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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY**

We read in Numbers chapter 20 of Moses striking the rock to provide water for the children of Israel and of God punishing him for his action by denying him the opportunity of taking the people into the Promised Land. We do read in Deuteronomy chapter 34 of God allowing Moses to look into the Promised Land before his death.

Now I am in no way comparing myself to Moses in this letter but I do want to say this, God has allowed us to enter into the Promised Land. Let me explain. Many years ago I had answered God's call on my life to preach. But God didn't move in my time, He moved in His. As you all well know we were already middle aged when the Lord called Karen and I to Bethel and He did this for a reason. We believe that He wanted life to season us if you will before placing us in a church. And so it was in His timing and not ours that found us at Bethel.

We got to see the Promised Land. Bethel, you are our Promised Land. You took us in, nurtured us, trained us and allowed us to minister the Gospel to you through music and the Word. Thank you. I am at a loss of words to express our gratitude to you for

allowing us to minister to you these past fifteen years. We leave with a deep appreciation for what you have done for us and we take with us a lifetime full of rich memories and friendships. God Bless Bethel Church in the coming years as you call a new pastor to lead you. May his experience be as rewarding as ours.

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike and Karen  
James 5:1

## **Youth Pastor**

In January Renee and I sat down with the youth and we made a “bucket list” of things we wanted to do as a group before our tenure at Bethel came to an end. Some were things we had done before like go to the movies or slip and slide kickball. Some were things we had talked about like going ice skating or glow in the dark mini golf. Some were never going to happen like give Mike a mohawk (I have had a mohawk a couple times before, it isn’t a good look for me). Unfortunately, we only marked 1 item of our list and it seems that it will be the only one with the current restriction due to COVID-19. Honestly, it is pretty disappointing. I didn’t picture my time with these students ending like this. I didn’t picture the end of my 20 years in youth ministry to not involve any type of special outings. Actually, disappointing is probably not the right word for this feeling, honestly heart breaking would be a more accurate description. But I have learned that in ministry, heartache is a pretty common companion. Don’t get me wrong there is much joy in serving the Lord, but there is also much heartache and these two things are not mutually exclusive. We can retain our joy even in times of trouble and strife. We can still have joy in heartache. Because joy is eternal. Joy only comes from our relationship with Jesus Christ. Those relational bonds cannot be severed. If your joy leaves when your circumstances change, then you don’t have joy, you have temporary happiness. So, in these times we are facing, let’s keep our joy intact. Church we need to show the world that the source of our joy is not of this world. This

is the best witness we can give in uncertain times. Remember heartache is temporal but joy is eternal.

In His Love,  
Pastor Mike

## **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2020**

June – VBS  
July & August – Mary Ann Miller  
September – Preschool  
October and November – Theresia Barrett  
December – Nancy Tilly

### **Preschool**

The 2019-2020 school year was one to remember. So many wonderful moments, but too many missed moments due to our abrupt ending. Despite the unexpected events, this year was still full of joyful learning and special memories. I would like to thank every one of your for supporting our program through financial and material donations, baking muffins, cooking hotdogs, volunteering for events, and most of all covering our staff and students in prayer. Please continue to pray for us as we face the unknown for our next school year. No matter the circumstances, one thing will always remain the same...God is in control!

With Great Appreciation,  
Mrs. Carter

## **Memorial Fund**

*In memory of Lois Wampler:*

Jane & Dale Tiek

Kent & Brenda Brocksmith

Bonnie & Bruce Brown

Mark & Diane Telligman

Maridell Sargent

Elizabeth Telligman

Vera Jones

Bill & Darlene Resler

## **Bethel Seniors of 2020**

Victoria French – “Tori” is the daughter of Justin and Tracy French and will be a graduate of the North Knox Class of 2020. At this time, she has an undecided career path, but plans to attend Vincennes University to complete her general studies. She says, “Although my career path is unknown, I do believe that God will put me correctly in place at the perfect time to work for His will.

Trevor Kahre – Trevor is the son of Travis and Stacey Kahre and will also be graduating from North Knox with the Class of 2020. He plans to attend Marian University in Indianapolis and play football for the Marian Knights. His educational plans are to study Exercise Science/Occupational Therapy. After college, he plans to apply to Grad school and major in Occupational Therapy and pursue the Doctorate program. His long term plans include returning to Knox County to work as an Occupational Therapist with older adults and people with disabilities, more specifically amputees. Of course, he has a dream of coaching football for his Alma Mater and raising a family in Knox County.

**Emilee Organ** – Emilee is the daughter of Brian and Bonnie Organ and is the Salutatorian of the North Knox Class of 2020. She plans on attending Indiana University Southeast in New Albany to play volley ball and major in Elementary Education. After college, she would like to find a job near her church and family and friends.

**Brianna Page** – Brianna is the daughter of Scott and Stacy Page and is the Valedictorian for the North Knox Class of 2020. She plans on studying at Vincennes University or the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville to become a teacher of history and also to obtain an English degree. Helping others will always be a main focus of her life. By becoming a teacher, she hopes to be able to be a positive influence in many young lives of students.

**Alexia Rockwell** – “Lexie” is the daughter of Lynsey and Thomas Draper and will be also be a 2020 graduate of North Knox. She currently is employed at the Freelandville Community Home, serving as an assistant to the activities director. In June, she will be taking classes to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. These paths will lead her to, then, enroll in classes to become a registered nurse.

