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Nancy Tilly (2021)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

As we prepare to celebrate Easter once again let us not forget the sacrifice behind the holiday. Too many times we concentrate on the changing of the season that accompanies Easter and forget the true meaning of the holiday. Easter for the believer must be more than new Easter outfits, Easter egg hunts and etc. Easter must be coming face to face with the fact that what we read in John 3:16 has come to pass. God does love us so much that He did allow His son Jesus to be nailed to that cruel cross. As believers we must treat this holiday differently than the way the world would treat the holiday. Our emphasis needs to be on worship rather than pleasure; our emphasis must be on reflection and then and only then can we celebrate the true meaning behind Easter. Let us celebrate this Easter for indeed the tomb remains empty.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2017

March/April/May – Faithful Footprints

June – Vacation Bible School

July/August – Mission Committee

September – Preschool

October/November - Choir

December – Christian Partners

YOUTH PASTOR

As I write this, I have just come off working a Chrysalis. Our theme verse for the weekend was John 3:30 “He must increase, but I must decrease”. I stood in a room and watched as 26 girls did just that. They laughed together. They sang together. They cried together. It was an amazing few days, but we all had to leave Camp Illiana on Monday evening. We had to return to our normal lives and the problems that are associated with just going through life every day. But my prayer for them is that they don’t forget what it feels like to be in awe of our God. I pray that they remember what it feels like to worship with abandon and not care what anyone around them is doing or thinking. I pray that they remember that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead also lives in them. I pray that they continue the journey of dying to self to be able to fully live in Christ. And I pray the same thing for all of you.

In His love,
Pastor Mike

GUILD

Bethel Guild didn't meet in February, but we will meet on March 1st at 9:30 am for a cleaning morning. We will clean the kitchen, and if time permits we will work and clean in the church library.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 with Doris Richter and Lill Clinkenbeard as hostesses. There will be a meeting after lunch to finalize our Lenten breakfast, Saturday, April 1st at 9:00 am. The speaker will be Dr. Darrel Bobe. Plan to come for a morning of great fellowship, good food and an inspirational program.

For our March meeting, please bring peanut butter for North Knox Social Ministries.

Lill Clinkenbeard

****Just a note of interest....Darlene Wegner Christians sent me a note telling of the death of Festus Paul, 93 years old. He was raised by Wegener's, and graduated from Freelandville High School in 1941. He was a cheer leader the year the Fighting Dutch basketball team beat the Vincennes Alices.**

Darlene send a clipping of Festus' life, and it will be on our bulletin board in Bethel Hall. Read it as it is very interesting.

Thank You

To my Bethel Church Family,

Thank you all so very much for the phone calls, text messages, food, visits, words of encouragement, and prayers as we laid our dad and Pops to rest. Although we grieve and miss him every day, we do find comfort in knowing that he is rejoicing with our mom. We thank God every day that he gave his son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross so that we may have eternal life. Praise God and much love to you all. We are so blessed to be a part of the Bethel Family.

Love,
Stacey, Travis, Hailley and Trevor Kahre

I have heard your prayers and seen your tears. I will heal you.
2 Kings 20:50

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and memorial gifts in Jeff Miller's name. They were greatly appreciated.

Shirley Miller family

Nurses on a Mission

Thank you Bethel for your partnership with Nurses on a Mission. This is our 4th medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic and you have been a part of every trip. This year a group of 22 will leave for the DR on March 1st and return on March 8th. The group includes 2 nursing instructors, (7) 2nd year nursing students and 11 RNs (all alum from other trips) and 1 carpenter, turned pharmacist in the DR.

We will be doing 4 days of medical missions to people living in communities around Santo Domingo. The people we see are from very poor communities- many with no access to clean water. We hope to see around 500 people per day- 2,000 in all. They will be of all ages- usually from a few days old to people in their 90s. Most do not speak English so we communicate through interpreters and our smiles. We not only give out medication and medical supplies, but we give hope. We let them know that they are not forgotten, that people from the USA are willing to help and most importantly that Jesus loves them!

Thank you for your generous donations of prenatal and children's vitamins. Thank you for your monetary donations. Thank you for being the "Bethel Bagging Brigade" and helping us bag up some of the medications for our trip. We had over 40 people show up on Sunday, February 12th and at the end of the night we had many volunteering to "do it again" on Wednesday, February 15th. It was a great evening of fellowship and fun. When we were done we prayed over the medications and we could feel God's Spirit among us- it was truly a blessed time.

