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Virginia Koenig, president

Dale Tiek Ed Hagemeyer

Garland Richter, vice-president

Debbie Telligman

Herman Tilly, treasurer

John Trotter

Monica Russell, secretary

Kevin Hammelman

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

As has been previously announced, Bethel will be in revival on March 5-7. The phrase, "be in revival" is perhaps misleading in that the believer should always be in revival. The believer needs a daily refreshing from the Holy Spirit and this is achieved only through the daily examination that takes place through prayer, study and fellowshiping with other believers. The purpose for this revival then should be a time when we allow the Holy Spirit right away in our lives in order to further mold and shape us for God's own pleasure. I believe our primary purpose for our existence is to worship and praise God, to serve Him, and to bring others to that same saving knowledge of who God is. With that being said, then the revival should fill two purposes: one, a time of renewal for the believer, and two, a time when we encourage the lost to make a commitment for Christ.

In order to see this time of revival successful, please be in prayer for this event. Of course, the revival will be lifted up in prayer on Saturday evenings and we will also pray each Wednesday evening after choir practice. I encourage you to not only use these times for prayer but also pray for this event during your daily prayers. Let us pray that this time of revival renews and refreshes us and also adds souls to God's Kingdom for His glory.

In His service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Notes of Thanks

Dear Bethel Friends,

The North Knox Nurses' Fund is very grateful for all of your donations and assistance throughout the years. You have helped so many people with food, gas bills, electric bills, water bills, going to the doctor, paying for prescriptions, getting clothing, and occasionally paying for gas so someone could get to work or take a child to the doctor.

Classes, individuals, and others have always been so generous in giving and we want you to know that every penny is appreciated!!! There is so much need out in the community and you have touched the lives of lots of adults and children. Many children have gone to bed with food in their tummies, having had a bath in a warm house because you helped pay a water bill, or a gas bill or an electric bill or paid for food.

Thank you all!

God bless you all for caring!
The North Knox Nurses Fund

Bethel Prayer Chain

*“My help comes from the Lord, who
made the heaven and the earth.”-Psalm 121:2*

Please call Mary Deerhake at 328-6208 with any prayer requests that you wish to have put on the prayer chain.

Basement Bulletin Board Schedule for 2009:

March/April	Junior Youth Group
May/June	Evangelism Committee
July/August	Kid's Club
September/October	Worship Committee
November/December	Senior High Youth Group

Memorials

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Neva Hagemeyer

*Edgar and Linda Hammelman
Dr. Craig and Tonya Scott
Robert and Betty DeWeese
Brock, Emily & Isabelle Ryan
Dan and Karen Hooper
Mike & Pam Loheider & family
Bruce and Terri Miller
Mary Ann Miller
David and Nancy Rinsch
Dorothy Spanger
Steve and Debbie Telligman
Randy and Theresia Barrett
Wayne and Vera Dunkerly
Kenneth Boberg
Patsy Gouverneur
Robert & Helen Maze
Rose Marie Vollmer
Elizabeth Telligman
Kyle & Jenny Telligman
Complete Farm Conservation
Gordon and Janet Clinkenbeard
Mike and Karen DeCoursey
Gertrude Hagemeyer
Butch & Bernettia Hollingsworth
John and Marilyn Koenig
Jerry and Susie Cardinal
Edith, Edna, & Louise Rinsch
Bob and Susan Hunt & family
Laverne and Betty Tilly*

*Lowell & Carol Thompson
Tim and Tonya Miller
Joe & Carla Ryan
Jeremy & Ashley Vanscoy
Carl & Marilyn Johanningsmeier
Frank and Lenora McCrary
Dallas and Shirley Miller
Bill and Darlene Resler
John and Jan Spanger
Mark and Diane Telligman
Gene and Carolyn Williams
Doris Brocksmith
Kevin and Linda Hammelman
Elmer Anderson
Charles & Leslie Robison
Donald & Jennifer Julian
Friendly Circle Sunday school
Larry Boyd
Rhett Stuard and family
Larry and Becky Bland & family
John and Lill Clinkenbeard
Sharon Dunkerly
Bob Willsey
Mark Kissel and family
Mike Tabler
Charlie Nettles and family
Susie Walters
Nancy Tewell*

