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Kevin Hammelman, President (2018) Stacey Kahre (2020)

Justin French, Vice President (2020) Joe Koenig (2018)

Pam Loheider, Secretary (2019) Sam Miller (2019)

Virginia Koenig, Treasurer (2021) Terry Perkins (2021)

Nancy Tilly (2021)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Pastor Mike is home recovering from surgery. His article will return next month.

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2017

October/November - Choir
December – Christian Partners

YOUTH PASTOR

I think that our community needs to hear the Gospel. I am thankful that we have a church that believes and preaches the truth of the Gospel, but most people in our community do not come to our church on Sunday morning. Our community also needs to see the Gospel. But if they don't come to our church, how will they hear and see the Gospel? The answer is quite simple; we have to take the Gospel to them. We are planning an opportunity to do just that. We are planning on having our second Trunk or Treat on October 31st at the Freelandville community center. I would love to see as many people from our church involved with this as possible. Trunk or Treat is pretty simple, you decorate the trunk of your car, or van or the bed of your truck, and hand out candy. We will also have hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks available inside the community center. This is an excellent opportunity to show the community the love of Christ and connect people in our community with Bethel Church. I considered last year's event a huge success and was overwhelmed by the number of people that showed up to participate. This year will be a little different, as we will be having it on a weeknight, but I have confidence that we can make this year's Trunk or Treat even better than last year's.

In His Love,
Pastor Mike

GUILD

Our church sanctuary looked beautiful on Sunday, Sept. 17th for Harvest Home. What a variety of God's goodness was displayed. Thanks to all who brought items to be displayed and helped in any way. Our speakers were Susan Sargent Brocksmith, and our own Karen DeCoursey from the Kenyan Mission Team.

Our prayers continue for Lill Clinkenbeard and Edith Rinsch who are still in Good Samaritan, slowly improving, but still in need of prayers.

For our October meeting, we are planning to go to Bobe's in Sullivan for lunch on October 4th. We will meet at the Church at 11:00 a.m. To make your reservation, call Doris Richter at 812-328-2269, or Doris Brocksmith at 812-328-6153. Hope to see you then for a day of good fellowship and good food.

All women are welcome at Guild.

God is so good!

Doris Brocksmith

The Bethel Guild arranged for the Harvest Home Service on Sunday, September 17th. The vegetables and fruit jars, and many new and old items were arranged for the congregation to see easily. All the quilts were beautiful, and the old wool comforter, too.

Our Guild President, Lill Clinkenbeard, serves many ways, even while in the hospital.

Bethel is Blessed!

Dorothy Spanger

Preschool

September was a very busy month at preschool! We began working on the letters of the alphabet this month. So far, we have worked on the letters M and F. We have read about Moses, learned two new memory verses, painted beautiful rainbow fish, and made Magnificent Muffins! The children loved getting to paint with feathers on the fence!

One of our favorite days was Grandparent's Day! The children were so excited to get to bring their grandparents to school on September 8th in celebration of Grandparent's Day. What a memorable day it was for everyone! The "Keep my teachings as the apple of your eye" bulletin board in the social room went perfectly with our apple-themed day as the children sang songs for their grandparents. 😊 A tasty brunch was enjoyed by all followed by the children taking their grandparents on a tour of the preschool hallway and classroom. I loved watching the children and their grandparents get creative with their apple craft that they completed together. I so appreciate the many kind comments from the grandparents who

attended and must thank them as well for making this such a special time for their grandchild. It was wonderful to have Pastor Mike Leydet stop in for a visit. I must send a big thank you to the Preschool Board Members who helped provide the food for the day and to Lesa Houghland and Ramona Hammelman who helped serve the food. Also, thank you to Miss Jennifer, who took pictures of each grandchild and grandparent. Be sure to stop by the preschool hallway to see the apple craft projects that were completed by the children and their grandparents as well as photos taken of them during Grandparent's Day. 😊

We had many other wonderful days at preschool last month and I look forward to sharing many more with you this coming school year. Continue to keep us in your prayers as each child grows and is filled with Jesus' love each day.

