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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**

The gospel of Luke records a story of the need of building on a firm foundation. We read from Luke 6:46-49 of the story of the difference of building on a firm foundation and the danger of having no foundation. Jesus begins this story by questioning those who call Him Lord, but ignore His instructions.

What are our foundations based on? Have we dug deep into God's Word to establish our foundation, or do we do as the world does and have no foundation? Even without all the trouble the world is in today we know that trouble will still come in one form or another and we need to have our spiritual foundation established deep, not on the surface.

Jesus is telling us in this story to establish our foundation in His Word and not in the ways of the world. The warning is there, it is up to us to respond. |When we cry our Lord, Lord have we really made Jesus the Lord of our life? Let us not hesitate before the storms of life break upon us. Let our digging be deep and continuous.

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:1

## Youth Pastor

November 3<sup>rd</sup> is The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church also known as IDOP. So, we will talk about it a little on that Sunday and then the persecuted will just drift to the back of our minds. We might hear a news story that will jolt us to remember throughout the year but for the most part we don't think much about it. We live in a country that believes in religious freedom and we can worship when and where we want. But a lot of our brothers and sisters do not. It is estimated that 100 million Christians live under some type of persecution. It has been estimated that 105,000 Christian die every year for their faith. More Christians were martyred in the 20<sup>th</sup> century than in all other centuries combined.

I tell you this because while we may not be being persecuted directly, it still affects us greatly. We are told in Hebrews 13:3 “Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.” And in 1 Corinthians Paul talks about the church being one body and we all serve together in verse 26 he says “And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*”. We have brothers and sisters that are dying every day. We have brothers and sisters who are imprisoned every day. We have brothers and sisters who meet in secret every day, brothers and sisters who are unashamed of the Gospel and risk their very lives for it every day. Just think what the church in America could do if we had that type of boldness. Please pray for the persecuted.

In His Love

Pastor Mike

### **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2019**

October-November – Worship Committee  
December - Assigned

## **Guild**

The Bethel Guild ladies had a good meal, fellowship and meeting at their October meeting at the Acorn Grill in Sullivan.

We thank Bernettia Hollingsworth and Shirley Brouhard for donating silverware to our church kitchen. We appreciate them thinking of the Church.

Our Christmas luncheon will be December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am with a covered dish lunch. We'll have a Christmas program and a short meeting. All ladies of the Church are welcome. Please bring cookies for the Christmas cheer plate by 9:30 am.

Lill Clinkenbeard

## **Bethel Sunday School Updates**

To date, 10/20/19/, the Bethel Sunday School balance is \$9,223.66. It was decided to discontinue the Lookout Publication, as it no longer followed the Standard Commentary lessons used by the Christian Generations, Christian Partners, and Good Neighbors classes for their weekly Sunday School lessons.

As this year rapidly closes, we will probably be able to equal our mission budget for 2019, as compared to 2018. Optimistically, we can exceed that amount.

Thanks to all the faithful who attend Bethel Sunday School!

## **Preschool**

October in Pre-K has been full of fun fall activities and a focus on Community Helpers. The children have enjoyed learning about all the jobs people do to help us. Our dramatic play area was turned into a hospital, fire station, police station, and post office. The students were very busy being doctors, nurses, mail carriers, fire fighters, and police officers. We also had a visit from Mr. John

Streeter who brought the fire engine for us to see. Mr. Streeter also shared fire safety tips with the children.

We tied in our Community Helpers theme to our Bible lessons by talking about the Good Samaritan and Jesus choosing His special helpers. The children discussed how they can be good helpers for Jesus by helping others and telling them about God's great love. After fall break we will be sharing God's love by visiting the nursing home and singing for the residents. We are also looking forward to our Harvest Party at the end of the month.

Mrs. Carter

Happy fall! The leaves are starting to change colors and we are enjoying God's beauty. We had our eyes checked by the ladies from Generations. We thank them for their time and coming to spend the day with us.

During b week, we looked at all the great books God's give us to read, but know the best book of all is the Bible. We love our pictures in the Children's Bible to help us visualize what is happen in the story. We loved learning about bears, blowing bubbles and playing in the band.

Joseph and his coat of amazing colors is a great way to learn about letter c and work on all the colors. We had a puppet show and the kids enjoyed playing "the most loved son." We talked about the cross and how Jesus loves us so much that he died for all of us on that cross.

Dare to be a Daniel in a den with lions and pray without ceasing and the lions sure did roar during letter d week. The kids laughed when I quieted the lions, but know that I could never really do that, only God can quiet the mouths of lions. We got to go to cooking class and make our dandy dirt dessert. We did great listening and flowing directions.

Little elephant with big ears taught us to be happy with who we are, and God loves us all just the same. We cracked eggs at our egg drop and quickly learned we could not put them back together, but God could perform that miracle. We spent almost the entire day outside having class making messes, but had fun and maybe learned a little. The elephant and our Humpty Dumpty were good letter e lessons.

We welcomed Fire Fighters John Streeter and Josh Trotter from the Freelandville Fire Department to talk to us about fire safety and help us learn about letter f. We talked about frogs and how we should fully rely on God, always. We also know that we need to be fishers of men for Jesus.

