from everyone there. It’s good to hear different people talk about their life story, and how it may compare to yourself.”

“Enjoying the fellowship with others while sharing our ideas and thoughts in certain subject. Becoming more comfortable speaking in front of a group.”

“What I have learned from this group, I have come to know each person by name. It is a small group setting that I enjoy. We meet every two weeks, talk about various subjects and problems.”



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