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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-**

How many times do we make New Year's resolutions with the best intention but never keep them? Resolutions such as more exercise, less eating, more personal time with family and loved ones, less television, and the list goes on and on. We blame our failure on such things as lack of willpower, lack of time, forgetfulness, etc. Perhaps the real reason is we just do not want to let go of certain areas of our lives. We want to be in control and not let go.

Maybe 2011 is the year that we let go and let God. Let Him have total dominion over every aspect of our lives, surrender to Him as we never have before. Let us make 2011 the year when we can say more of Him and less of me. As Jesus speaks to us from John 8:32, "*you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*" Let us make this New Year unlike any other we have ever experienced by allowing Him to be the true Lord of our lives.

In His service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## Notes of Thanks

Thanks to Lill Clinkenbeard, Edna Rinsch, and Reda Boberg for help with the Chimes. News for the January Chimes is due December 20.

To my church family:

On behalf of the staff at Generations, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Bethel Church family for donating baskets of household goods to the elderly and disabled members in our community. Generations is pleased to announce that we received over 515 baskets and all were distributed to homebound individuals in our area. For some folks this is the only Christmas present they received. So again, thank you so much for your generosity and thank you for making our community a 'great place to grow up and a great place to grow old'.

Your sister in Christ,  
Stacey Kahre

Herb Grabbe is doing well and thanks the congregation at Bethel for all the prayers and cards he's received since his Thanksgiving accident. He is doing okay and getting good food and help at his daughter, Mary's, at Vincennes. He hopes to be back home in a month or 6 weeks. He'd love to hear from folks. The address is: Herb Grabbe, c/o Mary Romeo, 2000 East Lakeside Way, Vincennes, IN 47591, the phone number is 882-0051.

I am recovering well from my recent surgery and my family and I would like to express our many thanks for all the prayers, cards and food that we have received as well as the visit from Pastor Mike and Karen before I went into surgery. Everything has been very much appreciated.

-Monica Russell and family

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards to me on my birthday. A special thanks to the Women's Guild for delivering their delicious cookies.

-Fritz Hagemeyer

I would like to thank the Guild for thinking of me and for the cookies and I wish everyone a wonderful New Year.

-Gladys Brocksmith

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### Honest Hymns for some

"I Surrender Some"

"Oh, How I Like Jesus"

"When the Saints Go Sneaking In"

"Take My Life and Let Me Be"

"There Shall Be Sprinkles of Blessings"

"Onward Christian Reservists"

## Annual Meeting

Bethel's annual meeting has been set for Sunday, January 30. A luncheon will be served after morning worship followed by the meeting. Please have all end-of-the-year financial papers turned into the office by Friday, January 7.

## Bethel Sunday school News

January is the month where we look, really look, at our life's journey and rejoice over the gift of another year given to us by God. The words to the song, "This is the Day that the Lord has Made," could just as easily be sung as "This is the Year that the Lord has Made!" God is holding out a freshness of life to us. Let us ponder on what God is offering and how we will serve Him in 2011.

My thanks to those who decorated our church for Christmas. As usual, many hands were needed and many hands were willingly extended.

We, now, have to "undecorate" and this will be done on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Class assignments will be the same, and by working together, we will get this accomplished also.

The Sunday School Christmas Program, titled "Endings and Beginnings," was held on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The service followed the account of Jesus' birth in Matthew's Gospel, which described the visit of the wise men to Bethlehem. More thanks is given to the children, the teachers, and Traci French, Marilyn Koenig, Lenora McCrary, Edith Rinsch, as well as the hands of many others who helped me with the tasks in planning and giving the performance. The offering of \$354 given that evening will go to the North Knox Nurses' Fund.

See you in Sunday School!

-Nancy Tilly

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## Youth Fundraiser dinner

The youth groups will host a fundraiser dinner on Sunday evening, January 23 at 6pm. Please come and show your support for the youth and enjoy a delicious dinner served by the youth at the same time.



## **News from Pastor Shayne**

It's been an exciting journey to get to Bethel and now that I'm here, I can't wait to get started. I want to thank everyone that has made this transition so easy on us. With a baby on the way, packing up and moving to a place where you don't know anybody can be a little stressful. But you have made us feel like a part of the family. And for that, I thank you very much!!!

So many people today see the youth as the future church, I believe this as well, but more importantly, I believe that Youth are the church of NOW!! Without kids (youth) a church will die. Without new life and joy that Youth bring to a church, a church will die. So it is very important for churches to realize this and always strive to educate and build up their young believers thus securing our future and the glory of God. I believe by taking that first step and getting a youth minister, your church will be blessed and in turn yield much fruit.