We have enjoyed Mrs. Carter's dramatic play area with all the community helpers. Thanks so much for sharing your ideas with us and allowing us to visit. We have used our imaginations and we hope to become a doctor or an ocean person playing in the water all day long.

We read "Shine Smiling Pumpkin" and learned we should Share His Incredible News Everywhere and let our light shine for Christ. When we get make a mess with shaving cream or our eggs, or even making our dessert, the little girls dig right in while some of the farm boys stand back and say "I am not putting my fingers in that stuff." I love introducing sensory items for the kids to describe and play with. We are continuing to work on preschool concepts and learning about God.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Party and visiting the Nursing Home at the end of the month.

November Thankful and Blessed Greetings to all!

Mrs. Durall

## How Do You Spell Thanksgiving?

**T** is for my thankfulness, the Lord is good to me.

**H** is for God's Heaven, with Him I'll ever be.

**A** is for my attitude, may I be filled with praise.

**N** is for my new life, my song of joy I'll raise.

**K** is for my kindness, to the dear folks that I know.

**S** is for my service, by my life the dear Lord show.

**I** is for my instruction, I want to know His power.

**V** is for my victory, Christ wins the final war.

**I** is for my intentions, He's the One that I adore.

**N** is for my nearness, to the Lord I daily live.

**G** is for my glory, to God in Heaven I gladly give.

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## Thank You

Bethel family,

We would like to take a moment to thank Pastor Mike and Karen for their leadership, prayer, and music for the Kahre/Moreland wedding on October 12th. We would also like to thank them both for the many years of spiritual guidance they have provided them throughout the years. A special thank you to Pastor Mike Leydet and Renee for their technical assistance, encouragement and prayer throughout the wedding planning process. Thank you to Holly Spanger for stepping up and assisting with the computer. In addition, thank you to Jim Strange and Scott and Stacy Page for making our church and grounds look so incredible! Most importantly, thank you to our church family for all the outpouring of love, support, encouragement, cards, gifts, and prayer you provided to John and Hailley and our entire family over the years. We are very honored and blessed to be a member of this church! We give God all the Glory!  
John and Hailley's new address is 12 W. Short St.,  
Freelandville, IN 47535.

John 13:34 So now I am giving you a new commandment:  
Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

God Bless,

The family of JohnWyatt & Hailley Moreland

# **Totenfest**

## *Service of Remembrance*

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

Darrin Scott Hollingsworth (49) – died December 23, 2018

Sally Plummer (76) – died January 22, 2019

Gerald Snyder (80) – died February 18, 2019

Kara Johanningsmeier (86) – died February 21, 2019

James “Bud” Benedict (89) – died March 2019

Doris J. Brocksmith (88) – died March 29, 2019

Mary Deerhake (87) – died June 23, 2019

Max Kixmiller (82) – died September 12, 2019



# **Bethel Church Council Minutes**

**October 14, 2019**

The council meeting was opened with prayer by President Justin French.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike DeCoursey shared that he had officiated at two grave side services, welcomed guests with a prayer at the wedding of Hailley Kahre and John Wyatt Moreland, and made hospital visits during this month. He reminded members to pray for those in our congregation who have health issues. Confirmation studies have begun and those confirmands will be sharing during the Sundays of Advent.

Totenfest, the service of remembrance, will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor Mike and Karen will be on vacation at home during the week of October 21-28.

**Youth Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike Leydet shared of the three 5<sup>th</sup> quarter events. Approximately 35 students attended these activities after the NK home football games. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of September, Pastor Mike participated with around 100 North Knox High School students at **See You At The Pole** for prayer, sponsored by the FCA.

Bethel's youth participated in the **Fields of Faith** at South Knox as they gathered on the soccer field for prayers. Bethel served breakfast to 58 youth at the **FCA Breakfast** on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Garrett Moody, who was one of Pastor Mike's youth at Followers of Christ, gave the message. These are held at Bethel each month, with different churches serving the breakfast. Pastor Mike, Renee, and Amanda Sprague will be leading the preparation for the Children's Christmas program, titled "Just a Little Christmas." Practices will begin in November.

Pastor Mike participated in a communication seminar in Evansville. The speaker had been involved in corporate communication but is now focused in interaction with clergy. The Youth Chicken Noodle Dinner will be November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary's Report:** The report submitted by Nancy Tilly for the council meeting of September 9th was read and approved.

**Deacon's Report:** Mark Sargent reported that the average attendance for September Sunday services was 157 and the offering was \$22,904.

**Treasurer's Report:** The gift for 2 years from the Huffman estate has been received and will be shown on the October treasurer's report. This money is to be used for church maintenance.

**Mission Allocations** for this month are a budgeted \$500 to the Armor Bearer's Conference and \$1500 to the School Nurses' Fund.

**Elder's Report:** Justin noted that 112 persons were served communion on October 6<sup>th</sup>, which was World Wide Communion Sunday.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Plans continue for the construction of a handicap accessible bathroom in Bethel Hall. Wabash Plumbing continues to advise with this project and will soon be submitting a bid.

