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## **FROM THE PASTORS STUDY**

As I write this article the leaves are taking on the colors of fall, my favorite season of the year. I have often thought that southern Indiana has to be one of the best places on Earth to live. The changing of the seasons are a sight to behold, with each season having something spectacular to offer. With all that being said, I think about the one who does not change. God.

Scripture offers us many wonderful examples of God's unchanging personality. Malachi 3:6 states that "I the Lord do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed." And from my favorite book of the Bible, James, we read from James 1:17. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadow." So as the seasons change, and yes with each season noting that with something spectacular there are also those things we rather do without, storms, ice and snow, mosquitoes, etc., take heart that we have a God who does not and will not change. His promises are forever.

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## **YOUTH PASTOR**

November 1<sup>st</sup> is The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church also known as IDOP. So we will talk about it a little on that Sunday and then the persecuted will just drift to the back of our minds. We might hear a news story that will jolt us to remember throughout the year but for the most part we don't think much about it. We live in a country that believes in religious freedom and we can worship when and where we want. But a lot of our brothers and sisters do not. It is estimated that 100 million Christians live under some type of persecution. It has been estimated that 105,000 Christian die every year for their faith. More Christians were martyred in the 20<sup>th</sup> century than in all other centuries combined.

I tell you this because while we may not be being persecuted directly, it still affects us greatly. We are told in Hebrews 13:3 “Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.” And in 1 Corinthians Paul talks about the church being one body and we all serve together in verse 26 he says “And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*”. We have brothers and sisters that are dying every day. We have brothers and sisters who are imprisoned every day. We have brothers and sisters who meet in secret every day, brothers and sisters who are unashamed of the Gospel and risk their very lives for it every day. Just think what the church in America could do if we had that type of boldness. Please pray for the persecuted.

In His Love,  
Pastor Mike

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### **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2015**

**October/November – Nancy Tilly**  
**December – Faithful Footprints**

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## Preschool

We are enjoying fall and the month of October at preschool! The month started off with the letter P and you cannot talk about P in October without talking about pumpkins. We would like to say a special thank you to Mr. Linneweber for bringing pumpkin for all of the kids to paint and take home. Besides painting pumpkins, we carved a pumpkin as a class as we read the pumpkin prayer and the book "Shine smiling pumpkin." The kids enjoyed carving a pumpkin as a class and had lots of funny things to say about the pumpkin as I carved it. We also made a pumpkin craft which are on display in my classroom.

After the letter P we talked about the letter O and made an Octopus craft that involved Math. We practiced writing the o in the air and on paper. This week was cut short by a trip to Apple Hill Orchard. The kids had a great time and several parents and siblings were able to attend which made the experience even more unique. We started off learning about the process in which the apples are picked and then got to go into the orchard to pick an apple of our very own! We then got to go back inside to watch how the apples are cleaned and sorted. We learned that the "bad" apples are used for apple cider, apple pie, and apple doughnuts. We watched and learned about a hand operated machine that peeled and cored the apple, the weather that day was beautiful and we ended the day playing outside at the Orchard. What a fun day it was!!

Before fall break we talked about the letter Hh. We read a story about a sheriff who thought he owed all his bravery to his 10 gallon hat. He believed that his hat helped keep him safe and helped home keep order in his town. The sheriff soon learned that it wasn't his hat but his heart. During this week we talked a lot about what it means to have a "good heart" and how God wants us to be kind to others and have a good heart. We also talked about how God wants us to believe in him and trust him with all our heart! The preschooler's were given a heart to take home on the heart they were asked to write an act of kindness that they had witnessed or committed themselves. They brought the heart back to school to share with the class. In addition to our heart we spent the week decorating hats and ended our last day before fall break parading around with our hats and hearts outside for the parents. To add to the fun... we also

welcomed fireman Michael from the Freelandville Fire Department. The kids got to hear about fire safety, ask questions, and of course get in the fire truck for a look around. Last but not least they got to hear the sirens as fireman Michael left the church and headed back to the fire department! It was a busy month and what a great last day before fall break it was!!!

We will be returning on Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>. During this week, we will have our Harvest Party and take a trip to the Freelandville community home.

Love,  
Mrs. Granderson

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. We took a field trip to Apple Hill Orchard and had a wonderful time! The children were able to learn how apples are grown, taken care of and how they are picked. We got to walk through the orchard and see the tractor and equipment that is used to take care of the orchard and the children all got to pick their very own apple! Then we were able to see how the apples are washed, sorted, sliced and even got to taste some delicious apple cider! Thank you so much to the Apple Hill Orchard staff for making this such a fun and memorable day for us!

