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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

What a strange winter we have experienced so far this year. Unseasonable warm temperatures, rain, much rain instead of snow and the list goes on. While we have little, if no control over the weather, we can have peace in knowing that our Lord never changes.

This fact is stated in Hebrews 13:8, which says that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." What a relief that verse should bring to us. Unlike the weather, believers can take heart in knowing that the Lord never changes.

I don't know about you, but I find peace in knowing that the spiritual boundaries established by God never changes. What a joy it is to serve a God who stays the same, yesterday, today and forever.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:1

Youth Pastor

As I sit at my desk and type this, I am still thinking about the Strength to Stand Conference we just returned from with the youth. This was the largest conference for STS to date with around 17,000 people attending. I am always in awe of what God does on this 3-day weekend and that is why this is our 10th year going. We had great worship and speakers that spoke the truth clearly and presented the gospel. We were able to see Kanye West and the Sunday Service Collaborative. They reported to us that there were 1,482 decisions for Christ over the course of the weekend. The conference was great, as always, but we must leave the mountain and come back to the real world. This is a point they drive home every year. Serving Jesus is not easy, but it is worth it. So, please keep our youth lifted up in prayer. They face obstacles on a day to day basis they we never dreamed of at their age. Pray that God strengthen them and give them the ability to stand for His truth in a world that rejects it.

In His Love
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2020

February – Emily Pirtle and Brandy Toney

March & April (Lent and Easter) – Autumn Cone, Liberty
Lemberg, and Ramona Hammelman

May – Stacy Page and Beth Durall

June – VBS

July & August – Mary Ann Miller

September – Preschool

October and November – Theresia Barrett

December – Nancy Tilly

Preschool

Zoom, zoom, zoom...we're going to the moon! January was a fun month in Pre-k as we explored the solar system. The children enjoyed our space station dramatic play area and learned about the planets. Students operated mission control with button, switches, and lights. They also gathered moon rocks, worked on the space shuttle, and climbed aboard our rocket ship. We talked about how God created everything and He made the Earth perfect for us.

We also had great fun on our Pajama Day. The students wore their pajamas and brought their favorite stuffed toy to class. We went on a fun game of hide and seek with our toys, enjoyed a video story with popcorn, made a fun bedtime craft featuring Backpack Bear, counted marshmallows for our hot chocolate, and sang some silly bedtime songs. There were lots of smiles and giggles on Pajama Day.

Our Bible stories this month included the parable of the wise and foolish builders. The students memorized Psalm 18:2 "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer." We also read about Jesus feeding the multitudes and memorized Mark 10:27 "All things are possible with God".

Academically, we began working on recognizing those tricky teen numbers. All month we focused on number 11 & 12. As we continue to review letter recognition, we began learning our first sight words (I, see, the, a) which will help the students to practice awareness of sentence structure and emergent reading skills. This year is going by so quickly and we are trying to squeeze in all of the fun learning activities as possible. Thank you again for your continued support!

Mrs. Carter

We are back in the swing of things at preschool. After extended breaks, I worry sometimes because my littles could come back with tears again after being home with mom for a few extra days and sometimes, it is like starting our first day over again. This year, however, they all came back eager and ready to learn. We have a lot of energy and enjoyed playing outside in January in 50 degrees. One little boy was sad he didn't wear his shorts that day. Brrrr. We started off talking about snow, because it is usually in the air or on the ground this time of year. We learned that God creates each snow flake unique, different, and special, kind of how He creates each of us. I hope you walk through the preschool area and enjoy our art work, it may not be perfect, but we are learning to do things independently.

We started back on learning our letters. M is for monkey--just ask any of the preschoolers they can tell you all bout monkeys, as we sing songs, read books, and yes sometimes act like monkeys. We also read "Moses and the Bulrushes" as we talk about faith honoring God in all we do. We were very sad for baby Moses when he was on the water, but then praised God he was safe. M kept us busy as we did math with M&M's and money.

