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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**

It seems that hardly a day goes by that I fail to talk with somebody who is worried. I understand that life has many challenges and concerns but there are those folks who just worry, sometimes about everything under the sun. Jesus instructs us in Matthew 6:25-34 not to worry. His illustrations must be taken to heart. We live in a society that has been blessed by God beyond reason, and yet many worry. The list of worries varies for each individual but at the center of those worries is dependence on self rather than on God.

Jesus ends the chapter with an admonishment not to worry about tomorrow because today has enough worries of its own. In other words, don’t get ahead of yourself, focus on today; depend on God for today and He will take care of tomorrow. Easy to do, of course not, unless we are willing to sacrifice self and turn to God. Cast your cares upon the One who gives life, Jesus Christ.

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

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

### **December – Christian Partners**

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#### **Youth Pastor**

As I have said before, I love Christmas music, but my favorite Christmas song is “The Little Drummer Boy”. I know that might seem like an odd choice but let me explain. First off, I understand that there was not a little drummer boy at the stable that night that made the baby Jesus smile. But the message it conveys it for us all. How many times have we felt the same way the little drummer boy felt. “I have no gift to bring, that’s fit to give our king”. I have felt that way myself. I see what others can do and the talents they have and think I can’t compare to that. But the little drummer boy just played his drum the best he could. And we are called to do the same. God has given us all gifts and abilities, but it is up to us if we are going to use them to honor our King. For me, I want to “play my best for Him” and I hope you do as well.

In His Love  
Pastor Mike

#### **GUILD**

What a blessing it was to hear all the ladies tell about the Acts of Kindness they had done during the month of November.

In December (6<sup>th</sup>) we will meet at 9:30 to fix “cheer plates.” We usually have 25-30 plates to fix and deliver. We will then have a covered dish luncheon.

The quilters will have the program in the afternoon. See you then!

Remember, if you are in Bethel Church, you are a member of Bethel Guild.

We are so happy to hear Lill Clinkenbeard has returned to her own home. Continue to improve Lill – we miss you!

Doris Brocksmith

## **Bethel Quilters**

Quilt tops, batting and backing are brought to us to hand stitch together. Clients are charged by the yard of thread used and proceeds are shared with Bethel Guild. Currently we are working on 2 donated quilt tops.

Our group has almost a dozen total quilters and each session may include 3 to 6 members at a time.

Anyone is welcome to come and join our unique fellowship. Some members join us to cut fabric, work on individual projects or just for our coffee break! No special skills are needed but be prepared to have a fun afternoon.

Bethel Quilters meet every Tuesday from 1-4 in the Guild room next to the kitchen.

For more information, call Shirley @ 812-486-9476 or Tambria @ 517-648-3652.

## **Mission Committee**

Wow! We set a goal of 150 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The final count was 161! Praise the Lord! There are 161 children across the world that will receive a love filled box from Bethel. They will not only receive the gifts that you packed, but they will receive a Gospel message in their language. The boxes can be life changing for a child, a family and a community. Just think: the box you packed may lead a little one to know and love Jesus. Thank you for your generosity.

We will once again, collect vitamins for Nurses on a Mission beginning in January. You have been so generous in the past and the people of the Dominican Republic have appreciated it. When we give everyone a 30 day supply of vitamins they are so thankful. Watch for the shopping cart and please give!

## Preschool

I am amazed that the final month of 2017 is nearly here! The past month has been another busy one but the Bethel preschoolers wouldn't have it any other way – the busier, the better.

We had so much fun dressing up for our visit to the Freelandville Community Home and for the Harvest Parties that had been planned by the children's parents. The kids all looked so cute in their costumes as we celebrated the day. They did a wonderful job singing and were so well-behaved. I had many nice compliments on them and it was such a joy to see the residents simply light up as the children paraded in to sing. Then back to preschool we went to enjoy our Harvest Parties filled with fun crafts, games, and yummy snacks!! The parents were all so creative and the kids love it when they see their parents or their friends' parents having so much fun.

We had a very chilly but beautiful day for our nature walk this year to go along with the wonderful book, "Leaf Man" by Lois Ehlert that we read during L Week. The kids loved the illustrations in the book as we journeyed with the Leaf Man and then had a great time collecting leaves and other items from nature to make our own "Leaf Man" or other favorite creature from the story. I hope you had a chance to see the Leaf Men displayed in the preschool hallway. The children worked very hard on them. At first glance, you might simply see leaves glued to paper but take a closer look and you will discover a leaf man, a turtle, a chicken, a cow or even a butterfly!