Also, 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 out their very own pumpkin and then painting it! 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 (the ones who didn't mind) even got to touch and feel the slimy inside. 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. 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 Michael Kolhouse come in and talk to us about fire safety and what number we would call if we ever had an emergency. Fireman Michael and his Junior Firefighter Corbin 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 see the ladder and some of the controllers and, finally, everyone got a chance to sit inside. Thank you so much to Fireman Michael 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.

Thank you so much to all of you who came out to the preschool dinner! We had a wonderful turnout! ☺ Thank you to everyone who brought desserts and to the board members for making and serving the delicious meal. 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

November is approaching and we are learning all about fall and having fun too. We read "Shine Smiling Pumpkin", one of my fall favorites. It takes about how we should Share His Incredible News Everywhere. We learned that Jesus hand picks each of us, washes away our sins and cleans us out...very similar to each of us picking our very own pumpkin. We did get to pick our own pumpkin from Bethel's Pumpkin Patch. Thanks to Mr. Earl Linneweber for delivering and sharing with us. We had fun and are enjoying our pumpkins at home.

Letter B lead us to marching around the church playing in the band and then bowling, for the fun activities. We learned about Little Boy Blue and Pete the cat's groovy buttons that also helped us with shapes and counting. We talked about lots of books, but the Bible is our favorite. We like to be busy and moving all the time.

Joseph and his coat of many colors is a favorite of mine while learning about letter C. I explained to the kids that we were going to make our own coat with lots of colors on it. When we finished our puppets, one little girl was disappointed because she really thought we were making a coat she could wear. I have to be very careful what I say. We also talked about the cross and its importance to Christians. We did lots of counting with our cookie crisp and made colorful caterpillars. All the preschoolers are doing a great job using their listening skills and taking their turns at our different centers.

Dare to be a Daniel in a den of lions was all about letter D. We were happy to learn that Daniel was brave as he prayed and the lions didn't roar. We need to remember to always pray no matter what the situation is.

We had fun with lots of dog activities as we tried using scissors cutting along the dotted line to get the dog to his bone. I heard from many kids that scissors were not allowed in their homes. I know they have smart parents who keep them hidden. I expressed that we cut paper only and only when mom and dad says it is okay. We talked about how dogs play in the dirt, so we decided to do the same and play in the dirt. We made our very own dandy dirt dessert and it was even edible, not to mention yummy.

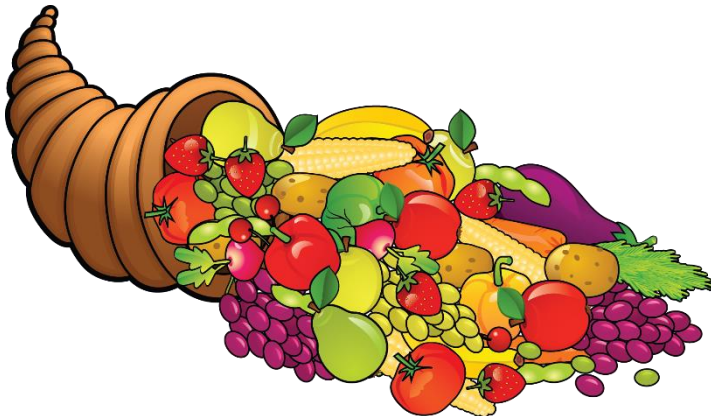
Letter E was all about our eyes and ears, and how they belong to God. We have to be careful what we see and hear, because God is watching. We read a story about an elephant who was not happy with his big ears. We learned through the elephant that we have to

be happy with what God gives us. God loves us all the same, and we should love others with that same kind of love.

A Freelandville Fire Fighter who came in a fire truck to teach us fire safety was a lot of help when learning about letter F. A special thanks to Michael Kolhouse to coming and showing us all about his fire truck, and giving us goodies to take home. We loved climbing in the front seat, pretending to drive, and the lights, sirens, and ladder were all cool to see.

I have heard many great prayers. The kids are honest and tell God exactly what is on their mind at that moment. Sometimes, we pray the same prayer 5-6 times during one class session, and other times our prayers are only understood by God, which is okay because he hears every prayer. Looking forward to fall, and all the changes that God thought of during this time of year. At the time of writing, we are on fall break, going on vacation, sleeping in, staying in our pajamas till supper time, or just taking it easy as we enjoy God's beauty. We will return and get ready to discuss Thanksgiving and our many blessings.