In memory of Eric Clinkenbeard

*Lucille Robbins
L. D. & Jennie McCoy
Gertrude and Susan Hagemeyer
Jerry and Juanita Nolting*

*Paul & Nancee Dunkerly
Edgar and Linda Hammelman
Duncan family*

Cemetery Fund:

In memory of Neva Hagemeyer
Lois Wampler
Terry and Gayle Perkins

Dick and Marge Finke

Preschool Fund:

In memory of Neva Hagemeyer
Jim and Linda Chattin

Historical Committee:

In memory of Neva Hagemeyer
by Carol, Doris, Robert, and Mark Stoelting

In memory of Alvin W. Stoelting's birthday and in memory of his infant daughter, Mary Louise.
By Carol, Doris, Robert, and Mark Stoelting

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Youth Pastor Update

The Church Council is currently in the process of constructing a job description for a youth pastor. Once a job description is completed, it will be presented to a committee comprised of: youth leaders from all three of Bethel's youth groups, Pastor Mike, and senior elder, Virginia Koenig. The committee will advertise for and interview potential candidates for the position, then make a recommendation to the Council.

A youth pastor fund has been started. We have had one \$2,500 anonymous donation, but would appreciate donations of any size-every dime & dollar helps. If you make a donation, please make sure to specify the funds are for the youth pastor fund. Your generous donations are an investment in Bethel's youth and the future of Bethel church.

We would also like to request your prayers. Please pray for God to send us the person he desires-the person meant to serve the Lord through youth ministry at Bethel church.

-Bethel Church Council

Sunday School

The old saying goes that March roars in like a lion, and it goes out like a lamb. So we rest assured that these cold winter days are nearly behind us, and that spring is just around the corner! As we turn our thoughts toward the warming weather, the budding of the trees, and the lilies sprouting out of the ground; let us turn our *hearts* towards the true meaning of spring – it is a time of *Renewal* and *Revival*.

Psalm 51:10 provides for us what our prayer must be during this time of seeking God's will in our lives...."*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*" A heart that truly wants to change is a heart that is ready for the renewal that only God's Spirit can bring. So, how can we experience Spiritual Renewal in our lives?

In what ways does God Renew me?

God Revives my soul...Psalm 19:7..."*The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.*"

God Revives me by His Word...Psalm 119:25..."*I lie in the dust, completely discouraged; revive me by your word.*"

God Renews my strength...Psalm 23:3..."*He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His name.*"

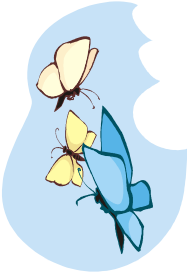
God Renews my hope...Psalm 94:19..."*When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.*

God Restores my joy and health...Psalm 119:40,93..."*I long to obey your commandments! Renew my life with your goodness...I will never forget your commandments, for you have used them to restore my joy and health.*"

God Renews our spirits...2 Corinthians 4:16..."*That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.*"

We are renewed by obeying God

King Hezekiah did “what was pleasing and good in the sight of the LORD his God,” he led the people of Judah in spiritual renewal. His actions should serve as a model of renewal for us: (1) he remembered God’s compassion, (2) he kept going despite ridicule, (3) he removed the evil influences from his life, (4) he interceded for the people, asking for the Lord’s pardon, (5) he was open to spontaneity in worship, and (6) he contributed generously to God’s work. *2 Chronicles 30 – 31.*



Spring! A time for Renewal and Revival here at Bethel. A special invitation goes out to all of us to renew our commitment to God; and what better place to start than recommitting to Sunday School services here at Bethel.

Seeking More of Him, and less of me

John Trotter, S.S. Supt.

Senior High Youth Group

The High School Youth met with the youth from the Edwardsport Baptist Church. It was agreed that we would try to meet the third and fourth Sundays at Bethel and the first and second Sundays at the Edwardsport Baptist Church. We will change the meeting time to 6:00. Our new missions project involves the NK Social Ministries. This past week the NK Social ministries had 3 new families seeking help. Since there is a need for help, the youth have decided that they would have a food drive for the NK Social Ministries. For each pound of food that is collected the government will match them. So on March 22 the youth will canvas Freelandville and leave a grocery sack at each home in town. Then on March 29 the youth will return and collect non perishable food items that people leave marked for Social Ministries. If you live in the country and wish to participate the youth will have someone at the Community Hall on March 29 to accept donations. If you are unable to get to town you may call any of the youth for a pick up time.