"Nuts to You" is a favorite book of mine for letter N. It is a cute little book about a friendly little squirrel. We talked about taking care of God's creatures and made treats for our outdoor friends. We are now praying we see squirrels in our food we put out for them. N is also for numbers and nest or newspapers and nuts.

We pray for Miss Jennifer on the loss of her grandfather. We miss her when she is gone. I get asked at least 30 times "where is Miss Jennifer"? (I only have 19 kids).

We look forward to our Valentine's Day party and showing ours how we love them all year though not just one day a month.

Mrs. Beth Durall

Guild

Bethel Guild will meet on Wednesday, February 5th at 1:30 for our memorial service for 4 ladies. Shirley Brouhard will be in charge of the program.

Hostesses will be Sharon Kahre and Doris Richter. Please bring toothbrushes and tooth paste for Generations.

We have good books to read in the Guild Room. Also, our greeting cards are now up in Bethel Hall on the main floor. They are \$5.00 for a box.

Memorial Fund

In memory of Mary Deerhake:

Bruce & Terri Miller

THANK YOU

Bethel Church family,

I want to thank each and every one that came and visited my parents and brought food and cookies through this last year and half. All the cards, prayers and support you gave them and me.

I really felt our church as a family. I know my parents always felt their extended family here at Bethel. Dad always felt at home and had a bond here, and Mom her Guild family. Dad was proud to serve this church. Pastor Mike, thank you for your visits, my father enjoyed them. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for the love and prayers. You are all so special to me.

Brenda Maddox & family

Bethel Church Council Minutes

January 13, 2020

The January meeting was jointly led by Vice President Stacey Kahre and President, Justin French. Randy Hammelman opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike DeCoursey reported that 153 congregants worshipped together at the Christmas morning service. He officiated at one funeral and one baptism during the past month. He reported that he had held funeral services for eighteen members of Bethel and others during the past year. This number was the most services ever conducted during a year's time.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet told of the production of the Children's Christmas program on December 22nd. He and the youth had filled and delivered twenty food boxes and later they celebrated together with a Christmas party. He delivered two sermons, one on the fifth Sunday and again when Pastor Mike DeCoursey was ill. The chicken and noodle dinner was a success and garnered \$1027 for the Youth fund. He and Renee will be taking the youth to Strength to Stand in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee on January 18-20.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report written by Nancy Tilly was read and approved.

Deacon's Report: Brandon Spanger reported the average attendance for December was 161, and the offering total was \$22,494.

Treasurer's Report: This report given by Jan Spanger was read and approved.

Mission Allocations: The men who conduct the Prison Ministry requested \$265 of the budgeted \$400 to be allocated at this time. This will be taken from the 2020 budgeted sum.

Elder's Report: Justin reported that Communion was served to 105 persons on January 5th. He also noted that the LAM dinner will be on Thursday, February 20th. With a motion it was decided to fund this by hosting 2 tables at a cost of \$500 and then taking another \$500 donation to the dinner. This is our usual budgeted donation. Justin also told of the Heart to Heart dinner on Tuesday, March 3rd. Again, with a motion, Bethel will be donating the budgeted \$1000 to this endeavor. The dues of \$800 will also be paid to the Evangelical Association.

Buildings and Grounds: Stacey Kahre reported that Mike Sinclair had submitted a bid for updating the electrical wiring in the sanctuary. He found that conduit has been used in many places and it is probably safer than what was first thought. His bid was for replacing the breaker panel, the hanging lamp cords, and

anything else that needs replacing. A motion was made to approve this bid and it was carried. **It can be noted that at this time, January 20th, work has already begun on this project.**

A bid for painting and repair of the plaster was received from Matthew Richter. We now have received two bids. The projects for updating the social rooms with paint and carpet, painting and repairing the plaster in the sanctuary, refurbishing and repair of the stained-glass windows, and the handicapped accessible bathroom are projects that the congregation will be asked to prioritize at the Annual Congregational meeting. Each of these projects exceed the limit of \$7500 and will need the approval of the congregation. Since some of these bids were submitted several months prior, Stacey will be checking to see if new bids should be submitted. Some money from the Memorial Fund has been allocated for carpet in the social room and funds from this and Special Gifts can be used for needed updates.

