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January 2023 Bethel Record/Newsletter

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Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 29

following 10:15 a.m. worship

Annual Reports Due January 13



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.

“Making a Difference”

Over the past several decades, anyone who is remotely aware of the church and the role that churches play in this country, has observed the decline in attendance and membership especially among the younger generations. One of my retired colleagues in ministry with whom I chat often shared with me that not only his grown grandchildren but now also his children, all of whom grew up in the church, see the church as being less and less relevant in their lives. Recently when I pushed him on this he shared that especially for his grandchildren they are looking for organizations that are making a difference in people's lives in the here and now. Their concern is not an afterlife but is this life.

With that thought in mind I want to use this space to share with you how Bethel has recently made a difference in several folks' lives. In mid-December I received the following email from a colleague in ministry *“I have been working with a family in Henderson originally from Honduras, trying to deal with I.C.E. and related craziness. The father in that family says that he knows of a family recently from Haiti staying in his neighborhood. They haven't got beds -- have been sleeping on the floor (parents and I think a couple of kids.) Father has a job that covers rent and some other basics, but they have no car, no phone, no English and not a lot of Spanish. Are you aware of any resources that they might connect with for some help? The guy I've been working with and a friend of his are looking around at thrift stores etc. today, but even if they find some things, there's not really any money there to purchase items.”* Within hours of receiving that email, through Bethel's generosity we delivered \$250 to this colleague so that there would be money available to follow through the purchases at the thrift store. We later learned that one of the children was a 2-month old infant.

Then just a couple of days before Christmas, a father stopped by the church wondering if we could help with his electric bill. He and his family had immigrated some time ago from Mexico and he works for a local roofing company. But over the holidays there was no roofing work to be done. He and his wife had two children under the ages of ten. With no money for his electric bill, there was also no money to purchase Christmas gifts for the two boys. It just so happened that in the prior week Bethel had been gifted with a box full of new stuffed animals. He picked out two dinosaurs that he knew his boys would like. As he walked out the door with his electric bill paid in full and two stuffed animals under his arm, I saw him raise his head to the sky, give the sign of the cross as he gave God thanks. It brought tears to my eyes to know that we all, you all, just made a big difference for a local family.

I am proud to be a part of a church that is doing this good work in the here and now.

Peace,
Rev. Sam Buehrer

THANK YOU

Stockwell Elementary School

To the members of Bethel:
we are again so grateful for
the gifts for our students!
we feel so blessed to be part
of the Bethel Congregation.
Have a very merry Christmas!
-Stockwell Staff & Students



Albion Fellows Bacon Center

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December 15, 2022

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of Albion Fellows Bacon Center and our board of directors, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$50.00. Your commitment to helping domestic and sexual violence victims in our community find safety and support makes all of the difference for their future and assists us in promoting proactive prevention so that future generations do not fall victim to abuse.

Your belief in Albion as a valuable community asset allows us to continue providing safe shelter to victims and their children. Additionally, we are proud to provide Legal & Crisis Response, Sexual Assault Advocacy, and Prevention Education at no-cost to members of our community who are in need.

Your donation ensures that our mission to prevent domestic and sexual violence and to empower victims through advocacy, education, support services and collaborative partnerships is carried out every hour of every day, the whole year long.

I would love give you an in-person tour of our shelter and keep you updated on our organization through our emails, newsletter, and social media. Please sign up for those at our website, www.albionfellowsbacon.org or contact me to schedule a tour.

Thank you so very much for your generosity and support. You are making a difference in the lives of those we serve.

With gratitude,

Gina Gist
Executive Director



Happy January Birthday to:

3	James Jett	14	Tamara Payne	25	Steve Hape
6	Donna Mackey	16	Lucas Neidig		Harold Shafer
8	Lindsey Neidig	17	Deborah Neidig	27	Haley Schmitt
9	Mardell Puckett	18	Sarah Tabor	28	Aaron Krueger
11	Nancy Bullinger		Laurel Vaughn	30	Stetson Nance
	Ritchie Taylor	23	Jennifer Nance	31	Kalia Garvey
12	Craig Neidig	24	Doris Burleigh		
	Maureen Parmar		Keegan English		
			David Willis		

Happy January Anniversary to:

2 Carolyn & Bob Bennett

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

Scott Kirk, Air Force, grandson of Carmen Mazick



Welcome baby Elaine Jett, born to Jason and Brianna Jett on November 3, 2022.

We congratulate Susann Jett as she's become a Great Aunt again, and James Jett a Grandpa again!

January's Mission will be IKC Offering to the General Synod. Bethel's goal is to raise \$2,000.00



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