Harvest blessings to all,  
Mrs. Beth Durall



# Memorial Fund

## **In memory of Laverne Tilly:**

*Anon.  
Chuck Borgmeier/Tambria Leonard  
Linda Boyd  
Doris Brocksmith  
Kent/Brenda Brocksmith  
Ruth Brocksmith  
Michael Burch  
Gordon/Janet Clinkenbeard  
John/Lill Clinkenbeard  
Edgar D./Linda Hammelman  
Randy Hammelman family  
Mike/Angela Holscher  
Earl/Chris Horst  
Mike/Jean Johanningsmeier  
Max/Sara Kixmiller  
Tom/Joyce Kixmiller  
Joe/Virginia Koenig  
Rose Marie Marsh*

*Bruce/Terri Miller  
Mary Ann Miller  
Tim/Tonya Miller  
Leroy Pieper  
Bill/Darlene Resler  
Edith/Edna Rinsch  
Lucille Robbins  
Robbins Family  
Dixie Ruggles  
April C. Sims  
Herman/Etta Snyder  
Dale/Jane Tiek  
Herman/Nancy Tilly  
Lois Wampler  
Jim/Ruth Wesner  
Bill/Tammy Williams  
Gene/Carolyn Williams  
Mike/Pam Loheider*

Organ Fund: *Gertrude Hagemeyer*

## **In memory of Gladys Brocksmith:**

*Ed/Brenda Cummings  
Carol Gordy  
Butch/Bernettia Hollingsworth  
Cecelia (Kirchoff) Mathews  
Dallas Miller family*

*Mary Ann Miller  
Tel-Trans National Permit Service  
Lois Wampler  
Gene/Carolyn Williams*

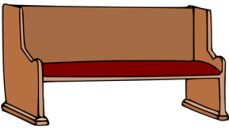
Organ Fund: *Gertrude Hagemeyer*



## Thank You

On behalf of our entire family, please accept our sincere thank you for allowing us to use your beautiful church for Daddy's visitation and burial service. There are a lot of wonderful family memories and events that have taken place at Bethel Church over several generations and it was only fitting that we were able to bring Daddy "home."

The Jack Bland family



There are 2 wooden pews in the Social Room that are for sale. Please submit bids to the office by November 9<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in purchasing them.



## **Totenfest**

### *Service of Remembrance*

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

*Ruth Sager, age 92 – died November 6, 2014*

*Wendell Stoelting, age 90 – died November 13, 2014*

*Vera Dunkerly, age 85 – died December 28, 2014*

*Charles Johanningsmeier, age 78 – died January 8, 2015*

*Marjorie Finke, age 95 – died February 4, 2015*

*Wayne Albrecht, age 62 – died February 13, 2015*

*Carolyn Volle, age 102 – died February 25, 2015*

*Richard Finke, age 92 – died March 11, 2015*

*Wayne Dunkerly, age 87 – died May 3, 2015*

*Hyla Richter, age 83 – died August 18, 2015*

*Jack Bland, age 80 – died September 3, 2015*

*Doris Volle, age 82 – died September 4, 2015*

*Laverne Tilly, age 85 – died September 8, 2015*

*Gladys Brocksmith, age 93 – died October 10, 2015*

## **GUILD**

Bethel Guild met in September with Judge Ryan Johanningsmeier speaking to us about his county judge position. Questions were asked by the ladies and he gave good answers. It was an interesting session for all 15 ladies.

At our meeting, it was reported that we gave 15 lap throws in August to residents at the Community Home. All were appreciated. It was also reported that the quilting ladies are enjoying their Tuesday afternoon quilting. They can always have more come to quilt. If you want to learn to quilt, they are great teachers.

Flyers were handed out to show items that have school box top coupons. They will best sent to the Indian Reservation that Jan Richter helps. A basket is in the Guild Room to collect them.

Our November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting is at 1:30, with Doris Richter giving a book review. Hostesses will be Shirley Brouhard and Tambria Leonard. Please bring Christmas gifts for NKSM.

Lill Clinkenbeard

## **January Mission Team**

What an awesome God we serve and what a generous body of Christ we have here at Bethel!! We stand amazed at what God has accomplished through all of you! This truly is a team effort and all of you are on our team whether you are physically going with us or are supporting us in other ways.

