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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

With this fall's harvest underway, I am reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 9:37. Jesus talked about the harvest being plentiful, but that there were few workers to reap that harvest. Can you imagine the turmoil in today's world if all that was planted in the spring was left to rot in the fields in the fall? Well, that is what was taking place in Jesus' time, look at Matthew 9:36, sounds just like today, doesn't it? What can be done? God gave us two ears, two eyes and one mouth for a reason. We are to listen, look, and then speak. And when we speak, speak in a positive way, put actions behind the words, and reap the harvest that is before us. Become the hands and feet of Jesus.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

MISSIONS

Thank you again, Bethel, for answering the call to be prayer partners for the Preschool children. We are so blessed to be a part of this ministry. The packets went quickly and we know the children will be blessed by those who felt called to pray and minister to them! *“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him”*.

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be our project for November and we will be getting flyers and information out on that the first part of November. Collection Sunday will be on November 24th. Our goal will be 100 boxes.

Thank you for your continued support of Bethel’s mission projects!!

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2013

October/November (fall) – Choir
December – (Christmas) – Mission Committee

THANK YOU’S

Thank you all for the cards and wishes I received for my 80th birthday. I am enjoying looking at the cards over and over. Everyone was so kind to remember me. I appreciate it very much!!

God Bless all of you,
Dorothy Spanger

It was very special to hear from so many Bethel friends on my 90th date of birth.

Each card was dear. I will always think of Bethel as my Church home, and I often share the Bethel traditions with those close to me in Florida.

Sincerely,
Marge Putnam

Bethel Church family,

There is nothing like the warm comfort of home, and we certainly think of Bethel as our church home. Saying good-bye to mom was very hard (*and still is*), but knowing she is resting with Jesus is a joy. Being home at Bethel was also a joy – God was again very gracious to us, and let us rest in the comfort of home. Thank you all for overflowing with love and support – you are truly beautiful hands and feet of Jesus.

Pastor Mike – Thanks for a beautiful service. Karen – Sweet, beautiful music, Mom would have been pleased, thanks.

Joy in Jesus ☺,
Joan's kids

GUILD

Bethel Guild ladies had a great lesson on quilts for our October meeting. Shirley Brouhard told us many interesting things about quilts. If you want to learn to quilt, come out Tuesday afternoons, and the ladies will gladly teach you.

Our November meeting will be the 6th at 1:30. Doris Richter will have the program “Women Of The Bible”. Hostesses are Doris Brocksmith and Lill Clinkenbeard. We are to bring Christmas gifts for children for North Knox Social Ministries.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee has a new display in the historical case about Widner Township. Come and take a look!

Sunday School News

He answereth and saith unto them, "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise." Luke 3:11

It is fall and feeling a little like winter! With harvest being ongoing and with the end in sight, it reminds me of how great God is. Let us count our blessings and then pass some of those blessings onto those that are less fortunate.

Sunday School classes now have all their teaching spots filled up again. A big THANKYOU to all those that stepped up and answered the call. Also a big THANKYOU to all those that had been teachers, our children were truly blessed to have you!

Enjoy the fall!
Randy Hammelman
SS Supt.

PRESCHOOL

What a wonderful fall season we have had so far here at Bethel Christian Preschool! We have been busy enjoying the amazing weather that we've been blessed with as well as learning new letters, shapes and numbers. We had class pictures taken and the children all had their eyes checked by the kind ladies from Generations.

In the past month we worked on the letters P, O and H. Thank you to Earl Linneweber who brought a pumpkin for every preschooler as well as a few extra ones for us teachers to display in the classroom! The children had so much fun picking their very own pumpkin from our "patch". ☺ We spent the week learning a lot about pumpkins through our "Pumpkin Investigation". We first examined the outside of a pumpkin and then cut the pumpkin open to examine what was on the inside. The kids (those that didn't mind the slimy insides!) helped separate the seeds and we saved them for later use

on our pumpkin projects. We loved reading “The Pumpkin Parable” and talked about how the farmer picked a pumpkin, cleaned out all the ‘yucky’ stuff and carved a smiling face that shined to everyone who passed by just like God has chosen each of us and cleansed us of our sins so that we may shine for Him! Our pumpkin projects show what we discovered on the outside and inside of a pumpkin as well as a smiling face to help us to remember to SHINE for God! They are now displayed in the preschool hallway if you get a chance to stop by for a peek! 😊

During “H Week” we read a story about a sheriff who thought he owed all his bravery to his 10-gallon hat but came to realize it wasn’t his hat that helped him be brave and keep order in his town – it was his heart. Later, when the sheriff was asked about his long life he said, “It isn’t what you eat or how easy a life you have. It’s how you live your life and how you treat others. In other words, it’s your heart.” The children each got to paint and decorate their very own hat for our Hat ‘n Heart Parade. Inside their hat each child placed a heart sticker to help them remember to follow their heart. I loved hearing the stories of kindness the children shared when we talked about ways we had seen or shown kindness and love throughout the week.