The children from Bethel families and who would have graduated from Bethel Preschool are:

Moxon Hammelman, son of Josh and Bethany Hammelman  
Brooklyn Nettles, son of Christopher and Jennifer Nettles  
Thatcher Richards, son of Tiffany Richards  
Gibson Richter, son of Tyler and Kayla Richter  
Piper Ricketts, daughter of Nicole Ricketts  
Miles Toney, son of Michael and Brandy Toney

# **Bethel Church Council Minutes**

May 11, 2020

The May meeting of the Bethel Council was opened by President Mark Sargent and with prayer offered by Clint Durall.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report for April was written in a form as Notes from the Council. These were gleaned from texts, phone conversations and conference calls due to the pandemic and were read and approved.

Deacon's Report: Mark Sargent reported an offering balance of \$19,868 for the month of April. There was no attendance during this month, but it was noted that approximately 70 people have been viewing the virtual Sunday service. This number can be seen on Facebook as those who are viewing, log in. Between 75-80 people attended the service on May 10th when Bethel had its first service since March 15th.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Spanger presented the report for April and it was approved.

Mission Allocations: These allocations for May were \$1,000 to North Knox Social Ministries and \$1000 to the Nurses' Fund.

Old Business: The new website will be in place sometime this week. Our thanks, again, to Stacey Kahre.

Mark reported that J. R. from Wabash Plumbing states that a final bid for the handicapped accessible bathroom is still waiting for the bid from the electrician for this project.

The search committee is in place and are waiting for a time when there will be less stringent policies for meeting in small groups.

It was noted that the flag in the cemetery has not been replaced for nine months. Numerous attempts have been made to do so and attention to this detail will be completed before Memorial Day.

Jan Spanger, Bonnie Organ, and Nancy Tilly will be meeting with Amanda Sprague to discuss plans for provision of the music for Sunday services.

The search for an interim minister is ongoing. Interim Pastoral Ministries has again been contacted to continue to seek someone who fits our congregation's needs.

New Business: Graduation Sunday is slated for June 7th. At this time, North Knox seniors, those who have advanced degrees, and the Bethel Preschool graduates will be recognized.

Brandon Spanger and Michael Toney have tiled the Strate 40 acres where it was needed.

The warranty for the termite pest control has been renewed.

Terry Perkins and Garland Richter have repaired the water line under the sink at the Leydet home.

Bethel received a thank you from Ted Roach for the use of the shelter house and grounds for taking prom pictures.

Coming Events: Some have been planned with definite dates, but are tentative as we await the further opening of larger groups.

June 7 – Graduation Sunday

June 28 – Meal and Gathering in the Grove to honor the DeCourseys and Leydets

Next Meeting: June 8

## **Parish Records**

**Deaths:** Eldina Benedict, 89, died on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. Burial was Monday, May 25, 2020 at Bicknell Memorial Garden.

**Births:** Trey and Bradlea Miller welcomed baby Paxton Robert Lee Miller on May 11, 2020. He weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. and was 23 inches long.

**Attendance:**

Apr. 26  
May 3  
May 10 75-80  
May 17

**Greeters:**

June 7 – Steve & Debbie Telligman  
June 14 & 21 – Mike & Pam Loheider  
June 28 & July 5 – Garland & Lisa Richter

**Ushers:** Frank & Lenora McCrary

**Nursery (Sunday School):**

June 7 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
14 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman  
21 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
28 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike

**Nursery Notes (Worship):**

June 7 Theresia Barrett/Shaylie Phegley  
14 Autumn Cone/Brittany Page  
21 Bonnie & Emilee Organ  
28 Tracey Kahre/Hailley Moreland

**Children's Church:**

June 7 Carole Albrecht/Randy & Ashley Archer  
14 Emma Miller/Hope Leydet/Jennifer Nettles/  
Pam Loheider  
21 Rylee Hammelman/Micah Morgan  
28 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox

**June Birthdays:**

13 Patty Buescher (89<sup>th</sup>)  
30 Carolyn Williams (88<sup>th</sup>)

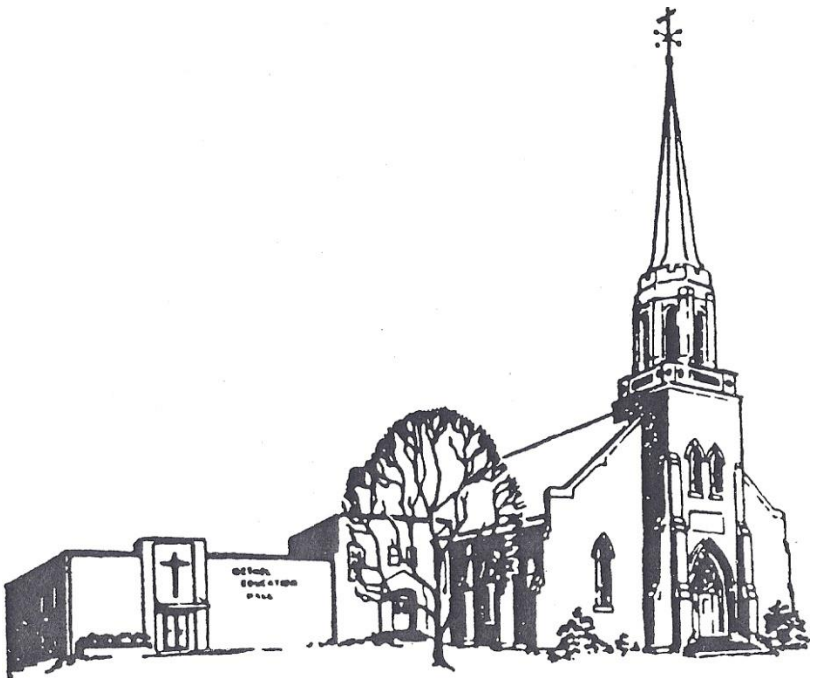
*Chimes news will be due on June 15<sup>th</sup>.*



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