Old Business: Decisions have been made concerning the website, logo, mission vision and values and that work to build the website will begin.

New Business: Concerns for the planting and harvesting of the Strate 40 acres was discussed. Ryan Johanningsmeier and Terry Perkins will move forward on decisions made at this time.

It was reported that those approached for serving as a deacon and an elder have consented to serve.

Mike Leydet assured the council that he would be planning the program for VBS, which will be the first Saturday in June.

The date for the Staff Appreciation Dinner will be planned soon.

The meeting was closed with council members praying the Lord's Prayer together.

Coming Events:

January 26 – Congregational Meeting with a meal served by the Mustard Seed Class

February 10 – Council Meeting

Parish Records

Attendance:

Dec. 22 165
Dec. 29 143
Jan. 5 116
Jan 12 163
Jan 19 116

Greeters:

Feb. 2 – Ed & Cheryl Hagemeyer
Feb. 9 & 16 – Ernie & Monica Russell
Feb. 23 & Mar. 1 – Michael & Brandy Toney

Ushers: Logan & Makenzie Barrett

Nursery (Sunday School):

Feb. 2 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
9 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
16 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
23 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike

Volunteers are needed to help in the Nursery during Sunday School. Please contact Cheryl Hagemeyer at 812-887-4571

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Feb. 2 Page Family
9 R. Hammelman Family
16 Debbie Telligman/Shaylie Phegley
23 Beth Durall/Klaire Bowers

Children's Church:

Feb. 2 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Randy & Ashley Archer
9 Emma Miller/Hope Leydet/Jennifer Nettles/Pam Loheider
16 Rylee Hammelman/Micah Morgan
23 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox

February Birthdays:

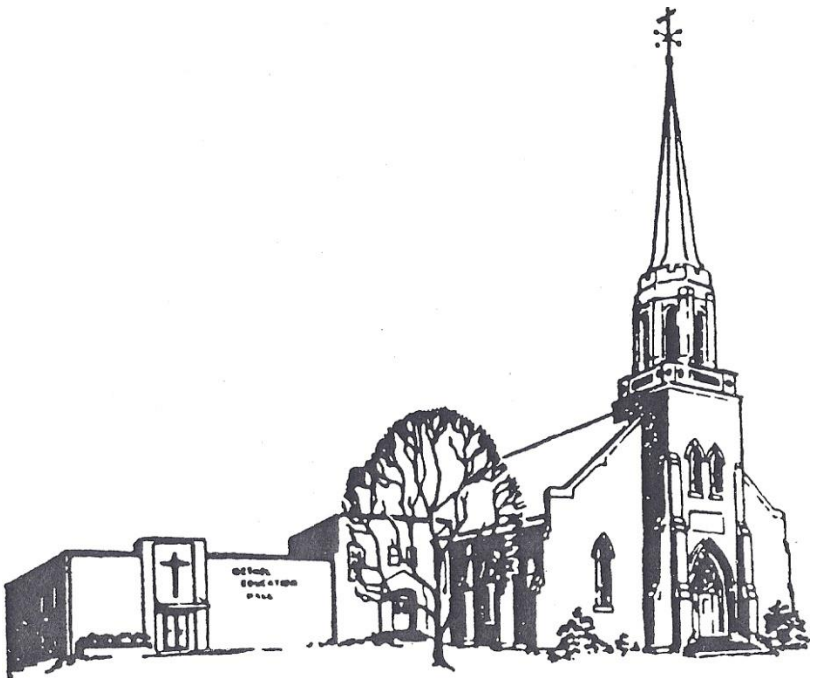
3 Frank McCrary (82nd)
9 Anita Malone (81st)
12 Robert Miller (85th)
20 Doris Richter (85th)
20 Pat Kirchoff (82nd)
21 Lillian Clinkenbeard (88th)

Chimes news will be due on February 17th.

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