I'm looking forward to a beautiful October as the signs of autumn continue to surround us with our Heavenly Father's love and blessings.

Love,
Liberty Lemberg



Hello, fall, although we sure think it has been hot outside as we have been in God's great outdoors lately. We love all the new equipment at the shelter house. We have watched many changes at cemetery entrance since preschool began. We are lucky to have a great area at preschool to play, witness God's beauty, and enjoy the scenery. Thanks to everyone who has taken part in upgrading and beautifying our church.

We are working hard on learning to write our name and recognize it. We are working hard on our shapes, colors, counting, and other basic preschool concepts.

We had our Grandparent's Day celebration with 123 in attendance: these preschoolers are loved. The kids did super staying on stage and performing our songs. One little boy didn't mind singing until the last song, "He Knows my Name" which he said out loud, oh that's the long one, but he made it through. I love to hear all the stories of things they all do with "old gigi" and "great pap". It is never a dull moment when there are 24 kids that want to talk at the same time.

We started learning and talking about our letters, and of course we start at letter A. We loved talking about all the amazing animals that were in the Ark because Noah obeyed and listened to God. We can make many strange animal sounds that make us giggle. We talked about how God gave us lots of apples in 3 basic colors. We had to sample a red, green and yellow one to determine which one was the class favorite. Everyone sampled even though some were like no way am I going to eat that. When our friends are talking about how good it is, we join in and decide the apples were yummy.

Thanks to all of you for the books, stickers and paper you have donated. We appreciate your kindness. We are blessed. Looking forward to continuing to learn more about each sweet preschooler that has been sent my way this year.

Love,
Mrs. Durall

Body Parts

The Judeo-Christian tradition has always been concerned with the body. It is not a “spiritualized” religion. Jesus said, “This is my body broken for you.” Paul speaks of spiritual body” in the resurrection. Can you identify the parts of the body referred to in the verses below?

1. “The _____ of the wise seeks knowledge.”
2. “Keep me as the apple of the _____.”
3. “Take heed to the path of your _____.”
4. “True instruction was in his _____.”
5. “Cleanse your _____, you sinners.”
6. “This is the _____ of God.”
7. “I put a jewel on thy _____. (KJV)
8. “His _____ shone like the sun.”
9. “Hiding my iniquity in my _____.”
10. “Underneath are the everlasting _____.”

Answers:

1. ear, Proverbs 18:15
2. eye, Psalm 17:8
3. feet, Proverbs 4:26
5. hands, James 4:8
6. finger, Exodus 8:19
7. forehead, Ezekiel 16:12
8. face, Matthew 17:2
9. bosom, Job 31:33
10. arms, Deuteronomy 33:27

Missionary Translation Woes

The worst part of being a missionary is the language. You're unable to communicate or understand the most basic aspects of life, from "Where's the bathroom?" to "How much do you want for that mange? In no time at all, you feel like the stupidest person on the face of the earth, such as when I told the yard boy, "Remember, I am garbage: instead of "Remember to take out my garbage." (I guess it was a tacit admission to being white trash.)

Although I didn't do any preaching in Haiti, I did try to share the gospel with a number of people. The first conversation I had along those lines went something like this:

"If you accept Jesus Christ, he will take away your dogs" "My dogs? I don't have any dogs." Everyone has dogs, ma'am. But when Jesus forgive them, it though you never had a dog your entire life."

Bill Smith an Assemblies of God missionary I worked with in Haiti, told me he once had instructed an entire church that if anyone wanted to become followers of Christ, they should signify by raising their legs into the air and coming forward on their hands.

Lots of puzzled looks, very little response to the altar call.

But the all-time most embarrassing gaffe has to go to Dale Preiser, another AoG missionary I me who turned red when I mentioned this to him at a church dinner. The word Dale had wanted to use on this occasion was "Mambo," a voodoo priestess.

Instead he said mamba," and gave several impassioned sermons up and down Highway One about the dangers of Christians returning to voodoo and shipwrecking their faith and the faith of others by using peanut butter. (I'm told people were very open to this teaching, and sales of peanut butter plummeted wherever Dale went.)

