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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

These past several weeks the scripture reference for the Sunday sermon has come from some of the smaller books of the Bible. In particular the books of Jude and 1st John. Though these books may be small in length, they are rich with warnings and instructions for the church. They warn of intruders in the church, John describes them as a form of an antichrist, those who seek to not only distort the truth of scripture but also bring into the church an active role in disrupting the work of the church. In other words, we are being warned of the enemies of the church.

As we read these books one thing in common stands out, the world does not care for the church. Why, because the church that follows scripture will always be at odds with the world. The world is a dark, evil place at odds with God, who is light.

From reading these two books we realize we are left with a choice, live in darkness or live in light. My desire for you is to live in the light of Jesus.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:1

Youth Pastor

Fall is my favorite season of the year. I enjoy the cooler weather, the changing leaves, and, of course, football. But for the last couple years, I have another reason to look forward to fall and that is Trunk or Treat. We will again be having Trunk or Treat this year on October 31st, which is a Thursday this year. Hopefully we will not have to deal with rain this year and can actually decorate our trunks instead of tables. I feel this is an event the community looks forward to as well. So please mark your calendars and start planning those trunks! We will have sign-up sheets up soon for cookies and other donations that we need. I appreciate all the efforts you all put in to this event to make it a success every year. Thank you for showing Christ's love to our community through your service.

In His Love,
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2019

October-November – Worship Committee
December - Assigned

Guild

Bethel Guild will meet on Wednesday, October 2nd at 11 am at the Church to go to Sullivan to the Acorn Café for lunch. We will have devotions, great lunch and good fellowship with a short meeting. All ladies are welcomed. Please call Doris Richter at 812-328-2269 by Monday, September 30 if you are planning to attend.

Also, Harvest Home will be October 6th. We will meet at 1 pm on Saturday, October 5 to decorate with produce and article brought in. If you have something you would like to share, please bring it.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Preschool

Our first few weeks of school have been full of excitement. We began our Bible lessons by learning that God created everything and He created us too. Our first memory verses were Genesis 1:1 and Psalm 139:14. We have also been talking about the wrong choice that Adam and Eve made in the garden and how sin separates us from God. We are very happy that God sent Jesus to take away our sin so we can be close to Him again.

On our first day, we read "Goodnight, Gorilla" and then discovered our dramatic play area was a Zoo with all of the animals from the story. The children had fun pretending to be the Zookeeper and taking care of the animals. Currently, we have an apple orchard in our dramatic play area. The children are picking and sorting apples to make apple pie and other delicious treats.

In our learning stations we have been learning all of the Zoo Phonics animals and letter sounds as well as working on

recognizing and writing the letters in our names. We are focusing on counting to 20 and recognizing number 0-5. Backpack Bear has been teaching us all about our five senses.

One of our favorite days in September was Grandparent's Day. The children performed a couple of songs and presented special gifts to their grandparents before enjoying some delicious muffins and fruit. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you for your generous donations of food and help in serving our guests. Your tremendous support always makes our special days memorable for the children.

Mrs. Carter

We have had 4 fun weeks (okay, only 8 short sessions for us) together already. I have 18 kids that are full of energy, but very fun and sweet. As we were eating snacks the other day, one little boy wanted me to take his wrapper off. HMMM...he had a piece of an apple. I questioned the wrapper. Yes he pointed to the peeling. Oh the peeling, of course I can take that off 😊

We had a wonderful celebration with our grandparents. The kids did a great job introducing themselves and singing. They all loved showing their preschool to very special guests. Thanks to all the church members who helped make delicious muffins or helped the day of. You are greatly appreciated.

We started our letters and we talked about the amazing animals that went into the ark. We have many favorite kinds of animals and they all make different sounds. We have been able to nice weather and visit the ark for play time. We talked about apples and how God thought to give us a variety to we could all find something we like. As we were coloring one day, a little boy who really doesn't like to color because it is "boring" asked for me to go buy faster crayons so he could get his project finished. I giggled and told him "I don't think they make faster crayons." He replied "that is just not right." Oh they are so cute and truthful.

All the preschoolers have brought me joy every day, already. I am blessed and thankful for each one of them.

Happy fall!!
Mrs. Durall

The Church would like to extend our love and sympathy to Pastor Mike, Renee, Hope and Daniel and to Paul, Jamie, and Ellie Berekman on the passing of their father and grandfather, Paul Berekman.

Bethel Church Council Minutes **September 9, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Justin French and Brandon Spanger opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike DeCoursey officiated at the wedding of Allison and Blaine Rohik on Saturday, September 7. Our Best Wishes to them!

Confirmation will begin on Sunday, September 22nd. Pastor Mike outlined his plan for study. A brief history of Bethel Church, learning to use the Bible through study, concentrating on a deeper meaning of Christmas and Easter, are a few that will help build the faith of the confirmands. Participating are four eighth graders, Carter Lemberg, Russell Harbin, Kaleb Archer, and Kaden Boyles and three seventh graders, Adyn Telligman, Bella Lemberg, and Lilli Phegley.

Pastor Mike led the council in planning Bethel's Church in the Grove and Picnic. Sunday School classes will have responsibilities for preparing the meal and others are asked to volunteer to make desserts. A list of those responsibilities will be in each classroom, in the church announcements, and in the Chimes. Activities for the afternoon were also planned.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet shared that approximately 30 teens participated in activities of the 5th Quarter after the first home football game. During this time, he spoke to other youth pastors in the North Knox area about meeting occasionally with a combined youth group.