First of all, we have felt your prayers and we ask that you would continue to pray for the team, for the people we are going to serve and for the families that we are leaving behind. Prayer is a powerful tool that God has given all of us.

We raised over \$2,500 at our yard sale (thank you for all of your donations and for shopping with us), \$2,800 at the church auction (again, thank you for the items you donated and for your bids), \$1,100 at our car wash (thank you for bringing your dirty cars and thank you to Gary Memering for allowing us to use his facility and for supplying all we needed). God has blessed us abundantly! We feel that He is confirming that He has called us and that He will supply our every need.

Don't forget our last fundraiser is this Sunday: Soup Lunch after church- please join us for a delicious bowl of soup, sandwich and dessert.

I spoke to the director of global mission at Foundation for Peace and shared with her the size of our church and the generosity we had received and she was amazed! I told her we might be small in size but we have a big heart for missions!

We added a team member: Allan Mackey is joining us and we are happy to have him. Team members are: Susan (Sargent) Brocksmith, Janet Clinkenbeard, Matt Clinkenbeard, Karen DeCoursey, Mike Leydet, Allan Mackey, Bruce Miller, Noah Miller, Bill Resler, Christopher Sargent, Patrick Sargent, Jan & John Spanger, and Dale & Jane Tiek. We will be leaving Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> in the evening and arrive in the DR early Monday morning. We will come home on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep the prayers coming!



**Treasurer's Report**  
**1/1/2015 through 9/30/2015**

**Income:**

Atlas Gas	\$ 2,245.77	Mission Trip	\$ 7,033.50
Cemetery	6,809.45	Offering	167,739.19
Insurance	78.62	Preschool	32,972.70
Interest	3,667.32	Projector	2,500.00
Memorial	4,125.00	Rental	1,345.00
Memorial	8,222.00	Youth	<u>5,350.50</u>
Misc.	913.46		
Mission	5,346.07	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$248,348.50</b>

**Expenses:**

Books & Lit.	\$ 73.73	Propane	354.88
Cemetery	100.00	Scholarship	200.00
Choir	84.95	Secretary	8,693.10
Cust. Supplies	1,122.15	Shelter House	1,158.81
Custodian	9,360.30	Strate Acres	10,886.32
Electricity	8,536.00	Sub. Pastor	100.00
Emp. Withholding	14,284.03	Telephone	2,889.09
Gas	5,446.39	Waste removal	845.80
Gasoline	1,518.93	Water	738.29
Grounds keeper	7,577.18	YP Travel	1,692.52
Insurance	7,988.02	Youth	1,004.01
Main. & Repair	7,079.33	YP Expense	70.00
Misc.	9,451.68	Youth Pastor	<u>26,041.62</u>
Mission	35,378.54		
Music Director	6,711.22	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$260,981.12</b>
New equipment	17,617.07		
Office supplies	3,034.86		
Pastor	45,995.84		
Pastor travel	2,055.08		
Pest Control	1,067.80		
Postage	822.00		
Preschool teacher	12,851.14		
Preschool director	7,403.64		
Preschool Aide	746.80		

## **Bethel Church Council Minutes** **October 12, 2015**

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike's report included hospital visits, conducting a service at the Freelandville Community Home, officiating one wedding, and conducting two funerals. He is teaching confirmation classes two Sundays a month. There are eight confirmands – four seventh graders and four eighth graders.

**Youth Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarters for this football season were the best attended. There were five churches helping, and it made a big difference having so many people pulling together to make it a success. They have briefly discussed doing a couple of 5<sup>th</sup> Quarters during the basketball season. The youth were well represented at See you at the Pole on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. In total there were around eighty North Knox Jr. /Sr. High school students who gathered at the flag pole to pray that morning. The youth also helped with the preschool bazaar and with some of the preparations for the Sunday School picnic. Pastor Mike Leydet reported that thirteen youth and four adult chaperones will attend the Strength to Stand conference in January.

**Secretary's Report:** It was approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was approved as written. The money from the church auction totaled \$5741. This money was divided equally between the youth and the January Mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Joe Koenig and Bill Resler will put the cap on the chimney at the shelter house.

**Deacon's Report:** The average attendance for September was 165. The offering for the month of September totaled \$12, 139.

**Elder's Report:** John Spanger reported that 102 were served communion on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please notify a council member or Pastor Mike if you would like a home visit.