~Chris Long~

Thank You

To my Bethel Family,
I am truly humbled by all the love, prayers, and support I received this past weekend on my Walk to Emmaus. It was one of the best decisions I ever made. I am looking forward to growing my relationship with Jesus! So proud to be a member of this Church! *Thanks again!*

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Yours in Christ,
Travis Kahre
SIWE '55a'

Our family appreciated greatly Pastor Mike's visits, the prayers that were said for Mom, and the wonderful meal prepared by the Ladies Guild. Bethel was her home, and we feel peace that she is back at her home.

The family of Bertha Conrad

We want to thank the Church for the support that they gave to us on our trip to Africa. It was both an exciting and humbling experience. Without your support and prayers, we could not have been able to do this – only dream of it.

Thank you.

Patrick and Chris Sargent

Memorial Fund

In memory of Bertha Conrad:

Randy & Theresia Barrett

Gertrude Hagemeyer

Roger & Chris Johanningsmeier

Vera Jones

James McCallister

Robert & Charlene Slayton

Gerald Snyder Family

Bethel Church Council Minutes **September 11, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Hammelman and opened with prayer by Terry Perkins.

President Kevin Hammelman read a letter from Pastor Mike. In his letter, Pastor Mike gave an update of his progress since his surgery. He expressed his thanks to the council and the church for their prayers, visits, foods, etc. He gave a big shout out to Pastor Mike Leydet for leading the church in his absence.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet's report included making hospital and home visits, conducting the Freelandville Community Church service during the Autumn Fest celebration, and conducting a church service at the Freelandville Community Home. He attended the preschool grandparent's day breakfasts.

Pastor Mike reported that the youth's car wash went well, and the first 5th Quarter held at the high school after the football game was well attended. He held an informational meeting with the parents of the youth explaining expectations, upcoming trips, and Bible study.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written.

Mission Allocation: The following was approved: Guild - \$1500

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for August was 175.

The August offering totaled \$14,724.07.

Elder's Report: Kevin Hammelman reported that the elders met prior to the meeting to discuss visitation. World Wide Communion will be October 1st. He reminded council members to contact Pastor Mike Leydet or one of the elders if a visit is needed or requested.

Building and Grounds: Joe Koenig reported that the locks for the preschool doors have been installed. He fixed the entryway to the Educational Building. Kevin Hammelman replaced the faucet in the church's kitchen. Joe stated that Pieper's Carpet will install linoleum on the landing going into the preschool during fall break. The new playground equipment at the shelter house has been installed. Bill Resler, Terry Perkins, Garland Richter, and Bruce Miller planted the trees in the grove.

Old Business:

- Current van fund - \$15,500.24.

- Karen DeCoursey is obtaining figures for sound system upgrades.
- Kevin Hammelman continues to pursue internet options.
- Kevin Hammelman reported on estimates he received in regard to resolving the mold issue in the church office. He stated that the congregation will need to vote on the next step regarding the mold. Plans are to have a congregational meeting on October 1st.

New Business:

- Pastor Mike Leydet was contacted by the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) about hosting their quarterly breakfasts at Bethel for the 2017-18 school year. There would be approximately seventy-five students in attendance. The FCA would be responsible for all cooking and cleaning. The social room would be in use from approximately 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Pam Loheider, and passed unanimously to allow the FCA to host their breakfasts at Bethel for the 2017-18 school year.
- Kevin Hammelman will get a bid from Pieper's Carpet on replacing the carpet and the bathroom flooring in the parsonage.
- The money received at the church auction will be divided equally between the van fund and the general fund.
- Kevin Hammelman passed out current policies and procedures regarding weddings at Bethel. He asked members to look over the policy for discussion at the next meeting.
- Sunday School Office placement – It was decided to move the current Sunday School office to the room now used by Marvin and Jan Richter for youth meetings. Their youth meetings will now be held in the room across from the library.
- Joe Koenig will look into replacing the toilet in the preschool bathroom.