We had a great time working together to make our Thanksgiving Feast! With lots of great help from parents the kids chopped carrots, snapped green beans, smashed potatoes, mixed cornbread and made mini pumpkin pies. We also had turkey and ham. We had fun playing a games and then sat down around the table together. We named what we were thankful for, said our prayers and then enjoyed a delicious meal. We all agreed that the kids are pretty good cooks! :) We are so thankful for all of our blessings!!

We are looking forward to the Little Elves workshop that is put on by the wonderful Generations ladies. The children love getting the chance to "shop" for their very own special gift for mom and dad. Also, we have been busy working to get ready for the Christmas Program to be held on the evening of December 15. We are learning new songs and getting excited about this special evening!

Blessings to you, our Bethel Church family, as we head into this month of joy and sharing to celebrate the love God shared with us through the birth of His son, Jesus Christ.

Love,  
Liberty Lemberg

What a pretty fall we have had. We tried to count our blessings, but discovered there are way too many to count. We just know we all have too much "stuff" like toys, clothes and sometimes food. We are thankful and blessed for everything we have.

We finished October with the Harvest Party and our annual Nursing Home visit. It was good to see several familiar faces and get a few hugs. The kids did a great job parading around and singing our songs. I love to watch the different generations interact in our short visit.

We welcomed Freelandville Fire Fighters John Streeter and Eric Nettles for F week as they taught us about fire safety and let us sit in the big red truck. Thanks to both of them for spending the day with us. We also learned that Jesus wants us to be "fishers of men," friends to everybody and to have fun!

Letter G was all about Goliath. God wants us to be brave and rely on him just like little David did. We found lots of green items inside our classroom and outside in God's beautiful world. One little boy thought it was fun when we all had to giggle with no real reason. He was laughing rather than just giggling.

We all love that Jesus lives in our hearts and in heaven was the lesson for letter H. We all have a house and a happy family.

Letter I was all about making our own Ice Cream Sundaes as we added lots of extra sugar, chocolate, and marshmallows. Boy, were they yummy. One little girl wants to have an ice cream party every day. We painted with ice and even used peanut butter as our icing when we put our turkey together.

We talked about the first Thanksgiving Dinner and how the Indians helped the Pilgrims. We prepared our own meal with lots of hands on activities, like making our own butter, peeling potatoes, stirring our bread and smelling it bake. It was a lot of work--almost the entire class time, but we were very thankful as we sat together and enjoyed our meal. Thanks to all who helped in any way. You are wonderful and the kids loved having you with us for the day.

We have been working on our Christmas program songs and are very excited to count down the days to our program. Come and join us as we

celebrate our Savior's birth, Friday December 15 at 7:00 pm. We wish you all a joyous Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Beth Durall

### **Thank You**

To the Women's Guild:

The staff at Generations would like to thank the Women's Guild at Bethel for their generation donation of a Build A Basket. The basket was given to an elderly homebound man in the North Knox area. If you are interested in hearing more about the Build a Basket program or interested in donating, please see Stacey Kahre.

Sincerely,

Stacey Kahre and the Generations Staff

Bethel Church,

The service was so touching and perfect for Dad, the music was excellent and beautiful, the food was outstanding, and the ladies were so kind. Dad would have loved every aspect and I'm sure he did!

Herb Grabbe Family

## **Bethel Church Council Minutes** **November 13, 2017**

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

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike's report included conducting a Sunday service at the Freelandville Community Home, two funerals, and hospital visits. He reported that the Confirmands will be in charge of the readings, lighting of candles, and prayers during the Advent season.

**Youth Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the youth attended Fields of Faith at the high school. He spoke at the fall youth ABLAZE conference held at the United Methodist Church in Bicknell. The Trunk or Treat was very successful, and small groups have started meeting.

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

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

**Mission Allocations:** The following were approved: Youth - \$1500, Social Ministries - \$1500, and Life After Meth - \$1000.

**Deacon's Report:** Terry Perkins reported that the average attendance for October was 141. The October offering totaled \$20,601.