We have an exciting year ahead in Bethel youth group full of conference's, concerts and extreme Bible studies that will bring our youth closer to God by allowing them to face the temptations of today's world and rise above them to become the followers of God that they were made to be!!!! I'm Excited to be here..... Together let's build our future and our Now.....Our YOUTH!!!!

-Pastor Shayne

## **Bethel Youth**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your help with the mitten tree helped the youth to collect more than 139 items: 20 pair of men's socks, 10 pair of women's socks, 31 hats, 1 pair ear muffs, 4 scarves, 56 pairs of children's gloves, 1 pair of adult gloves, and 20 matching hat and glove sets. There will be many happy and warm people this winter because of your generosity.

Congratulations to Shayne and Amber on the birth of Eden Noel. We are excited about starting our new year with Shayne. We know he has lots of exciting things planned for us.

We still continue to meet every Sunday evening but this month has been a bit different due to the weather and the Christmas program. On the first Sunday in December, a few youth gathered at FCH and decorated six doors for the residents.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. See you in 2011.

# Preschool News

## **News from Mrs. Hammelman:**

It is hard to believe that I am already writing a newsletter for the new year. The first half of the school year has provided me with many wonderful memories and I am looking forward to all that is to come with 2011. ☺

Since my last newsletter, the children and I prepared a yummy Thanksgiving feast. We had a lot of fun working together to make our meal. The children worked so hard and the food turned out great! We all decided that they were pretty terrific cooks. ☺ Thank you to all the moms and special friends who were able to spend the day with us. We took lots of pictures for display in the preschool hallway – I hope you were able to check them out. The kids looked great in their Pilgrim and Indian outfits that they made for the day!

We had another visit from the ladies of Generations. This time they provided the Little Elves Workshop for the preschool classes. Each child was able to personally select a special gift for each parent. This is a neat opportunity for the children and I really appreciate the time these ladies put into this project for the kids. ☺

The Preschool Book Fair also took place and was a great success! **Thank you** to all who were involved in making this such a great experience for the children and to the preschool as a whole. A lot of time and effort went into this project and I feel and can't say thank you enough to Miss Nancy (and, of course, Herman ☺), Miss Doris, and the Preschool Board members who donated time to the book fair as well as to our church members and community who purchased books in support of the preschool.

After much hard work and a lot of excitement, our preschool Christmas program took place on the evening of December 10<sup>th</sup> to a very full audience. The children were so excited and did such a great job! It is so fun to see them all dressed up – what beautiful little girls and handsome little boys! I am so thankful to have such a wonderful group of class parents who were able to arrange schedules so that both classes could meet on Friday morning for rehearsal and then come back that evening for the program. What a night it was as we celebrated the “Colors of Christmas” and the birth of Jesus!

Even with so many things going on in December we still were able to learn more Bible stories and memory verses along with our new letters, numbers and shapes. We made a Christmas tree out of green triangles, brown rectangles and yellow stars and talked about how the evergreen tree represents the everlasting life that we can have through Jesus and that

when we look at the star on top of our Christmas tree, we are reminded of the bright shining star that led the wise men to Jesus on that very special night. The children continue to amaze me as they recall memory verses and bible stories we have shared throughout the first half of our school year. They are becoming more independent as they learn to zip coats and tie shoelaces and work cooperatively during center time. I am so proud of each one of them. ☺

Due to weather conditions and the cancellation of preschool, we will be having our Christmas parties on our first day back to school - I will share more about them in the February newsletter.

Thank you to so many of you who supported the preschool this past month whether it was through a kind comment, volunteering your time or including us in your prayers. I'm sure the children would join me in wishing each one of you a happy and healthy year in 2011!



In His Love,  
Mrs. Hammelman

### **News from Mrs. Durall:**

Wow--2010 is almost over, which means so is half of our school year. We have been very busy this last month with our Thanksgiving celebration. We counted feathers on our turkeys and tried to dab them with bingo dabbers a certain number of times, however it was so fun we lost track of our counting. We talked more about being thankful and decided we have so many things and are very blessed. We played in the kitchen and washed carrots, rolled turkey, cooked rolls, and made homemade butter. We poured a "liquid like white milk" in a jar and shook that jar as hard as we could. A special thanks to Debbie and MaryAnn for their extra help in the kitchen finishing our project so we really had butter. The afternoon class really shook the jar long enough to see the cream turn to butter. Everybody enjoyed our sit down dinner and decided we were pretty good cooks. No turned up their nose and said no when we brought the butter around. One little boy tried to convince us that he had talked to the Rabbit family and he is not to eat carrots. The Rabbit family told him he would be sick if he ate them. Needless to say he passed on the carrots when the meal was served. He has a huge imagination. How fun watching them all dressed in their Indian headbands we had made earlier.

