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

Stacey Kahre, Vice President (2020) Terry Perkins (2021)

Nancy Tilly, Secretary (2021) Mark Sargent (2022)

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

Ryan Johanningsmeier (2022)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY**

Easter has come and gone once again. But the promise of Easter still remains. Not only does the tomb remain empty, but the tomb will remain empty for all times. We have a promise of not only a risen Savior, but a savior who will return for His people. He will return not just for all people, but for those who have entered into a relationship with His Father through faith.

In light of the above statements, let us then make this Easter season a season for not only one in which we understand the hope of the eternal life we have, but also the one of sharing that hope to the world around us.

Let us be bold enough to be workers for the Kingdom, not for our benefit, but for His benefit. Let us take the Easter message and share it wherever we go for the increase of His kingdom and we will surely be blessed.

Let our motto be, "everyone win one".

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:1

## Youth Pastor

Vacation Bible School is one of my favorite things that the church does. I remember fondly my days as a kid in VBS. I recall the loving folks that made VBS a success. Now that I am an adult, I still love VBS. I love seeing the joy on their faces and hearing them sing with all their hearts. So, I am asking you to join me (and our other dedicated volunteers) to make VBS a success this year. We will again be doing a 1-day VBS this year on June 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. We will have 2 full sessions with lunch served in between. We already have some volunteers signed up, but we need more. Maybe you aren't free for the whole day, but you can come in for an hour and help serve lunch, please come we can use your help! Maybe you can only be here for a couple hours in the morning or afternoon, please come, we will find a spot for you! We will also be having a short training meeting on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>. This year we will also be having a cookout after church on June 9<sup>th</sup> and inviting all the families that had children attend VBS.

So, let's all come together and minister to these children that God has entrusted us with. Let's show them the love of Christ and how much Bethel Church loves their children and the children of our community.

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

## **Fellowship of Christian Farmers**

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers will be collecting shoes again during the month of May. Any used shoes – work shoes, boots, heels, slippers, children's – that still have use/wear in them are very much appreciated. There will be boxes in the vestibule after May 1.

Any and all contributions are very much appreciated!!!

## **Guild**

As we canceled Bethel Guild in April, we decided to have a meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30. Same program we would have had in April; bring an article (antique or new) and tell about it. Bring paper towels for Generations. Hostesses are Reda Boberg and Vera Jones.

We had a good crowd for our Lenten Breakfast. Food was delicious, Karen and Randy's duet was so good, and speaker was inspirational for our Lenten season. Thanks to Nancy Tilly for being program leader, and to Marilyn Koenig and Mary Ann Miller for being menu chairmen, and to all helped.

Lill Clinkenbeard

## **Memorial Fund**

*In memory of Gerald Snyder:*

*Sandra & Kenneth Lyon*

Next month's newsletter will include the Memorial Fund contributions for recently deceased members.

## **Thank You**

Thank you all from the bottoms of our hearts for all the many showers of blessings received when we lost Bud/Dad. Your prayers, cards and gifts & acts of sympathy, the wonderful meal (that was fantastic!), the perfect service by Mike & Karen and all those behind the scenes, were so much appreciated. Bethel welcomed Bud & I into membership with open arms - the arms, hands & feet of Jesus - and we are forever grateful. –

Eldina & family

What a blessing it is to have a loving church family! Thank you for the prayers, cards, visits and food during mother's illness. You truly made her feel loved. It meant a lot to her and to us.

We also want to thank Pastors Mike & Mike, Karen, Randy Hammelman, Jamie Moreland and Rosie Davis for the beautiful celebration of mother's incredible life. Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, gifts and memorial donations in memory of mother. Mother loved Jesus, her family and her friends. She lived out her faith every day and we rejoice that she has gone home to heaven. She loved well and was well loved and we were so very blessed to have the honor of calling her our mother, our gram and our great.

Mother's confirmation verse was Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass." She committed her life to the Lord, her trust was in Him and Him alone and He has now welcomed her into eternal life. We can just imagine her sweet smile when she heard the words: "Well done Doris, my good and faithful servant."