Thanks,
Bethel Youth

Christian Partners



The Christian Partners Sunday school class is sponsoring a soup/sandwich/dessert luncheon after the worship service on Sunday, March 1. All donations will be used to fund class projects. Everyone is welcome. Come and enjoy the good food and wonderful fellowship.

Preschool News

News from Mrs. Chattin:

Greetings from Bethel Christian Preschool. February is proving to be another very busy month for us.

We began the month by making our beautiful Valentine sacks. We cut lots of red, pink & purple construction paper to decorate our sacks. Every child also placed a big heart sticker on their sack that read, "I Have Jesus In My Heart." The preschoolers could hardly wait for me to hang their sacks so they could receive mail. We had lots of fun at our parties and lots of good food, too.

The children also made homemade cards to display in the big case in the sanctuary. We also added some books, magnets and candy to decorate the case.

We have learned about President Abraham Lincoln this month. I have many books about Abraham Lincoln with lots of pictures inside. The children have loved looking at all the pictures. We learned that President Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Kentucky on February 12, 1809 and had an older sister named Sarah. We saw pictures of the one-room schoolhouse Abe and Sarah attended. Life in the wilderness was hard and the children had many chores to do. Abe fetched water from the creek, chopped firewood, and helped his daddy plant seeds. We saw a picture of a horse pulling a small plow. Emma Miller told us that was not how her daddy farmed. We were told Andy uses a big green tractor instead.

After looking at the pictures of the one-room schoolhouse, the preschoolers decided they were very thankful for our BIG school here at Bethel. I am, too. One little boy wanted to know if I had gone to school with Abraham Lincoln. The answer was NO! I hope I don't look or act like I'm 200 years old.

The children had many questions about the “mean man”(John Wilkes Booth), who shot President Lincoln. They were also very informed about our new President, Barack Obama. I love to hear them pronounce his name. When I questioned my little ones about President Obama, they informed me he worked at the Courthouse, played soccer and ate Lucky Charms cereal for breakfast. I hope President Obama gets lucky as he signs the billion dollar stimulus bill.



We are now on letter Pp, and we are having so much fun playing with the parachute, eating pepperoni pizza, popping popcorn, drinking Pepsi and praying. I love Pp week!

We will also learn about President George Washington before the month ends. The children have already asked me how much longer they have to wait until our “green party” in March. One little boy informed me he plans to wear a big green St. Pat's hat, and one little girl asked me to write her mom a note telling her mother that she needed a green dress to wear to the party. Preschoolers get so excited. After our green party, we will have a busy April with Easter and learning about how Jesus died on the cross for our sins. I have many Easter stories and activities for the children. I just need more time to do them all.

Have a wonderful March and enjoy the story below.

God Bless,
Mrs. Chattin

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. “If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, “Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.” Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, “Ryan, you be Jesus.”



Notes from Mrs. Durall:

Cabin fever and old man winter go hand in hand. After a two week vacation and a couple more days of being closed because of snow, ice, or cold temps, we came back to school and had a hard time staying focused. One day we were doing the weather and the sun was shining just enough to put sunny on the chart. One little boy said "Oh good, we can go outside since the sun is shining big". A lot of explaining later there were many frowns because we just knew when the snow was gone we would play outside, and we are a long way from doing that yet.

We celebrated Valentine's Day and talked about God's unconditional love for us. I explained this is an every day thing, not just on "Heart Day". One little girl asked me if God loved her. I told her of course, He loves everybody. She questioned, "even when I don't pick up my toys?"

We have been working hard on new songs for Dad. We will celebrate Donuts with Dad on Saturday, March 7. I am learning a lot about some hungry and thirsty dads. One dad only likes chocolate, but he will eat whatever. Another drinks 10 cups of coffee and sometimes more. Oh, what fun.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kylee Messel and family on the loss of her great grandfather. She had many prayers (some truly broke my heart) for him and talked to all of her friends about praying. We smile because he is in heaven.



"When we set an example of honesty our children will be honest. When we encircle them with love they will be loving. When we practice tolerance they will be tolerant. When we meet life with laughter and a twinkle in our eye they will deploy a sense of humor" (God's Little Devotional Book for Moms).