We were also thrilled to have the Freelandville Fire Department visit us for a day during Fire Safety and Prevention Week. We loved having Fireman Pat come in and talk to us about fire safety and what number we would call if we ever had an emergency. We even got to see Fireman Joe in his full fireman gear – it looked heavy!! But, we learned not to be scared if there was ever a fire and if we saw a fireman dressed like that – he was there to help. Fireman Pat gave each child a goody bag with a fire safety pamphlet, a fire hat, and a sticker. 😊 We then got to go outside to see the fire truck! We walked all around the outside and got to ask all

kinds of questions about the different parts of the truck then we got to climb up to see some of the controls and, finally, everyone got a chance to sit inside. Thank you so much to Fireman Pat and Fireman Joe for spending the day with us. I really appreciate everyone from our local fire departments who took the time to talk to our kids at Bethel as well as the North Knox Primary school during Fire Safety and Prevention Week.

I am so grateful to all of the kind men and women who donate their time, love, and prayers to our preschoolers. It is such a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful place where I get to see God's children learning, laughing, singing and praying each day. I look forward to this month of thanksgiving with a happy heart and a life full of blessings.

Love,
Liberty Lemberg

We love the change in the weather and different colors of fall. God is so good...all the time!! Our days have been busy and fun!

The BIBLE is the best book of all was a great letter B lesson. The kids loved trying to spell the word after we sang our song. Many had the letters in all kinds of order and tried to tell their friends it was right. We also talked about a boy dressed in blue as we changed the rhythm to "Little Boy Blue, Climb out of bed, The preschool bell is calling, WAKE UP sleepy head." We had fun hollering and getting that Boy in Blue to wake up. We got the balance beam out, played with bubbles, went bowling, marched in the band, and painted with a balloon. B is a busy letter!

The cross played a big part in our letter C. We talked about how Jesus died on the cross for all of us no matter how old or how big we are. We counted Cookie Crisp Cereal, and we painted our hands and made Indian corn, talking about the colors God gave us during the fall season. We got us use scissors and cut lines on a piece of paper. One little girl says, "My mom doesn't not let me have scissors and I can't do that" (cut the paper.) It took a lot of convincing that it was okay to use scissors at preschool and cut

paper only. Her response was, "I don't think mom will be happy with you today." We had a lesson on Joseph and his coat of many colors. One little boy wanted a coat just like the one Joseph wore because he has never seen anybody ever wear something like that to preschool, but it would be cool!!

Letter D took us to cooking school in the kitchen. We learned about Daniel and how he prayed to God all the time and was not afraid when he was thrown in den with roaring lions. We made an edible lion to help us remember to always dare to be a Daniel and trust God through everything. There was more peanut butter eaten than used for the cookie craft.

We thank the Freelandville Fire Department for coming to help us learn about Fire safety and the letter F. (Yes, I skipped E and tried to confuse some of the preschoolers.) It was fun wearing a hat and climbing on the fire truck while we learned to call 911 if we have an emergency. The kids did a great job listening and following instructions.

We also talked about frogs and how we should **Fully Rely On** God not matter what. We were amazed when we used a blue bingo dauber on yellow paper and the frog turned green.

Back to letter E was the next week. We learned that our ears and eyes belong to God, and God sees and hears everything we do. We read a story "Little Elephant, Big Nose." The elephant was not happy with his nose because it got in the way at hide and go seek or having fun with his friends. He learned to be happy with what God gave him and use his long trunk to entertain his friends. Little elephant helps us remember that God treats us all the same no matter what we look like.

We got to go to the Bethel Pumpkin Patch and pick out our very own pumpkin. We had fun looking at Mr. Earl's (Linneweber) truck and deciding which one we would take home. A big thanks to Mr. Earl for thinking of us and delivering our "orange round roly polies"--one little boy thought that was easier to say than the word pumpkin. We read a neat story about letting our light shine for Jesus. Shine means we **Share His Incredible News Everywhere--** and we want to do that every day with everyone we meet.