Again, thank you for your love and support,  
The Family of Doris Brocksmith

## **Preschool**

April in Pre-K was all about new life. New life in spring and new life in Christ. We spent all of April learning about the events of Holy Week. Our memory verse for this month was Matthew 28:6 "He is not here, He has risen, just as He said!"

We explored the life cycles of frogs, lady bugs, and butterflies. The children are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our classroom caterpillars so we can observe as they grow, form a chrysalis, and emerge as butterflies.

Our dramatic play area also celebrates spring with a flower shop, picnic in the park, and a busy farm. The children have enjoyed creating beautiful bouquets, sharing a picnic with friends, and taking care of the baby chicks and bunnies. Everyone also had fun playing games, making crafts, and hunting eggs at our Easter party.

We are looking forward to our last few weeks together as our year together comes to an end. What a blessing it has been share the past nine months with these precious children.

Mrs. Carter

May chimes news already....that is hard to believe. April was celebration of warm weather, and Easter happenings. We enjoyed a picnic at the shelter house and several days playing at the ark or out back. We love the change of seasons. I hope everyone had a blessed Easter and have a renewed spirit.

Letter W was about worms, using water colors, watching the weather, and waiting our turn. We read "Wart Hogs in the Kitchen: A Sloppy Counting Book." We loved going to cooking class to make our own cupcakes in a cone. For letter X, we talked about X-ray's and what God would see if he looked at our hands (us helping other) and if he x-rayed our hearts (us showing love to others). One little boy was really excited and hoped he would be x-rayed soon. We had fun marching around the church playing our xylophone and making one with the letter x for our craft. YUCK or YUM was the taste test for lemons and limes as we talked about letter Y. We wrinkled up our noises and said YUCK before we ever started. Then when we talked about trying new things, one little girl at 4 pieces of lime and was asking for more. They had fun comparing likes and dislikes with all our friends. We learned to always say YES to Jesus. We also talked about a yak in the yard eating yellow yarn.

We read "Jesus Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem." We each cut out our own palm branches and waved them as we shouted "Hosanna, Jesus is the King." It warms my heart when we celebrate Jesus! We studied other events of Holy Week and talked about how Jesus died on the cross for all of us, and how 3 days later the tomb was empty. He is risen!! He is alive!!

We are all eager to pray and talk about our families, pets and things that happened a long time ago (remember we only 3-4-5 years old.) We are looking forward to many fun activities before the end of the year. With just one letter left, we will finish our alphabet. The kids have been excited and on a countdown for a few weeks. We pray for nice weather and healthy friends.

Blessing to all, Mrs. Beth Durall

# Bethel Church Council Minutes

## April 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Justin French and Ryan Johanningsmeier opened with prayer.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike DeCoursey officiated at four funerals this past month. He will be speaking on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the LAM Certificate dinner. He announced that Bethel would be participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign sponsored by Heart to Heart. Like last year, members will be placing loose change, etc. in a baby bottle during the time from Mother's Day to Father's Day. This will be a contribution to the work of Heart to Heart. Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, is National Day of Prayer. Bethel will observe it by gathering for a 6 p.m. dinner in the social room and then praying together for specific needs in the sanctuary.

**Youth Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike Leydet took the youth to AZZIP in Terre Haute for pizza during Spring Break. He participated in ABLAZE Youth Conference on Friday and Saturday and filled the pulpit on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in March and again during Pastor Mike DeCoursey's vacation. He has conducted premarital counseling and will be officiating at the wedding of Andrew Maze and Brianna Vorhees on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. He spoke at the Men's Lenten Breakfast at the Freelandville Methodist Church on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary's Report:** This report was read and approved.

**Deacon's Report:** Stacey Kahre reported an average attendance of 150 and an offering total of \$23,261.39 for the month of February.