Your heart for people who live in another country and who you will probably never meet here on earth is amazing! God bless you!

Preschool

February has been a fun, busy month.

Letter N was a little nutty, as we read “Nuts to You”, a book about a friendly little squirrel. We got to shuck the corn hulls off the cob, count out nine pecans and peanuts for a treat to feed the squirrels when we got home. I also asked the kids to bring in one item from home that described them in a nut shell. We learned a lot about each other during this fun activity. We also talked about the numbers and the night sky that God gave us.

Letter O was obeying others, and sometimes that is just hard to do, but we decided to try it. We talked about owls and how God gave them night vision, and we thought that was just weird: we can’t see at night. One little boy thinks he would like sit with the owl the in the tree all night long.

Policemen Terry and Kevin brought in the Bicknell police dog, Alvin, to help us learn about their job. We learned not to be afraid of them. Of course, it was the coldest day of the year, but we like being outside seeing the police car, and all the lights. They are our friends and there to help us. A big thanks to them for coming and sharing with us. We also made pretty pink pigs out of paper bags for a puppet play by preschoolers as we talked about and read “the Prodigal Son”. Of course, we painted, played and pretended during the week also.

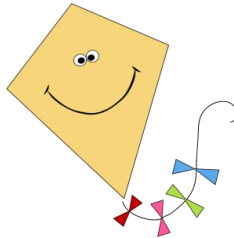
We learned about Queen Esther and how she helped save God’s people during Q week. We tried to be quiet and quick, but really could only do one—we are preschoolers with lots of energy. We got to paint with q-tips and talked about questions we might have for Jesus. Some questions we had were “Why is the sky blue, gray and dark? And How Does Jesus know all about us?”

Letter R was colorful as we talked about rainbows and the promise that God gave to us. We wrapped yarn around cardboard and made rainbows to hang in the hallway. We made robots from recycled material and glued them on red paper.

We had fun parties for Valentine's Day and talked about how we share God's love every day, not just one day a year. We have been working hard on our songs and crafts for dads and we are excited for a special date with them at the end of the month.

A special thanks to all the prayer partners. The kids may not know you, but they know someone prays for them daily, and they love receiving their cards or other items you send.

Beth Durall



Wow! February seemed to just fly by as we kept busy, busy, busy in the MWF preschool classes! We have been enjoying the weather and were thrilled that we have had several days that have been warm enough to allow us to practice zipping up our coats and get outside to run and play! We even had one day that was so sunny any beautiful outside that we ventured over to the Ark to play for a while! 😊

During V week we were very excited to have a special visitor! Mr. Chuck (Borgmeier) brought in his violin to show to the preschoolers and tell them about it and how he had come to begin playing the instrument. They loved hearing the songs he played! You can imagine how excited they all were to hear him play several different songs. Thank you, Mr. Chuck, for taking the time to come in and share with our preschoolers that it is never too late to learn something new!

We also celebrated Valentine's Day with a party for each class. The mothers did such a wonderful job planning a fun day full of crafts, games, and yummy snacks. We had a wonderful month as we celebrated the love we have for Jesus, our family, our friends and

the love we receive in return! We read lots of stories about love and kindness and made lots of heart crafts. I hope you were able to browse through the preschool hallway and enjoy some of the children's quotes about their friends and what they love about each other. We were also able to show our appreciation and love for our prayer partners by sending letters in the mail. The children had so much fun stamping the front of their letter and then signing their name using their very best handwriting (they knew these were special postcards for very special people!) We really appreciate our prayer partners! 😊

By the time you read this we will have had Donuts with Dad. Right now, we are counting down each day to the special day marked on our calendar. We are having fun deciding which songs to sing and making a small keepsake. The kids are so excited to have a special day with their Daddy.

I am looking forward to some warmer days and more blessed moments God has in store for us during our preschool days. Thank you for the continued love, support, and prayers that are continually sent our way.

