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Justin French, President (2020) Randy Hammelman (2023)

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Jan Spanger, Treasurer (2021) Brandon Spanger (2023)

Ryan Johanningsmeier (2022)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

What do we want out of this Easter season? That question must be answered by the believer in order to have a successful Easter season. To those lost and in the world, Easter is just another holiday, one where a special meal may be eaten, kids hunt Easter eggs, etc. But for the believer in Christ Jesus, Easter must be more, much more than just food and fun. We read that familiar passage from John 3:16, we must understand that it is love, God's love towards humanity that makes Easter different for the believer versus the non-believer. It was God's love that allows us to escape sin and death. It is God's eternity rather than one that lasts until the next meal or holiday. Let us celebrate this coming Easter like we never have before, understanding that it is God's love that allows us to have Easter, not the world.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:1

Youth Pastor

Isaiah 53:1-4

⁴Surely He has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

If you had an un-curable disease and were miraculously healed, would you tell anyone? I think we all would. We would be overjoyed, and everyone would know of our new-found health.

When is the last time you told someone how you were cured of the sickness of sin?

In His Love,
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2019

April-May – Faithful Footprints

June – VBS

July-August – Christian Generations

September – Preschool

October-November – Worship Committee

December - Assigned

Guild

Bethel Guild will meet April 3 at 1:30 pm. Program is to bring something (articles, news, antiques, etc.) – and tell about it. We will also do final preparations for the Lenten Breakfast on April 13 at 9 am.

Hostesses are Reda Boberg and Vera Jones. Please bring paper towels for Generations. All ladies are welcome.

Join the women of Bethel's Guild as we celebrate another event of the Lenten season, the Lenten Breakfast. It will be on Saturday, March 13th at 9 a.m.

Lauren Alexander, a spiritual leader of the First Baptist Church in Bicknell will bring the message titled, "Reclaimed and Renamed". Her chosen scripture is from Isaiah 62. Verse 2 reads, *"The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. Then verse 12 is, "They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord."*

Karen DeCoursey and Randy Hammelman will be sharing music. We invite the women of our church and the North Knox area to bring friends and neighbors as we gather together for breakfast, fellowship, and a morning of inspiration. There is a sheet in Bethel Hall to sign if you know you are coming.....otherwise please come anyway, we will be prepared for you!

Thank you!

THANK YOU

I would like to send a very special thank you to all our Bethel family for the outpouring of kindness you bestowed on Joe and me during the recent loss of my mother. Your visits, cards, calls, texts, and words of comfort meant so much, and they were uplifting to our hearts. We love our Bethel Family, and miss all of you. Thank you again for being the hands and feet of Jesus to Joe and me.

Virginia Koenig

I Feel It In The Air

*I know it's Easter time again,
I feel it in the air.
The breath of spring with woodsy tang,
And new life everywhere.
And spring glides on with magic touch
O'er mountain side and glen;
And wakens all the sleeping plants
For Easter time again.*

*The brooklets leap from rock to rock,
As if in joyful play;
The flowers peep from darkened tombs
To welcome Easter Day.
The birds are swinging on the boughs,
And trill in ecstasy;
They seem to show the world's great joy
Of Easter mystery.*

*Why should we dread
the thing called death?
It's just an open door,
Where all within is love and peace
And joy forever more.
"Because I live, you too shall live,"
We hear the Savior say.
Let's consecrate our lives anew,
On this glad Easter Day.*

~Author Edna Reed~

Confirmation Reunion

This is a time we reflect back to our confirmation, and what being a member of Bethel is all about. All Bethel confirmands are recognized along with those who joined Bethel by letter of transfer or by Confession or Affirmation.