We look forward to letting our light shine when we visit the Community Home later in the month of October. We have been working hard on new songs and saying our name loud. Feel free to

join us in costume at the Nursing Home in Freelandville October 31 at 8:45 or 12:00. We will sing a couple of songs and parade around for the residents and would love to have you come along.

We are so blessed at preschool. THANKS to all of you who signed up to pray for the kids at Bethel. It is nice to know someone cares and prays for each child God has sent to us. Bethel Church is the best support family!!!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!
Mrs. Durall

Bethel Church Council Minutes

October 14, 2013

Pastor Mike's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting a funeral, hospital, nursing home, and home visits, leading a Sunday service at the Freelandville Community Home, attending and planning "Fifth Quarter" events following home football games, planning youth activities, meeting with the youth pastor search committee, and teaching Sunday school and confirmation classes. He requested vacation time from October 22-29 and announced that the youth will be sponsoring an all-church wiener roast Sunday, October 27, at the shelter house. He shared that he had been contacted to see if we are interested in continuing the "Hands and Feet of Jesus" program where meals are provided for people who are ill or unable to cook for themselves, and it was decided that we would continue this service.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were made: NK Social Ministries, \$1,000; Heart to Heart, \$500; and, Hope's Voice, \$500.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for September was 142, and the offering was \$19,175.49. September income included: Atlas Gas, \$480.91; Facility Use, \$60.00; General Misc., \$3.90; Interest Income, \$219.60; Preschool, \$3,634.84; General Donations, \$7,232.50 (Includes \$6,732.50 from the SS Picnic Auction); Memorials, \$2,152.00; Cemetery, \$650 (fee for opening/closing graves); Cemetery Trust, \$790.00; Cemetery Plots sale, \$800.00; and, Organ Fund, \$10.

Building and Grounds: It was shared that the new exterior ramp door in the basement has been installed, and the Bethel Hall doors are being painted and will be installed when completed. Bids are being sought for replacing the remaining windows in the church. The tombstone damaged by a falling tree has been repaired. The water fountain in the preschool area is leaking and cannot be repaired; Bill Resler will purchase a replacement. Finding a brighter light for the eternal light in the sanctuary will be pursued.

Elders' Report: The visitation schedule for the elders and Pastor Mike was finalized.

Old Business: It was reported that the youth pastor search committee has met and is moving forward with their search and are pursuing the possibility of hiring an interim until the position is filled.

New Business: Following positive feedback from church members on the sound system used in the basement during the church picnic, it was moved by Dan Kixmiller, seconded by Rowe Sargent, and passed unanimously to purchase it at a cost of \$1,100. Pending approval by the Special Gifts Committee, memorial funds will be used for this purchase. Pastor Mike is looking into having the silver communion chalice repaired and will also purchase grip strips for the newly surfaced church steps due to reports that they are slick when wet. It was shared that the decorated Christmas trees need to be placed for the preschool Christmas program on

December 6, which is the responsibility of the Sunday school department. Scott Page requested permission for the Faithful Families Class to have a live nativity scene the weekend before Christmas, which was approved.

Coming Events

October 18 – Fifth Quarter following the football game

October 27 – All-church wiener roast, 5:00 PM

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Joan Richter:

Organ Fund – Gertrude Hagemeyer

Cemetery Fund:

Tom & Joyce Kixmiller

Lois Wampler

Butch & Bernettia Hollingsworth

Mike & Pam Loheider

Clint & Leah Richter

Mary Ann Miller

Vera Donnar & family

Bruce & Terri Miller

Randy & Ramona Hammelman & family

John & Lill Clinkenbeard

Dennis & Sharon Kahre

Herman & Nancy Tilly

Kurt & Cindy Maddock & family

Dorothy Spanger

Dallas & Shirley Miller

Bernard Sager

Mark & Diane Telligman

Terri & Russ Mersinger & family

Jerry & Susie Cardinal

Laverne & Betty Tilly

Bill & Darlene Resler

Shirley Cornelison

Bill & Carole Albrecht

Tracey Kahre

Rowe & Maridell Sargent

Lucille Robbins

Dick & Marge Finke

Terry & Gayle Perkins

Joe & Bobbi Swann

Robert & Doris Stoelting

In memory of Roy “Shorty” Langdon:

58th Ord. Ammo Group (Korea)