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Edna Rinsch:
North Knox Intermediate School

In memory of Rowe Sargent:
Gertrude Hagemeyer
Rita M. Rish
Mark and Diane Telligman
Gene and Carolyn Williams

Lenten Schedule

March 1 – Ash Wednesday (Communion) – Pastor Mike

March 8 – Speaker will be Brandee Downs

March 15 – Speaker will be Danny Pierson

March 22 – The Red Letter Group will be here

March 29 – Speaker will be Peter Haskins

April 1 – Guild's Lenten Breakfast – speaker will be Dr. Darrel Bohe

April 5 – Speaker will be Scott Shipman

Great Value in Disaster

Thomas Edison's laboratory was virtually destroyed by fire in December, 1914. Although the damage exceeded \$2 million, the buildings were only insured for \$238,000 because they were made of concrete and thought to be fireproof. Much of Edison's life's work went up in spectacular flames that December night.

At the height of the fire, Edison's 24-year old son, Charles, frantically searched for his father among the smoke and debris. He finally found him, calmly watching the scene, his face glowing in the reflection, his white hair blowing in the wind.

"My heart ached for him," said Charles. "He was 67 - no longer a young man - and everything was going up in flames. When he saw me, he shouted, "Charles, where's your mother?" When I told him I didn't know, he said, "Find her. Bring her here. She will never see anything like this as long as she lives."

The next morning, Edison looked at the ruins and said, "There is great value in disaster. All our mistakes are burned up. Thank God we can start anew."

Three weeks after the fire, Edison managed to deliver his first phonograph.

- *The Sower's Seeds*

Children's Church

We are in need of additional teachers for Children's Church, particularly for the elementary age group. If you are interested in helping, please call Bonnie Organ at 812-910-0156.

Bethel Church Council Minutes

February 20, 2017

Meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer by President Kevin Hammelman.

Pastor's Report: Mike DeCoursey reported on his pastoral duties. He completed 1 funeral this past month and provided services to folks at Freelandville Nursing home.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported took his youth group to the Strength to stand where several youth went forward to accept Jesus Christ. Mike will be following up with those children. We also discussed inviting the youth to Lent Service.

Secretary's Report: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by new Treasurer, Virginia Koenig. Virginia is using a new accounting software. Report was approved as written.

Building and Grounds: Joe Koenig reported on the Building and Grounds committee. New carpet is to be installed by Pieper carpet and we are waiting for Wolfe Construction to start on the roof. We still need to get flooring bids for the area in front of the preschool entrance. Joe will follow-up.

Deacon's Report: Approved as written.

Elder's Report: Visits will be provided on an as needed basis. Alter Communion will be on Ash Wednesday. Maundy Thursday service will be Pew Communion.

Old Business:

- **Bathroom walls-Women's restroom at Shelter House-**
- **Sanctuary Door-Mike Leydet will follow-up**

- **Flooring bids**-In front of the preschool-Joe Koenig to follow-up.
- **New Keyboard**-has been purchased with insurance money. Karen is very appreciative. We still need to purchase a dolly for it.
- **Roof**-Wolfe Construction will be contacting the church soon to start the construction.
- **Bethel Hall Bathrooms**-have been completed
- **Life after Meth Banquet**-will be held on 2/23/17 and Bethel does purchase a table if any members would like to attend, see Pastor Mike.
- **Heart to Heart Banquet**- March 7 at the Free Methodist Church in Vincennes. Bethel Members are invited.

New Business:

- **Van Fund** -\$550 from donations in January. \$3600 from the Sargent Memorial Fund. We also discussed applying for local grants. Mike Leydet will follow-up with potential grants.
- **Sound System Updates:** council approved the purchase of new cordless microphones and earpieces.
- **Staff dinner**-Will be held in mid-march at McKinley's. More information provided by the next council meeting.
- **Job Descriptions/Employee Contracts:** Kevin passed out job descriptions and employee contracts for the senior Pastor, youth pastor, secretary, caretaker, groundskeeper, preschool teacher, and assistant teacher. The council is charged with reviewing the contracts and supplying feedback at the next council meeting so we can get them updated.
- **Separate Charge card for the youth:** Virginia Koenig will pick up a card that will be for the youth only. This will make recordkeeping easier.
- **Rightnow Media services:** Is a customizable bible video/library services. It's a web-based online tool to allow over 15,000 bible study lessons and every church member will have access to the site with a subscription purchased by the church. Subscription is \$130 per month and can be canceled at any time. Virginia Koenig made the motion and

Terry Perkins 2nd to purchase a subscription. Education will be provided to the members at a later date.