1944 Confirmation Class

Minister – Rev. A. H. Wegener

Song – Oh Jesus I Have Promised

Carolyn E. Berry Horst*	Vernon Earl Grabbe*
Judith L. Berry Kirchoff*	Delmer Frederick Held*
Alberta L. Grabbe Clifford*	Dewayne Milton Horst*
Barbara Jean Fulk*	John Anthony Johanningsmeier*
Agnes L. Linneweber Lee*	Harold Lee Kixmiller*
Loretta A. McArthur Brocksmith*	Carter Nierste*
Luella E. Pieper Stodghill	Bruce G. Sager*
Mary E. Rinsch Neuman	Lin Dau Schluessler
Doris Jane Tilly Brocksmith	Laverne Tilly*

1969 Confirmation Class

Minister – Pastor George Varns

Song: Are Ye Able

Jeffrey Boberg	Daniel Wayne Hooper*
Gordon Clinkenbeard	Rodney Lee Horst*
Wilma Davis Robbins	Bruce Linneweber
Paul Dunkerly	Randall Linneweber
Richard Grabbe	Rita Pepmeier Wampler
William Grabbe	Tonya Pieper Miller
Susan Kay Hagemeyer	John Spanger
William Held	Michael Telligman

1994 Confirmation Class
Minister – Pastor Herb Schafale
Song: Make Me A Blessing

Morgan Elizabeth Jones Foster
Erica Lee Koenig Sallee

Tanaya Miller Titzer

2019 Confirmation Class
Ministers – Pastor Mike DeCoursey and Pastor Mike Leydet
Song: Oceans by Hillsong United

Reegan Hammelman
Daniel Leydet
Abram Telligman

Memorial Fund

In memory of Gerald Snyder:

Angela' Riz Group
Bob, Sharon, Angela, & Kurt Cooper
Gloria Despard
Debra Fish
Thomas Fish
Bernettia Hollingsworth

Donald & Judith Kerzan
Bob & Betty Miller
Maridell Sargent
Walter & Ruby Thome
Max & Ree Ann Volle

In memory of Kara Johanningsmeier:

Susan Brocksmith
Dan Buescher
Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard
Kevin & Linda Hammelman
Mike & Jean Johanningsmeier
John & Marilyn Koenig

Bruce & Terri Miller
Maridell Sargent
Mark Sargent
Brad & Pam Summers
Dale & Jane Tiek
Herman & Nancy Tilly

Preschool

In March our PreK class learned about Jesus' power over the wind and waves through the story of Jesus calming the storm. We talked about how we can trust God to take care of us when we are afraid, just like the disciples asked Jesus for help when they were afraid. Our memory verse was Psalm 56:3 - "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You." We also talked about how God took care of Noah and his family during the flood. Our memory verse reminded us to obey God, just like Noah, even if it seems difficult. Genesis 7:5 - "And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him."

We continued the theme of weather and rainbows in our science lessons. The children were amazed that we could make a rainbow with a glass of water and a flashlight. They also enjoyed making rain in a jar. We had a great time playing with our weather discovery bottles and doing various weather related activities.

Backpack Bear left a note for us that led us on a leprechaun hunt. After finding and following ten rainbows, we caught a friendly leprechaun who shared his pot of gold with us. We really enjoyed the chocolate coins!

In our dramatic play area we are getting very creative as we practice being artists. The children are using paint, chalk, clay, paper, and many other materials to create their own special works of art. It is always interesting and exciting to see the wonderful creative abilities that God has placed in each child displayed in their unique projects.

I have heard great reports from parents about our student's progress based on results at Kindergarten Round-Up. We are very proud of our children and I am thankful for being allowed to play a small part in preparing them for future success. Please know that every financial donation, volunteer hour, and prayer of support makes a tremendous difference in the lives of the children who attend Bethel Christian Preschool. Thank you for being willing to invest in the future of these precious little ones.

Mrs. Carter

Happy Spring!! We are so ready to get outside and run, play or whatever we can. At the time of this writing, we are on spring break. I ask the kids if they had plans over break. One little boy was staying up really late. I asked what time, he said 7. I am not sure if that was 7 in the evening or morning. One little was going to sleep in...until 6 in the morning.

March was a short month, but a very busy month. We helped Dr. Seuss celebrate his birthday and promote "Read Across America." We look at lots of "Cat in the Hat" Books and lots of silly things.