- Kevin Hammelman reported that he got an estimate from Color Magic for cleaning the carpet in the sanctuary. Virginia Koenig made the motion, seconded by Stacey Kahre, and passed unanimously to have Color Magic clean the carpeting.
- Garland Richter, Terry Perkins, and Kevin Hammelman will serve on the Cemetery Committee. Justin French will check on a computer program for mapping the cemetery.
- Scott Page has agreed to replace Terry Perkins on the Cemetery Trust Fund.
- Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Pam Loheider, to move Pastor Mike Leydet and his family into the parsonage. Motion passed.
- Kevin Hammelman reminded council members to meet at 8:00 a.m. on the 24th to set up for worship in the grove.

Upcoming Events:

October 1 – World Wide Communion

October 1 – Preschool Bazaar/Meal from 5p.m.-7p.m.

October 14 – Youth attending the Big Church Night Out concert

October 31 – Trunk or Treat at the Freelandville Community Center



Parish Records:

Attendance:

Aug. 27 (comm. service) October 1 – Clint & Beth Durall
Sept. 3 142 Oct. 8 & 15 – Herman & Nancy Tilly
Sept. 10 146 Oct. 22 & 29 – Justin & Traci French
Sept. 17 138

Greeters:

Ushers: Scott & Lana Dike

Nursery (Sunday School):

Oct. 1 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 8 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
 15 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Carole Albrecht
 22 Diane Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 29 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Oct. 1 Tori French/Reeva Hammelman
 8 Rylee Hammelman/Jenny Clinkenbeard
 15 Jesse Organ/Emilee Organ
 22 Bonnie Organ/Beth Durall
 29 Brenda Maddox/Ramona Hammelman

Children's Church:

Oct. 1 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Randy & Ashley Archer
 8 Liberty Lemberg/Bonnie Organ/Pam Loheider
 15 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman/Micah Morgan
 22 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox
 29 No Children's Church

October Birthdays:

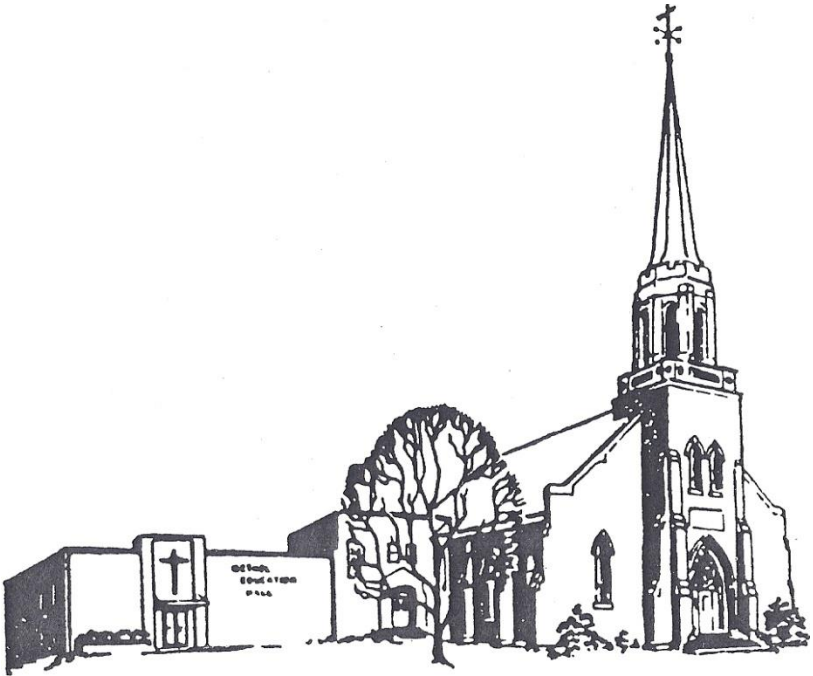
9 Kara Johanningsmeier (85th)
13 Janet Tilly (80th)
14 Joe Malone (82nd)
17 James Benedict (88th)
18 Dorothy Spanger (84th)
18 Mary Miller (82nd)
27 Lois Repass (86th)

Chimes news will be due on October 18th.

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