ROBERT RAY TO CONDUCT HIS GOSPEL MASS

Sunday, March 1

3:00 p.m.

Red Skelton Performing Arts Center Theatre

Admission - Free

Internationally acclaimed composer and clinician Robert Ray will conduct his Gospel Mass, Magnificat, and He Never Failed Me Yet Sunday, March 1, at 3:00 PM on the stage of Vincennes University's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. Choirs from Vincennes University, Vincennes Lincoln High School, North Knox High School, South Knox High School and Wood Memorial High School will be featured with Sylvia Ray as guest soloist.

The concert is free to all and is generously funded by the Vincennes University Music Department and a Vincennes University Academic Grant. Those who wish may leave a donation in the lobby area after the concert to assist recent Lincoln High School graduate and former Lincoln Singers member Lacy Sipples who is battling a rare form of cancer.

Robert Ray's Gospel Mass was composed in 1978 and has become a standard part of the choral repertoire. Gospel Mass is performed by churches, colleges, universities, orchestras and civic choral groups nationally and internationally and often under the direction of Dr. Ray. Gospel Mass is Dr. Ray's interpretation of two thousand years of liturgical tradition with the more contemporary music of the African-American Church. The composer states: "It is my desire to combine centuries of old traditions of Mass settings with sounds of the contemporary Black Church. The move from Latin to English created new opportunities for composers to express their feelings about the texts of the Ordinary of the Mass. I wanted everyone to experience the sense of joy and celebration that is generally felt in true African-American worship."

Robert Ray is Professor of Music and Coordinator of Keyboard Studies at the University of Missouri at St. Louis. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and in May 2003 he received an Honorary Doctorate of Music from Vincennes University.

Mission Ministry

Here is a letter that was received by one of the team of missionaries that we sent a donation to last year through the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. Thought you might like to hear what they had to say.

Dear Bethel Church Family,

Just wanted to thank you for your check that you gave us for the SOWERS Team in Albania. They are really doing a great job and we will get to see them in action in February. We have 8 on our SOWERS Team now. One of our men is married and his wife is on the Team now. She has been trained by Campus Crusades and is a wonderful addition to our Team.

The dollar is very bad in Albania, we get less than 90 cents of the Albanian money for our dollar. We are were unable to give the Team a cost of living raise this year. So, they are working for less pay right now. We hope the exchange rate in the future goes back up.

We look forward to going back to Albania in February. We will visit more villagers and plug them into a Bible study. We will have opportunity to work with our children's ministry, and the teen Bible study with English lessons. Plus when we have time, we will work with two English schools and going to see the baby oprhans, too. We are still working in 7 villages. We just don't have the time or money to expand anymore.

We thank you for your financial support for the SOWERS Team and your prayers, too. We will be in Albania, February 3 to March 21 this year. We hope we can stay the whole time. Julie's father is very ill and we might have to come home early. Please keep him in your prayers, also.

Love in Christ,
George and Julia Holmes

Historical Committee

A few more corrections to be made to the baptism books have been brought to our attention. If you have purchased this book, please make the following changes to the entries noted.

Please change John Koenig to John Miller for Andrew Miller's entry for April, 1973, p. 252

Lucille Schuckman needs to be changed to Lucille Struckmeier in Wallace Joe's entry in 1953, p. 230

Change DeWayne Louise to DeWayne Louis in the entry for September, 1954, p. 232

Women's Guild

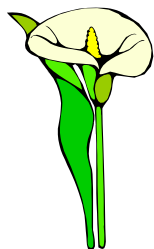
March 4th, 2009 at 9:00 am is "Work Day" for Bethel Guild. We will have a noon lunch prepared by Lill Clinkenbeard and Doris Richter. Doris Brocksmith will give the extra feature. Business concerns will be discussed and following will be our delayed Memorial Celebration with Marge Linneweber in charge.



Bethel Women's Guild Lenten Breakfast will be at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 28th. The speaker will be Reverend Lucia Jones. She and her husband did live in Ragsdale but now live in Washington where her church is, also. We hope you will make plans to join us. She is an inspiring speaker as I am sure many of you know.