Letter s was all about sowing seed on good soil as we planted seeds and sprinkled with love and water. We learned that we have to plant seeds of the gospel and share the good news everywhere. I have seen pictures and some of us have a green thumb and lots of sprouts. Our class plant didn't do so well. We also played in the sand with shells and looked at sea life creatures. God thought of everything!! Letter t was a lesson on how Jesus keeps us all on track as we made a shapes train. We enjoyed sorting and making patterns of 10 items. Under God's care is where we always want to be and a great way to talk about the letter u. Our umbrellas protect us just as God is our big umbrella protecting all His children. We did a paper under the table and the kids thought I was crazy when I told them to crawl under and take their art boxes with them. We also made unicorns that were very magical. Letter V, we made a vase full of love for some one very special as we picked who was going to get extra love for the week. We talked about many vegetables God gave us, and how we don't like things that are green, or

yellow according to some of us. Some of us love every veggie there is.

The kids know we are almost finished with our alphabet (4 letters to go) and then we will be on a summer break. We only have 16 sessions together. That is not much time left, but we will have fun and learn as much as we can.

I look forward to the Easter season, spring flowers and nice weather.

Mrs. Beth Durall

Schedule of Lenten Services

April 3 – Speaker – Marsha Bishop from LAM

April 10 – Speaker – Lauren Alexander

April 18 – Maundy Thursday with Pastor Mike

April 19 – FCH at 2:00 with Pastor Mike DeCoursey

April 19 – Good Friday with Pastor Mike Leydet

All services begin at 7:00 pm, with the exception of the Good Friday service at FCH.

Bethel Church Council Minutes

March 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Justin French and Nancy Tilly opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike reminded members of the Heart to Heart Banquet on March 19 at the Free Methodist

Church in Vincennes. Bethel has purchased a table for 8 and those tickets are available. He will be serving as Head Spiritual Director for a Women's Emmaus Walk on March 14-17. He has officiated at two funerals, made hospital visits, held premarital counseling, and taught confirmation classes. Confirmands Daniel Leydet, Reagan Hammelman, and Abram Telligman will be confirmed on Palm Sunday, April 14. Pastor Mike and Karen will be on vacation beginning on March 24.

Youth Pastor's Report: Twice the youth participated in sorting and packing vitamins for the Nurses on a Mission. The youth traveled to Terre Haute to attend the faith-based movie "Run the Race" which was produced by Tim Tebow. The skating party for elementary kids was held on Sunday, March 10 and was enjoyed by 28 youth. Pastor Mike Leydet is also involved in premarital counseling.

Secretary's Report: This report was read and one correction was made. Garland Richter repaired the breaker box after the heavy rain on Thursday, February 7.

Deacon's Report: Stacey Kahre reported an average attendance of 122 and an offering total of \$15,288.50 for the month of February.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as written. Jan Spanger reported of a profitable meeting with Kemper CPA Group with work conducted specifically on the payroll. She also told of the profit on investments.

Mission Allocations for March: The following were approved: Heart to Heart - \$1000. and Light Bearer's Conference \$500.

Elder's Report: Justin French reported that 32 people were served communion at the Ash Wednesday Service. Nancy Tilly reported that 11 visits were made to those who are unable to attend services. They and 3 others, who live farther away, received a Lenten devotional journal.

Buildings and Grounds: Stacey Kahre contacted Steve Wolfe Construction in regard to a timeline for the work to be done on the steps near the front of the social room. As yet, no timeline has been given. The roof repair for the flat roof was discussed with the need for it to be sealed along the fascia board. The deacons will be checking it to see if they

can repair it themselves. Tonya Pieper will be submitting a bid to replace the carpet in the social room. She stated the present carpet was laid in 1972. Pastor Mike Leydet noted that the left post light at the front of the church is out. Mark Telligman will be contacted to help with the repair of this. Again, Terry Perkins reminded the council that the steps at the main and Bethel Hall entrances will be a spring project.

Old Business: Council members continued work on the Mission Statement and Vision Statement for the church website. The council was reminded that the Vision Statement was far reaching and never ending and that the Mission Statement unites people around a common purpose. Each member presented words or phrases for the headings:

Discipleship, Hope, Faith, Evangelism, Church Characteristics, and Servanthood. These, then, were developed into a rough draft of the Mission Statement and Vision Statement. On the completion of such, they will be presented to the congregation for approval. Members are using Matthew 28:18-20 as their guide to these statements.