**Elder's Report:** Kevin Hammelman reminded council members to contact Pastor Mike or an elder if a home visit is needed or requested. The next communion is the first Sunday of Advent, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Building and Grounds:** Joe Koenig reported that he has purchased blinds for the offices in the church. Kevin Hammelman is in the process of getting quotes for replacing the back staircase from the sanctuary to the social room. Joe Koenig reported that the parsonage porch roof is leaking.

**Old Business:**

- Current van fund - \$17,420.24
- Karen DeCoursey continues to pursue sound system upgrades.
- Kevin Hammelman will pursue getting an evaluation of the electrical wiring system.
- Offices have been moved to the church. Council members will meet at 9:00 on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, to complete move.
- Justin French reported on software programs available for cemetery mapping. He will continue to pursue software options.
- **New Business:**
- Bethel will provide food at the Johanningsmeier auction on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds from the auction will go to the van fund. Sign-up sheets will be in Bethel Hall for food donations, workers to help with set up before the auction, and workers for auction day.
- Christmas trees will be cut on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the youth will put together food baskets to be distributed during the Christmas season.

**Upcoming Events:**

December 3 – Communion (First Sunday of Advent)

December 15 – Preschool Christmas Program

December 17 – Sunday School Christmas Program

## **Parish Records:**

**Deaths:** Herb Grabbe, 88, died on November 3, 2017. Burial was at Bethel Cemetery on November 11, 2017.

### **Attendance:**

Oct. 15     144  
Oct. 22     133  
Oct. 29     149  
Nov. 5      149  
Nov. 12     174

### **Greeters:**

December 3 & 10 – Janet Tilly/Maridell Sargent  
December 17 & 24 – Collin & Amy Tiek  
December 31 & Jan. 7 – Jerry Lee & Kate  
   Hammelman

**Ushers:** Bill and Carole Albrecht

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

Dec.     3     Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
          10     Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike  
          17     Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike  
          24     Diane Telligman/Carole Albrecht  
          31     Cheryl Hagemeyer/Holly Spanger

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

Dec.     3     Tori French/Emilee Organ  
          10     Bonnie Organ/Jesse Organ  
          17     Jenny Clinkenbeard/Brenda Maddox  
          24     Reeva and Rylee Hammelman  
          31     Debbie and Elsa Telligman

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

Dec.     3     Kate & Linda Hammelman/Randy & Ashley Archer  
          10     Liberty Lemberg/Bonnie Organ/Pam Loheider  
          17     Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman/Micah Morgan  
          24     Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox  
          31     Children's Church does not meet

### **December Birthdays:**

30     Jack Brouhard (84<sup>th</sup>)

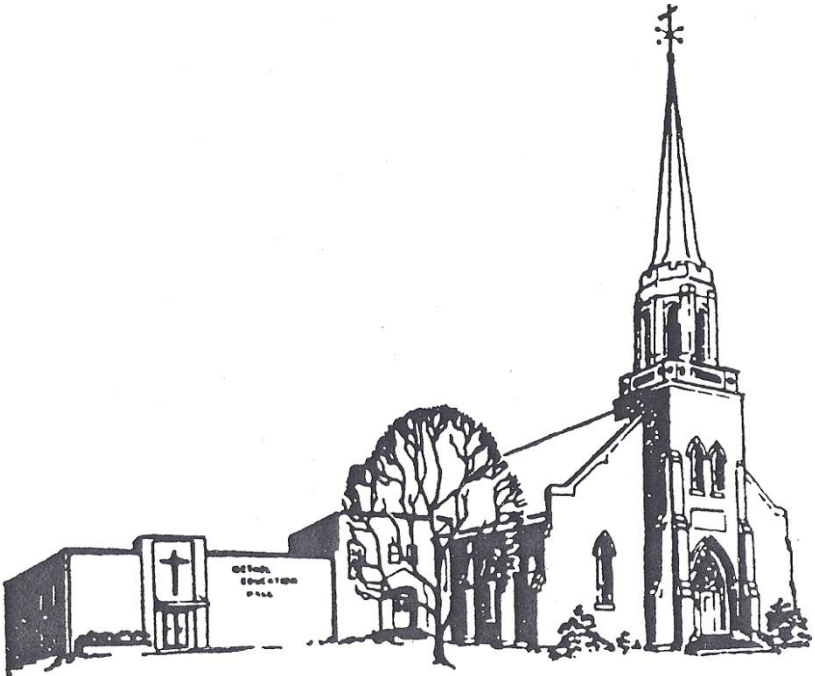
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