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### **Council members:**

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**

We read in John 14:13 that Jesus will do whatever we ask in His name in order that the Father may be glorified. What does this mean for the believer? The word whatever is the key to this verse and unfortunately there are times when the children of the Most High take this verse out of context. Whatever means not just whatever, but instead whatever is in the will of God. That is the key to the verse, being in God's will whenever we pray.

As believers we must allow the Holy Spirit to help us think the way God thinks and to desire the things God desires.

When this happens we realize that the more we grow the more we want to go God's way instead of our own way. Therefore when we pray, we pray for the things on God's heart, the things He desires.

We won't always pray for the right things. Jesus may not always answer our prayer the way we believe He should. But, He promises to answer our prayer in a way that Honors His Father.

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

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## **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2017**

**October/November - Choir  
December – Christian Partners**

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### **GUILD**

Fifteen ladies went to Bobe's Restaurant in Sullivan for lunch in October. We enjoyed a variety of food, and then they gave us homemade cookies – “hot from the oven” for dessert. Yum!

For our November meeting, we are to do a “kind deed for someone,” and report back to the Guild meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Just think, how many people we can make happy between now and November 1<sup>st</sup>!

Our hostesses will be Vera Jones and Doris Brocksmith.

It was great to see Lill back in Church October 15<sup>th</sup> after her extended stay at Good Samaritan Hospital. She is spending some time at the Freelandville Home for therapy. Hang in there, Lill”

Doris Brocksmith

### **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. 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. 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 Firemen John (Streeter) and Andrew (Maze) come in and talk to us about fire safety and what number we would call if we ever had an emergency. They 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 John and Fireman Andrew 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 the board members for making 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

We are off to a great preschool year. We are into a routine, and the kids let me know when I change things up and don't go in order. It's not to confuse them, sometimes it just works better.

We are learning to sit on our pockets and listen during story time. We are working hard on our fine motor skills, colors, shapes, and other basic preschool concepts. We love to make a mess, we learn that way too. We are learning about Jesus and his sweet love for each of us, and we are having fun. I have heard many good prayers and the kids know now when someone is absent from class, we pray for them. We pray at snack time, have a good bye pray and sometimes we pray just because one student asks if we can.

Letter B kept us busy as we painted with a bouncy ball, made a big brown bear, talked about several books, but learned the Bible is the best one of all. We got to use our balance beam, bubbles and build with our blocks. We loved playing in Bethel's Band. One little girl said "this was my best day ever."

Just when the caterpillar thought his life was over, God made him into something new, a colorful beautiful butterfly. We had a great letter C week as we talked about the cross and how we love Jesus for dying there for all of us. We also read "Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors." We all wanted to be Joseph in our play because of his coat and he was his dad's favorite. We also learned that sometimes it is good to be crazy, especially when we are serving Jesus.

We read "Daniel and the Lion's Den," and talked about how Daniel was scared when he was with the roaring lions, but God was with him and quitted the lions to help us study letter D. We got to go to cooking class as we made Dandy Dirt Dessert and made a dog craft.

Letter E was about an elephant who had to be happy even though her big ears and trunk were different than her friends. We learned that we have to accept what God gives us and be happy with who we are. God loves us all the same. We learned about Humpty Dumpty and tried to put our egg back together. We talked about how God is the only one who can perform miracles like that. We all got one egg to drop off of wall and

watch them each break. We all got to take a quail egg home to experiment with later.

We read "Shine Smiling Pumpkin," and learned that we are a lot like pumpkins. God picks us, washes us clean and our light has to shine for him. This is one of my favorite fall lessons.

The Eye Team ladies were here and the kids did a fantastic job listening and following directions. Mr. Earl (Linneweber), the pumpkin man, brought us each a pumpkin to pick from our very own patch to take home and enjoy. Many thanks to the ladies and Earl for sharing their kindness and sharing their time with each of us.

We are on fall break at the time of this writing, but look forward to finishing October with our Harvest party and annual Nursing Home visit. Happy fall. We wish you all a Blessed Thanksgiving. Love, Mrs. Durall

## **Thank You**

A big thank you to all of you who prayed for me, sent cards and flowers, and visited me while I was in the hospital.

Now I'm in the Nursing Home for therapy on knee and getting my strength back. Hope to be home soon.

Bless you all. Also, thanks to both Pastor Mike's for visits and prayers.