**Old Business:** All pictures have been sent in for the Pictorial Directory. 90% of our mission allocations for the year are complete. The motion was made by Garland Richter, seconded by John Spanger, and passed unanimously to purchase fifty chairs and five tables for the social room from Rural King. The council is taking bids for two wooden church pews that are presently in the social

room. If you are interested, please call the church office and submit your bid. Bids will be taken through November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** Ebony Chancellor-Grimm requested the council purchase a sweeper for use in the choir loft and balcony. Garland Richter made the motion, seconded by Pam Loheider, and passed unanimously to purchase a lighter weight sweeper for such use.

**Upcoming Events:**

October 25 – Mission trip dinner

November 1 – Totenfest



**Parish Records:**

**Deaths:** Gladys Brocksmith, age 93, died on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on October 14, 2015.

**Births:** Brandon and Holly Spanger welcomed baby Turner Michael on September 26. He weighed 9 lb. 1 oz., and was 20 ½ inches. He is also welcomed by brother, Conner, and sister, Heidi. Matthew and Kelsey Houchin welcomed baby Tatum Devore on October 19. He weighed 5 lb. 3 oz., and was 19 inches long.

**Attendance:**

Sept. 27 190  
 Oct. 4 141  
 Oct. 11 136  
 Oct. 18 155

**Greeters:**

Nov. 1 – Brandon & Holly Spanger  
 Nov. 8 & 15 – Tim & Tonya Miller  
 Nov. 22 & 29 – Clay and Brandy Williams

**Ushers:** Jason and Brooke Boyles

**Nursery (Sunday School):**

Nov. 1 Lana Dike/Holly Spanger  
 8 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike  
 15 Krista Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
 22 Diane Telligman/Carole Albrecht  
 29 Krista Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer

**Nursery Notes (Worship):**

Nov. 1 Rylee Hammelman/Theresia Barrett  
 8 Reeva Hammelman/Cally Miller  
 15 Kelci Johanningsmeier/Brianna Page  
 22 Tracey and Hailley Kahre  
 29 Jenny Clinkenbeard/Ashley Durall

**Children's Church:**

Nov. 1 Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall  
 8 Tracey Kahre/Liberty Lemberg  
 15 Bonnie Organ/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman  
 22 Dale Tiek/Tiffany Granderson  
 29 No Children's Church

**November birthdays:**

4 Betty Miller (80<sup>th</sup>)  
 5 Naomia Pepmeier (89<sup>th</sup>)  
 17 Etta Boberg (82<sup>nd</sup>)  
 21 Jack Miller (80<sup>th</sup>)  
 23 Marvin Deerhake (85<sup>th</sup>)  
 29 Shirley Miller (87<sup>th</sup>)  
 30 Jack Brouhard (82<sup>nd</sup>)

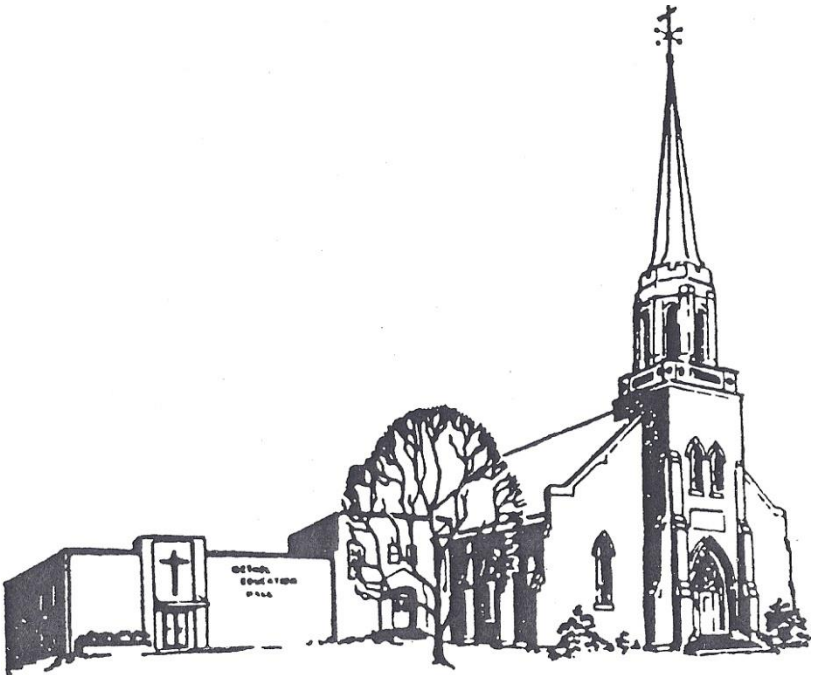
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