We practiced everyday on our songs for the Program. They did a wonderful job singing and introducing themselves. Some of them surprised me because I was really worried about them staying on stage or asking for mom. We were fortunate to have every preschooler healthy and present. Thanks to all of you who came and had words of kindness about

the program. Thanks to Miss Jennifer for her patience and hard work with us on the program. Thanks to all who helped in any way, whether you washed costumes, dressed back stage, worked upstairs, or just prayed. We appreciate all of you. We love to tell our story of the birth of baby Jesus.

We got a new game and played it the day back after our program. We loved to see who could Limbo and who the Giraffe laughed at when hitting the pole. 3 times was not enough to play and I am sure it will be a game asked to play many more times.

Thanks to Chris Horst for the new train pieces to add to our set. The kids noticed when they walked in the day it was set up. One little boy said it was magic how our train grew over night. The train gets played with daily and enjoyed by all the kids.

We have tried to do a couple of lessons in between Thanksgiving and talking about Christmas. We talked about Jonah and how he disobeyed God and ended up in the belly of the whale. "I'll try to do what God wants," was one little boy's comment about not wanting to be where Jonah was. We are thankful Jonah prayed and God answered.

We learned that there is only one King Jesus. The kids loved to color a picture of Jesus or put him in the manger with our craft. We read many books and enjoyed all the Christmas Stories.

We painted with our feet and hands to make reindeer. We love to get messy, just not our toes. Thank goodness it was washable paint because one boy couldn't go home if his toes were brown, mom would be mad, he informed us. Kids are so fun :-)

We talked about Christmas being a time of giving and knowing we can always give hugs or words of kindness. We got to go shopping for our mom or dad. I told the kids the Elf Warehouse ladies had came and we were going to pick out the special gift. One little boy asked who was taking us shopping at the mall. I quickly explained that "the mall" was set up right across the hall. "Yea!" said the kids. We thank the sweet ladies who came and helped us wrap that special gift we took home and put under the tree. We talked about keeping secrets and how that is okay this time of year because mom and dad need to be surprised on Christmas. I heard 4 children telling their parents on the way out the door what they had picked out and wrapped. Not many secrets made it very far.

We missed our Christmas party due to the weather. One little girl cried and really, really wanted to go to school for the Big day. I know kids always look forward to party day, so we have given lots of reassurance that we will celebrate Jesus' birthday when we come back to school in January. Looking forward to a great second half of the school year.

Happy New Year to all!!  
Mrs. Beth Durall

## Afraid of the dark

One of Tommy's favorite games was to ride his mother's broom around the yard like a horse. When it started to get dark, Tommy went into the house, leaving the broom in the yard. In cleaning up after dinner, Tommy's mother asked the boy to bring in her broom.

"But I'm scared to go out in the dark, Mama."

The mother answered, "The Lord is out there. Don't be afraid."

So Tommy opened the back door a crack and called out, "Lord, if you're out there, hand me the broom!"



## Women's Guild

Bethel Guild met the first of December for their Christmas meeting with a delicious luncheon at noon. We made up 25 cheer plates and 4 fruit plates. Thanks to all who brought cookies. We also sent 18 Christmas cards. We gave donations to Salvation Army, Merom Institute, North Knox Social Ministries, North Know Nurses' Fund, and to the McGlone family for our Christmas mission. Doris Brocksmith gave a lesson on Mary, the mother of Jesus. We handed out our 2011 Guild books. There will be no meeting in January and in February we'll have our memorial for ladies who deceased in 2010.

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## Military Personnel

Please add the following member's military address to the list of Bethel military that was listed in last month's Chimes:

### Sgt. Matthew Hooper

CCO 4<sup>th</sup> BSTB

FOB Sharana

APO AE 09311

matthew.hooper@usarmy.mil



# Come Join the Fun

## Welcome Party for Shayne, Amber & Eden *Surprise* House Warming/Baby Shower

Immediately After Church on Sunday, January 16

When Shayne and Amber answered the call to come to Bethel Church, they gave up a home that was provided to them, as well as a \$4,000 cut in pay. Now they have the additional expense of a child to add to their concerns. The Youth Pastor Support Committee is sponsoring a Surprise House Warming/Baby Shower to welcome them to Bethel. Gift cards for diapers, gas, groceries, paying doctor bills, etc. would make wonderful gifts. Use your imagination, and come up with your own idea.

The committee will be serving lunch after church. Lunch is free; however, any freewill offering received for the lunch will be given to Shayne and Amber.

Shayne and Amber know about the welcome dinner after church, but the house warming/baby shower is a surprise. (We hope to keep the Chimes out of their hands.) Please help us keep it a surprise & come join the fun!!!!!!!