Lill Clinkenbeard

**Totenfest**  
*Service of Remembrance*

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

Helen Harbin (90) – died December 7, 2016

Edna Rinsch (75) – died December 7, 2016

Donald Clifford (88) – died December 15, 2016

Robert (Bob) Jones (91) – died December 22, 2016

Carl Johanningsmeier (88) – died April 14, 2016

Margaret Langdon (78) – died April 21, 2017

Lorena “Susie” Walters (96) – died May 30, 2017

Marvin “Gene” Williams (83) – died June 1, 2017

Darwin Emmel (86) – died June 16, 2017

Burton “Butch” Hollingsworth (77) – died June 27, 2017

Hilbert “Hib” Volle (75) – died July 31, 2017

Bertha Conrad (92) – died August 10, 2017



## Shut-Ins

Freelandville Community Home  
P. O. Box 288  
Freelandville, IN 47535  
*Wilma Chester*  
*Lill Clinkenbeard*  
*Herb Grabbe*  
*Joyce Kixmiller*

Colonial Assisted Living  
1622 S. Hart St.  
Vincennes, IN 47591  
*Patty Buescher (#158)*  
*Edith Rinsch (#119)*

Gentle Care  
1202 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St.  
Vincennes, IN 47591  
*Rev. George & Ruth Varns*

Loogootee Health Care  
313 Poplar St.  
Loogootee, IN 47553  
*Janice Courter*

Lyons Health & Living Center  
P. O. Box 247  
Lyons, IN 47443  
*Kara Johanningsmeier*

### **Those living on their own or away:**

Donna Clinkenbeard – 2356 Chickasaw, Vincennes, IN 47591  
Pete & Flo Coker – 9949 N. Pine Bluff Drive, Bicknell, IN 47512  
Mary Deerhake – 10010 N. Pine Bluff Rd., Bicknell, IN 47512  
Gertrude Hagemeyer – P. O. Box 15, Westphalia, IN 47596  
Don Johanningsmeier – P. O. Box 83, Sandborn, IN 47578  
Audrey Kixmiller – 8240 Crimson Ct., Terre Haute, IN 47802  
Shirley Miller – 14419 E. St. Rd. 58, Edwardsport, IN 47528  
Sally Plummer – Apt. 14, Freelandville, IN 47535  
Ruth Richter – c/o 4053 Paris Park, Georgetown, KY 40324  
Lucille Robbins – 10698 N. Albrecht Rd, Bicknell, IN 47512  
Dorothy Sams – P. O. Box 4, Freelandville, IN 47535  
Wilma Strange – 408 E. St. Rd. 58, Edwardsport, IN 47512



## **Bethel Church Council Minutes** **October 1, 2017**

Council president Kevin Hammelman addressed the congregation in regard to the mold issue in the church office. He shared estimates for removing the mold and restoring the office. Kevin stated that the council recommended that the church office be demolished, and then at the annual congregational meeting in January, options could be discussed as to whether to rebuild. Bruce Miller made the motion, seconded by John Koenig, to accept the council's recommendation to demolish the church office and then discuss options to rebuild at the annual congregational meeting in January. The motion passed unanimously.

### **October 9, 2017**

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

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike updated the council on his progress. He expressed his thanks to everyone for their continued prayers and support, and especially to Pastor Mike Leydet for continuing to lead the church in his absence.

**Youth Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike Leydet's report included making hospital, home, and nursing home visits. He conducted a worship service at the Freelandville Community Home.

Confirmation classes have started. There are three 7<sup>th</sup> graders and five 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Pastor Mike and the host/leaders for the small groups met and made further plans for the upcoming small group meetings to begin the first of November.

Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarters after the football games and prayer around the flagpole were well attended. He was pleased with the attendance for both activities. The youth sponsored a booth at the ABLAZE fund raiser. Pastor Mike, along with other area pastors, provided counseling at the Jr./Sr. High School after the passing of Brian Udovich. The FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) breakfast was a success with fifty-nine attending. He received a thank you note from the FCA officers which he shared

with the council. Pastor Mike will be on vacation the week of October 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

**Mission Allocations:** The following were approved: Nurses' Fund - \$2000 and Christian Radio - \$700 (Thy Word Network - \$350 and K-LOVE -\$350)

**Deacon's Report:** Stacey Kahre reported that the income from the church auction was \$3840. The average attendance for September was 151. The September offering totaled \$20,463.

**Elder's Report:** Kevin Hammelman reported that the elders, along with Pastor Mike DeCoursey and Pastor Mike Leydet, met prior to the meeting to discuss visitation. Kevin reported that communion was served to 101 on October 1<sup>st</sup> (World Wide Communion).