**Treasurer's Report:** This report was approved as written.

**Mission Allocations for April:** The following were approved: Backpack mission - \$1500 and Love Packages: \$1000.

**Elder's Report:** There have been 4 additional visits to the elderly and shut in members before the Lenten season began. Nancy Tilly thanked Maridell Sargent for her support of this mission by supplying cookies to be shared on visits.

**Buildings and Grounds:** The light in the front of the church has been replaced and Brandon Spanger will pick up the replacement glass from D&H Glass Co. for this light.

Stacey Kahre reported that Wolfe Construction will begin work on the stairway during the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>. She received a quote for carpeting in the social room from Tonya Miller of Pieper's Carpet. The quote was for removal of the carpet, treatment of the underlying flooring, and for new medium-priced carpet. Suggestions were made to begin raising money for this project and to begin the update by painting the walls.

Terry Perkins and Brandon Spanger, with the lift loaned by Kevin Hammelman, repaired and sealed the flat roof.

**Old Business:** At the March council meeting, tentative mission and vision statements and a vision plan were written. These have been shared with Ashley Archer. She will be working with a committee to update Bethel's website and choose a logo. The repair and recoating of the entry steps will be tackled as a spring project.

Plans are underway for the Vacation Bible School to be held on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Yee Haw". Pastor Mike Leydet will be planning for a cookout at the shelter house on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> as a culmination celebration of VBS.

**New Business:** Justin reviewed the recommendations for insurance made by A.J. Terrell of Springer Insurance before its renewal in July.

The outdoor lighting at the site of the old office will be tied off and secured.

It was noted that the marquee needs to be cleaned and the landscape rocks secured.

Plans were made to add rock to the parking lot.

**Coming Events:**

Confirmation and Palm Sunday Service- April 14th

Maundy Thursday Service –April 18

Good Friday Service – April 19

Easter Sunday Service – April 21

May Council Meeting – May 13

**Parish Records:** Kara Johanningsmeier, 86, died on February 21, 2019. Burial was on February 24, 2019 at Sandborn Cemetery. James "Bud" Benedict, 89, died on March 21, 2019. Burial was on March 25 at Bicknell Memorial Cemetery.



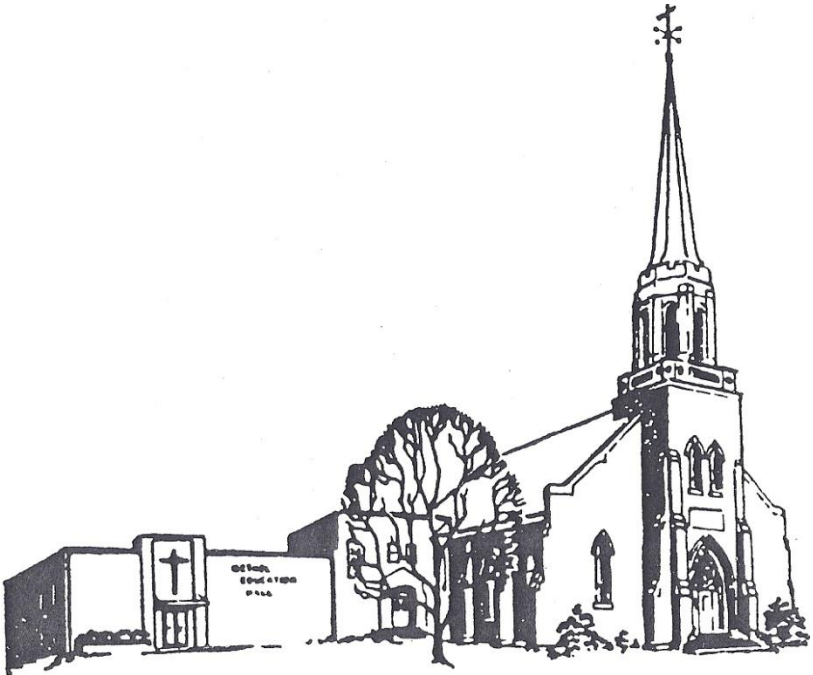


*Chimes news will be due on May 20th*

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