The first Sunday of the new year for youth has begun. Dividing the youth into 3 sections seemed to be a positive change. He will be using a program called GROW, which includes an excellent Bible Study, games, an attendance tracker, and songs.

He will be delivering the Sunday message at the Vincennes Baptist Church on September 16th as their interim minister has not been established.

On September 12, he will be attending a conference in Evansville on Effective Communication. He requested his vacation for the week of Thanksgiving. Trunk or Treat activities are scheduled for Halloween night at the Community Center.

Pastor Mike will be serving as a spiritual director on a Men's Walk to Emmaus on December 8th.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report for the council meeting of August 12th was read and approved.

Deacon's Report: Mark Sargent reported the average attendance for the Sundays in August was 148 congregants. The offering total for that month was \$13,858.00.

Treasurer's Report: The report submitted by Jan Spanger was approved as written. The Mission Allocations approved were for Christian Radio, specifically Thy Word Network and K-Love Radio will be given \$250 each. The Church Camp fees were approved, but a bill has not been received. A thank you note was read from the Guild for the Mission Allocation from July.

Elder's Report: The next Communion will be on October 6th, which is also Harvest Home Sunday. Justin asked if there were requests for home visits. Cookies and flowers were taken to seven members of Bethel who are ill or shut-in.

Buildings and Grounds: Stacey Kahre noted that another bid for painting the sanctuary will be submitted. Previously only one bid had been received. Other situations needing attention is a light in the nursery and the purchasing of new flag poles in the sanctuary. Much discussion was held in regard to the placement of a handicapped restroom.

Old Business: Projects of building a website and choosing a logo are ongoing. Those council members who are interested in helping with this will be meeting at 6 p.m. before the next council meeting on October 14th.

New Business: The banquet for Helping His Hands is slated for November 7. Since \$1000 had already been budgeted and allocated for this project, it was decided to not attend this year. The meeting closed with all members saying the Lord's Prayer.

Upcoming Events: **September 29** - Bethel's Church in the Grove and Picnic

October 5 – Harvest Home and Communion

October 5 – Preschool's Fall Fun Fest

October 14 – Next Council Meeting

October 31 – Trunk or Treat at Community Center

November – Youth Chicken Noodle Dinner

Parish Records

Max Kixmiller, 82, died on September 12, 2019. Memorial service was held on September 18, 2019, and burial will be at a later date.

Attendance:

Aug. 25 Com. Church
Sept. 1 144
Sept. 8 173
Sept. 15 142

Greeters:

Oct. 6 & 13 – Brandon & Holly Spanger
Oct. 20 & 27 – Tim & Tonya Miller

Ushers: Brandee & Bill Davis

Nursery (Sunday School):

Oct. 6 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
13 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
20 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
27 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Carole Albrecht

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Oct. 6 R. Hammelman Family
13 Debbie Telligman/Beth Durall
20 Page Family
27 Brenda Maddox/Hope Leydet

Children's Church:

Oct. 6 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Randy & Ashley Archer
13 Emma Miller/Hope Leydet/Jennifer Nettles
/Pam Loheider
20 Rylee Hammelman/Micah Morgan
27 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox

October Birthdays:

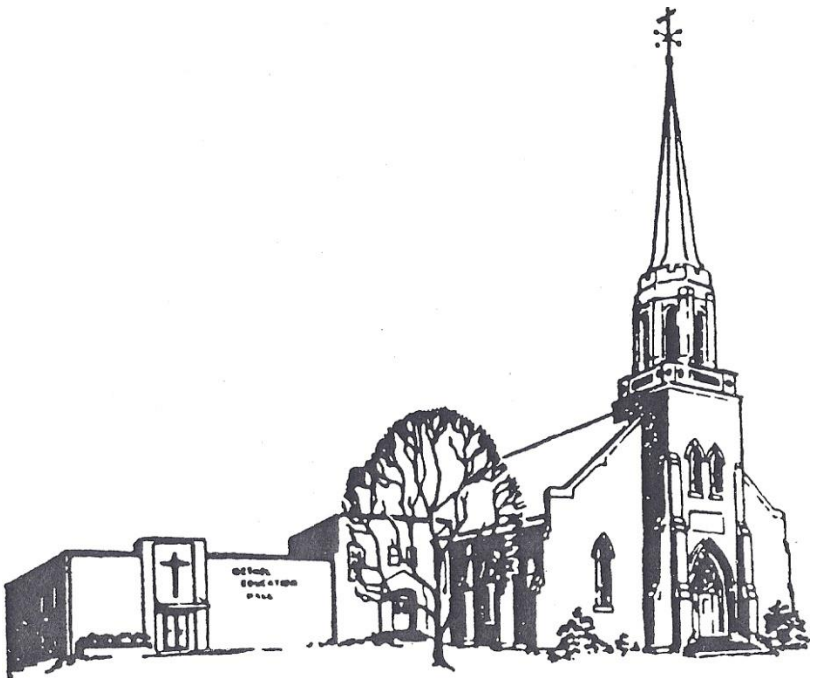
13 Janet Tilly (82nd)
14 Joe Malone (84th)
18 Dorothy Spanger (85th)
18 Mary Miller (84th)
27 Lois Repass (88th)

Chimes news will be due on October 21st.

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