-Helen Harbin

Lenten Schedule



February 25	Pastor Mike
March 4	No service (Revival starts March 5)
March 11	John McClure
March 18	John Manning
March 25	Sonny Kixmiller's band
April 1	Richard Crabtree
April 9	Maundy Thursday service

Parish Records:

Births: Twin daughters, Sophia Jo Anna and Colbi Kay Anna, were born to Matt and Summer Koenig on Monday, February 2. Bethel grandparents are Joe and Virginia Koenig and great-grandmother is Anna Mae Koenig.

Boone Israel Foster, son of Dwayne and Morgan Foster, was born on Wednesday, Jan. 21. Bethel great-grandparents are Bob and Vera Jones.

Death:

Eric Clinkenbeard, age 34, passed away on Tuesday, January 27. The funeral service was held at Bethel Church on Saturday, January 31 with burial in Bethel cemetery.

Attendance:

Jan.	25	159
Feb.	1	150
	8	149
	15	128

Greeters:**March 8 and 15**

Randy and Ramona Hammelman

March 22 and 29

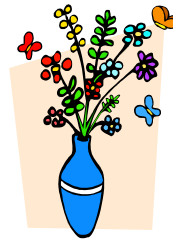
Dale and Jane Tiek

April 5 and 12

Bill and Carole Albrecht

Nursery Notes:

March	1	Debbie Telligman
	8	Theresia Barrett
	15	Beth Durall
	22	Cally Miller
	29	Bonnie Organ

**Children's Church:**

March	1	Lenora McCrary/Kelci Anderson/Chris Horst
	8	Cally Miller/Austin Miller/Bonnie Organ
	15	Micah Bowman/Tracey Kahre/Chris Horst
	22	Brenda Maddox/Patrick Sargent/Nancy Tilly
	29	JoAnne Brocksmith/Barron Brocksmith/Bonnie Organ

Happy March Birthday to:

March	4	Anna Mae Koenig-(Happy 84 th birthday)
	13	Ernie Bubenzer-(Happy 95 th birthday)
	17	Louise Rinsch-(Happy 98 th birthday)
	20	Jack Perkins-(Happy 84 th birthday)
	23	Carl Johanningsmeier-(Happy 80 th birthday)

Church council meeting

February 9, 2009

Pastor's report-Pastor Mike conducted 2 infant baptisms, 2 funerals, and taught a class for the Good Neighbors Sunday school class, along with his regular duties. In addition to counseling those who called or stopped by, he also made several home visits.

Secretary's report-accepted as written

Treasurer's report-accepted and approved

Deacon's report-A motion was made and passed that when CD's and bonds mature, the new trustees will have authority to transfer the money into the newly created cemetery trust fund. Herman Tilly will check to see if this is a possibility. A generous, anonymous donation of \$2,500 was given to start a youth pastor fund. Mission disbursements were discussed and approved.

Elder's report-Flyers will be mailed out soon to advertise for the upcoming Revival at Bethel.

Building and Grounds-Scrap metal behind the church office will be hauled away to the recycling center. A few minor repairs will be worked on in the Custodian's home. Charlie Nettles will get an estimate for the Chapel by the next council meeting. Old toilets in the church will be replaced.

Strate Acres-It was decided to continue farming the land as usual.

Old Business:

Vestibule-A scripture to be painted in the vestibule will be done by Rob Bartlett. Also, a new track rack, which will be used to hold devotionals, memorial offering envelopes, etc., will be purchased for the vestibule.

Council Appreciation dinner-The dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 at Gasthof's.

New Business:

Luncheon-The Christian Partners class will have a soup/sandwich luncheon after worship service on March 1.

Ministries:

Hands and Feet of Jesus-This program has been going well and meals are being delivered.

Court sets Atheist Holy Day

An atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter and Passover holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians, Jews, and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge.

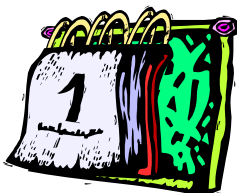
After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, “Case dismissed!”

The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, “Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter, and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays.”

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, “But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant.”

The lawyer said, “Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists.”

The judge said, “The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states, *The fool says in his heart, there is no God...*! Thus, it is the opinion of this court that if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned.”



March 2009

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Bethel Family's Military Members

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Marilyn Koenig
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son-in-law of Dan &
Karen Hooper
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FLB Sycamore, COB Speicher
COB Speicher Iraq
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nephew of Wendy Wilson
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Betty Tilly
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