**Building and Grounds:** Virginia Koenig shared Joe Koenig's report on building and grounds. Joe thanked everyone who helped move Pastor Mike Leydet and family into the parsonage. The carpets in the sanctuary have been cleaned. Holmes Plumbing did check on the toilet in the preschool bathroom. They did not recommend replacement. A new water heater for the parsonage has been purchased.

**Old Business:**

- Current van fund - \$17,420.24
- Karen DeCoursey is making progress on sound system upgrades.
- Kevin Hammelman reported that he contacted Mark Telligman to check the condition of the wiring in the sanctuary.
- Kevin Hammelman reported that the church now has internet service.
- A bid of \$2600 was received from Pieper's Carpeting to replace the carpet and bathroom flooring in the parsonage.

**New Business:**

- The wedding policy was reviewed. After discussion, updates were made to the existing policy.
- Justin French will check on options for preserving old records.

- Cemetery regulations and procedures were reviewed.
- October 28<sup>th</sup> has been set as the date to move the offices to the church.
- Kevin Hammelman reported that the Special Gift's Committee would like to purchase new swings for the shelter house playground and an ice maker for the church's kitchen.
- Employee contracts were updated.
- Pastor Appreciation Month was discussed.

**Upcoming Events:**

October 31 – Trunk or Treat at the Freelandville Community Center

November 5 – Totenfest

November 12 – Youth's Chicken Noodle Dinner



## **Parish Records:**

### **Attendance:**

Sept. 24     225  
Oct. 1        130  
Oct. 8        152  
Oct. 15

### **Greeters:**

November 5 & 12 – Tim & Tonya Miller  
November 19 & 26 – Brandon & Holly Spanger

**Ushers:** Kevin & Linda Hammelman

### **Nursery (Sunday School):**

Nov.     5     Lana Dike/Holly Spanger  
          12     Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike  
          19     Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike  
          26     Diane Telligman/Carole Albrecht

### **Nursery Notes (Worship):**

Nov.     5     Debbie and Elsa Telligman  
          12     Theresia Barrett/Brianna Page  
          19     Stacy and Brittany Page  
          26     Hailley and Tracey Kahre

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

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

### **November Birthdays:**

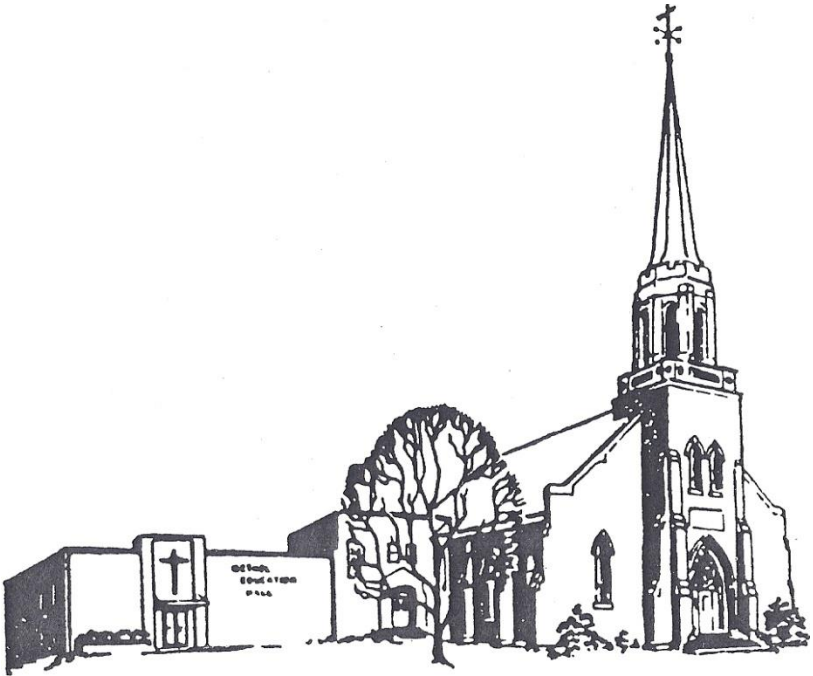
4     Betty Miller (82<sup>nd</sup>)  
13    Max Kixmiller (81<sup>st</sup>)  
17    Etta Boberg (84<sup>th</sup>)  
21    Jack Miller (82<sup>nd</sup>)  
23    Marvin Deerhake (87<sup>th</sup>)  
29    Shirley Miller (89<sup>th</sup>)  
30    Helen Mackey (90<sup>th</sup>)

***Chimes news will be due on November 20th.***

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