As the dusk to dawn pole light needs repair, Eric Snyder from "Wired Up" will be contacted.

Stacy Page has noted the wax ring in the bathroom near the social room needs to be replaced. Randy Hammelman volunteered to replace it.

Brandy Toney will proceed with plans for the Faithful Footprints Class to replace the swings in the grove.

Vaughn Hislip will be contacted to advise us for options for the pop machine, which isn't working.

**Old Business:** Plans continue for the website and logo.

Three choices for the logo were submitted for perusal.

Council members voiced their approval for one of the choices, with options for changes in the colors.

The projector shelf has been solidly secured.

Pastor Mike DeCoursey will continue to look for a replacement eagle for the flagpole for the American flag in the sanctuary.

The council will continue to search for someone to assess any repair needed of the stained-glass windows.

The repair of the covering on the steps at the entrances of the sanctuary and Bethel Hall was discussed. Terry Perkins reported that Mike Knepp hasn't responded to requests, so Hendrixson Concrete and Construction will be contacted.

**New Business:** The Cemetery policies and procedures were reviewed. A suggestion was made to budget money in 2020 for the repair of stones in the cemetery.

It was noted that the oven in the shelter house is not heating. Members are checking to see if it is under warranty and repairs will be made.

Pastor Mike Leydet presented bids from Hewlett Packard and Apple Computers for the replacement of the computer in the sanctuary. Many hours have been spent to sync the visual and sound, without any positive results. A motion was made, and a vote was taken to accept the bid from HP.

Pastor Mike told of the presentation programs available. We have been using MEDIA SHOUT, but he recommended PROCLAIM, as it is cloud based and can be updated from home computers. This recommendation was accepted.

The meeting adjourned with all praying the Lord's Prayer.

**Ministries and Upcoming Events:**

**October 31 – Trunk or Treat at Community Center**

**November 3 – Totenfest**

**November 11 – Council Meeting**

**November 17 – Youth Chicken Noodle Dinner**

## **Parish Records**

### **Attendance:**

Sept. 22 170  
Sept. 29 ?  
Oct. 6 138  
Oct. 13 136  
Oct. 20 140

### **Greeters:**

Nov. 3 & 10 – Collin & Amy Tiek  
Nov. 17 & 24 – Janet Tilly & Maridell Sargent

**Ushers: Holly & Brandon Spanger**

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

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

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

Nov. 3 Theresia Barrett/Shaylie Phegley  
10 Autumn Cone/Brittany Page  
17 Organ Family  
24 Tracey Kahre/Hailley Moreland

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

Nov. 3 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Ryan Johanningsmeier  
10 Emma Miller/Hope Leydet/Jennifer Nettles  
/Tracey Kahre  
17 Rylee Hammelman/Janet Clinkenbeard  
24 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Dale Tiek

### **November Birthdays:**

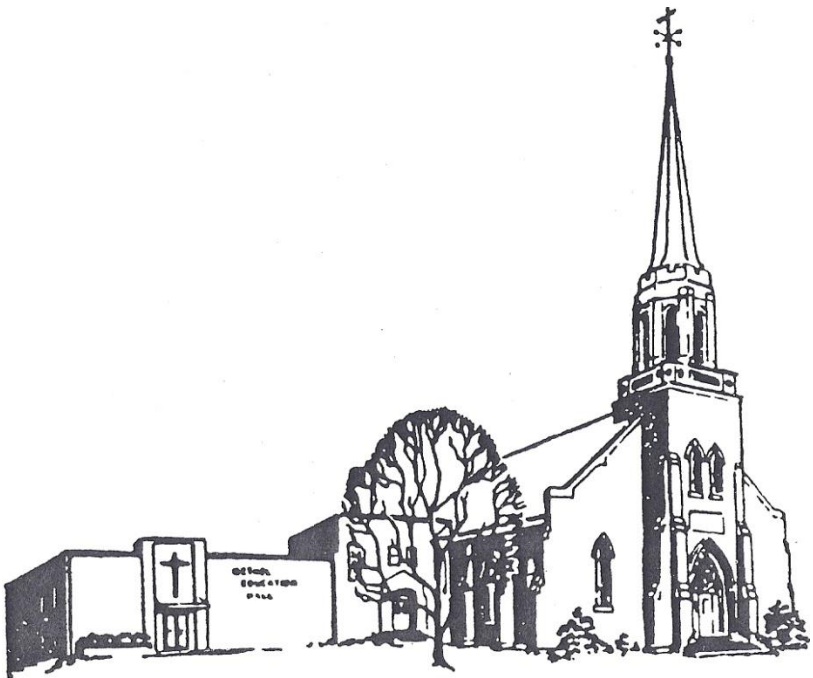
4 Betty Miller (84<sup>th</sup>)  
17 Etta Boberg (86<sup>th</sup>)  
21 Jack Miller (84<sup>th</sup>)  
23 Marvin Deerhake (89<sup>th</sup>)  
29 Shirley Miller (91<sup>st</sup>)  
30 Helen Mackey (92<sup>nd</sup>)

*Chimes news will be due on November 18<sup>th</sup>.*

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