## **Parish Records:**

**Births:** Eden Noel Spurgeon, daughter of Shayne and Amber Spurgeon, was born on Monday, December 13, 2010.

Kiara Rylea Telligman, daughter of Evan and Krista Telligman, was born on Thursday, December 16, 2010. Bethel grandparents are Steve and Debbie Telligman and Ed and Cheryl Hagemeyer. Great-grandparents are Joyce Telligman and Fritz Hagemeyer.

### **Attendance:**

Nov.	21	148
	28	159
Dec.	5	111
	12	138
	19	194
	26	113

### **Greeters:**

**January 9 and 16**

John and Marilyn Koenig

**January 23 and 30**

Clint and Beth Durall

### **Ushers:**

January		Mark and Deanna Sargent
Jan.	16	Youth

### **Nursery Notes:**

Jan .	2	Bonnie Organ
	9	Tracey Kahre
	16	Ramona Hammelman
	23	Theresia Barrett
	30	Stacy Page



### **Children's Church:**

Jan.	2	Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst/Jessie Organ
	9	Cally Miller/Kelci Anderson/Bridget and Madison
	16	Micah Morgan/Chris Horst/Jessie Organ
	23	Brenda Maddox/Nancy Tilly
	30	Brandy Toney/Emily Telligman/Ramona Hammelman

### **Happy January Birthday to:**

Jan.	6	John Repass-(Happy 81 <sup>st</sup> birthday)
	13	Don Johanningsmeier-(Happy 81 <sup>st</sup> birthday)
	17	Agnes Lee-(Happy 81 <sup>st</sup> birthday)
	19	Gertrude Hagemeyer-(Happy 87 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
	31	Marge Finke-(Happy 91 <sup>st</sup> birthday)

# **Bethel Church Council Minutes**

## **December 13, 2010**

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor Mike verbally presented to the council his monthly pastor's report. Distress Funds have been distributed to the Mike McGlone family in conjunction with their losses in a recent home fire. Pastor Mike reported on the “adventure” in the winter storm on December 12<sup>th</sup> for Shayne and Amber as they were transported from Freelandville to St Mary's Hospital, and the arrival of Eden Noel Spurgeon. Bible Studies of the book “The Bait of Satan” have continued.

**Secretary's Report** – was read and approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** – Herman Tilly presented the Treasurer's Report to the council members. The council approved the distribution of the following funds to Missionaries from the Ministry Budget: \$305 to the Yahweh House, \$305 to Nathan Graves, and \$305 to Ashley Wilson. Also approved from the Mission Budget was \$137.33 to the Youth Groups of Bethel.

The Treasure's Report was accepted and approved as written.

**Deacon's Report** – Scott Page presented the Deacon's Report. The average Sunday worship attendance for November was 186. Offering for November was \$14,449.56. The church received a total of \$75.00 in Facility Use fees; a total of \$225.81 in Mission Fund contributions; a total contribution of \$538.96 to the Youth Pastor Fund; and gifts totaling \$400. The Deacon's Report was approved as written.

**Elder's Report** – Dale Tiek presented the Elder's Report. The Elders have met with the Sunday School Superintendant and discussed ideas for 2011; a Sunday School Survey is being developed and will be presented to the church membership. Home visits with Pastor Mike are continuing on every Wednesday evening. The Elder's Report was approved as presented.

**Building and Grounds** – Debbie Telligman and Kevin Hammelman presented the Building and Grounds Report. The required inspection of the church's boiler has been completed. The sidewalk project is nearly completed; work has been suspended due to the weather conditions.

**Old Business** – The church's annual business meeting has been set for January 30, 2011. Committee Assignments for 2011 were discussed and

completed. Kevin Hammelman was appointed as the Council Representative for the Cemetery & Building and Grounds Committee; and John Trotter was appointed for the Preschool Board.

**New Business** – Bill Resler appeared before the council to voice concerns about the 20's – 30's year old church members. Bill respectfully requested that the council, Pastor Mike, Pastor Shayne, and the **entire** church congregation diligently work on a plan to actively minister to this age group.

The Mustard Seed Sunday School Class informed the council that they have decided not to farm the Strate Acres this coming year. A motion was made to accept sealed bids from church members to farm the acres; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. All bids will need to be delivered to the church office prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

**Coming Events:**

January 2 – Epiphany Sunday, Holy Communion

January 2 – Worship at FCH

January 10 – Council Meeting

January 30 – Annual Church Meeting

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**Life Lessons**

*I believe:*

That sometimes when I'm angry, I have the right to be angry but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

That it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others, sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

That our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for whom we become.

That money is a lousy way to keep score.

That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

-submitted by e-mail

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