- **Website:** Is outdated and needs to be updated to reach new members. More information to follow.
- **Armor Bearers:** Is this weekend. Mike Leydet is on the planning committee and said the event has a sizable increase in participants but is short on funds. Council approved \$500 from the mission fund to support Armor Bearers. Joe Koenig made the motion, Justin French seconded. Motion Carried.

Ministries: Pastor Mike to follow up with Jenny Clinkenbeard.

Coming Events: February 25 –Donuts with Dad

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 13, 2017.

Conclusions and Impressions – Author unknown

Little Johnny had been bringing his drawings home from kindergarten every day since he started a month ago. Each day his mother admired the pictures and hung them on the refrigerator. One thing started bothering her. Little Johnny only used black and browns for his drawings. Fearing a problem and not wanting it to get worse, she decided to take him to a child psychologist.

The psychologist delicately went to work. He gave Little Johnny a battery of psychological tests. He chatted with Little Johnny. Everything seemed perfectly normal. Every day for two weeks, the tests continued. Yet everyday, Little Johnny continued to bring home drawings in only blacks and browns.

Frustrated at not being able to get to the root of the problem and fearful that something was terribly wrong, the child psychologist decided to give Little Johnny some paper and a box of crayons and observe what happened.

Little Johnny opened the box of crayons and said, "Oh, Boy! A new box of crayons! At school we only have old boxes. The only ones left in mine are black and brown!"

Parish Records:

Attendance:

Jan. 22 169
Jan. 29 166
Feb. 5 142
Feb. 12 125
Feb. 19 100

Greeters:

Mar. 5 – Ernie & Monica Russell
Mar. 12 & 19 – Michael & Brandy Toney
Mar. 26 & Apr. 2 – Dan & Linda Kixmiller

Ushers: Clint & Beth Durall

Nursery (Sunday School):

Mar. 5 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
12 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Holly Spanger
19 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
26 Diane Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Mar. 5 Tracey and Hailley Kahre
12 Reeva Hammelman & Brenda Maddox
19 Brianna Page and Rylee Hammelman
26 Brittany & Stacy Page

Children's Church:

Mar. 5 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Ryan Johanningsmeier
12 Liberty Lemberg
19 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman/Bonnie Organ
26 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Dale Tiek

March Birthdays:

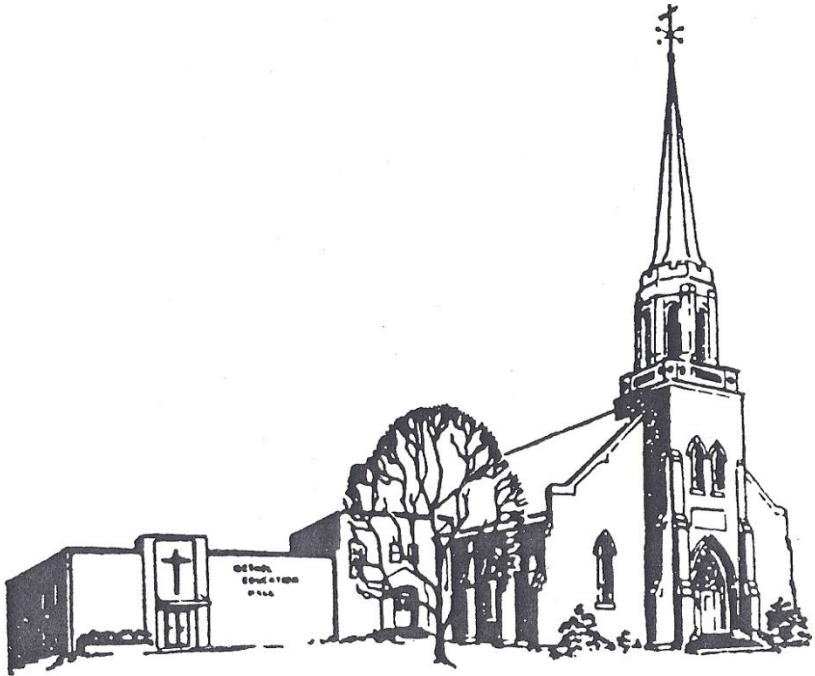
6 Darwin Emmel (85th)
15 Mary Ann Frye (80th)
23 Carl Johanningsmeier (88th)

Chimes news will be due on March 20th.

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