Totenfest
Service of Remembrance

*May we remember those who have passed on to life eternal in the
past year.*

Marjorie Horst, age 88 – died February 5, 2013

Margaret Koenig, age 87 – died February 9, 2013

Anna Mae Koenig, age 88 – died March 22, 2013

Jude Michael & Audrey Nicole Toney, age 0, died June 21, 2013

Stella Mae Pieper, age 86 – died July 19, 2013

Marilyn Johanningsmeier, age 81 – died July 22, 2013

Helen Stoelting, age 86 – died July 30, 2013

Harold “Bud” Wagner, age 94 – died August 18, 2013

Roy “Shorty” Langdon, age 84 – died August 27, 2013

Harold “Bussie” Huffman, age 98 – died September 5, 2013

Jean “Joan” Richter, age 79 – died September 25, 2013

Parish Records:

Death: Joan Richter, age 79, passed away on Wednesday, September 25th. The funeral was held on Saturday, Sept. 28th, with burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Marriage: Carly Borgmeier (daughter of Chuck Borgmeier) and Daniel Yang were married on October 20, 2013 in Washington, DC.

Attendance:

Sept. 22 151
Sept. 29 163
Oct. 6 109

Greeters:

Nov. 3 – Clay & Brandy Williams
Nov. 10 & 17 – Jerry Lee & Kate Hammelman
Nov. 24 & Dec. 1 – Collin & Amy Tiek
Ushers: Nov. 3 & 10 – Carole & Bill Albrecht
Nov. 17 & 24 – Collin and Amy Tiek

Nursery (Sunday School):

Nov. 3 Lana Dike/Holly Spanger
 10 Cheryl Hagemeyer/ Nancy Rinsch
 17 Krista Telligman/Brandy Williams
 24 Diane Telligman/Carole Albrecht

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Nov. 3 Tiffany Granderson/Bridget Brocksmit
 10 Jenni Clinkenbeard/Ashley Durall
 17 Stacy and Brianna Page
 24 Virginia Koenig/Theresia Barrett

Children's Church:

Nov. 3 Bonnie Organ/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
 10 Tracey Kahre/Liberty Lemberg
 17 Jo Ann Brocksmit/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
 24 Dale Tiek/Jenni Clinkenbeard

November birthdays:

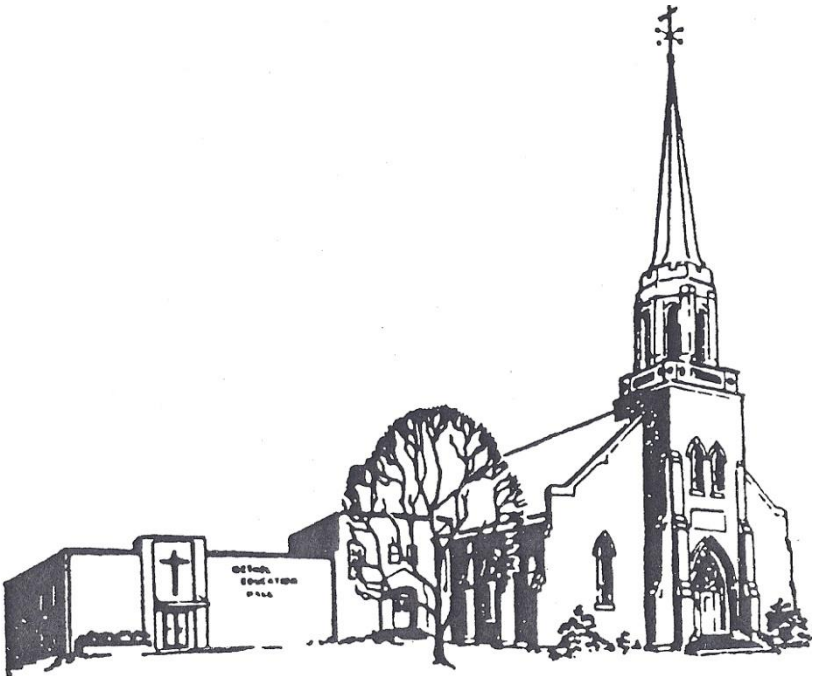
Nov. 5 Naomi Pepmeier (87th)
 14 Wendell Stoelting (88th)
 17 Etta Boberg ((80th)
 23 Marvin Deerhake (83rd)
 29 Shirley Miller (85th)
 30 Helen Mackey (86th)

Chimes news will be due on November 18th.

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