New Business: Kate Hammelman and Holly Spanger have asked to use Bethel facilities for 5 meetings of the Edwardsport 4-H club. Ryan Johanningsmeier made the motion and it was seconded by Randy Hammelman to allow this. The council approved.

The tentative date and place for the staff appreciation dinner is Procopio's on Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Mike Leydet announced that the date for Vacation Bible School will be Saturday, June 8th. The theme is "Yee Haw."

Coming Events:

Lenten Services on March 13, 20, and 27, April 3 and 10.

Lenten Breakfast – April 13

Maundy Thursday Service - April 18

Good Friday Service - April 19

Council Meeting – April 8

Parish Records: Sally Plummer, 76, died on January 22, 2019. Burial was in Freelandville Christian Cemetery on January 26, 2019.

Attendance:

Feb. 17 110
 Feb. 24 145
 Mar. 3 126
 Mar. 10 163
 Mar. 17 168

Greeters:

April 7 & 14 – Bill & Carole Albrecht
 April 21 & 28 – Frank & Lenora McCrary

Ushers: Ashley & Randy Archer

Nursery (Sunday School):

Apr. 7 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 14 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
 21 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 28 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Carole Albrecht

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Apr. 7 Jenny Clinkenbeard/Emma Miller
 14 Brenda Maddox/Shaylie Phegley
 21 Page Family
 28 Debbie Telligman/Natalie Phegley

Children's Church:

Apr. 7 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Randy & Ashley Archer
 14 Emma Miller/Hope Leydet/Jennifer Nettles
 /Pam Loheider
 21 Rylee Hammelman/Micah Morgan
 28 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox

April Birthdays:

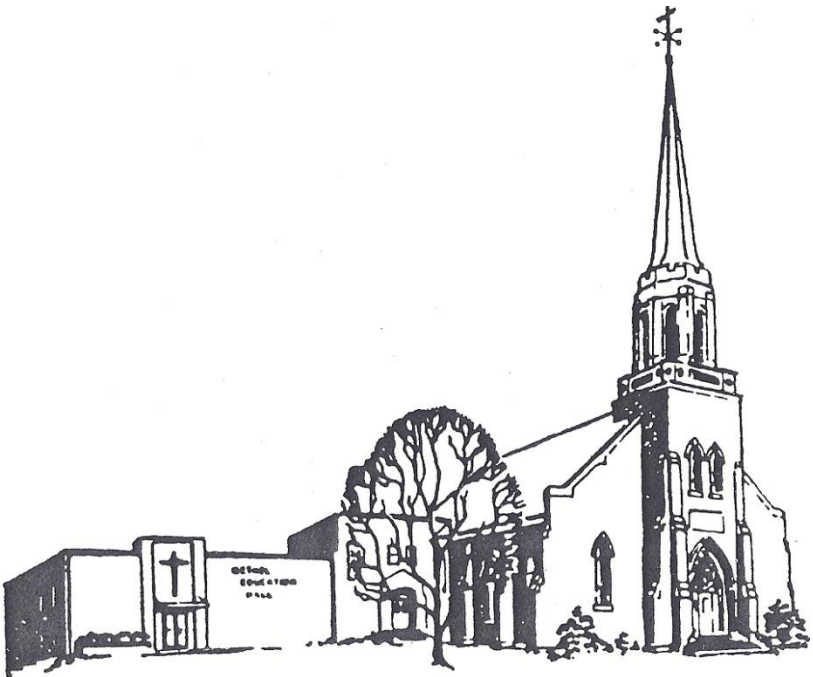
2 Dorothy Sams (92nd)
 2 Flo Ann Coker (82nd)
 5 Wilbur Boberg (90th)
 6 Marilyn Fender (86th)
 9 Doris Brocksmith (89th)
 25 Nancy Kixmiller (85th)
 25 Sharon Dunkerly (81st)

Chimes news will be due on April 15th.

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