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Mark Sargent, President (2022)

Clint Durall (2024)

Randy Hammelman, Vice President (2023) Bonnie Organ (2024)

Nancy Tilly, Secretary (2021)

Terry Perkins (2021)

Jan Spanger, Treasurer (2021)

Brandon Spanger (2023)

Ryan Johanningsmeier (2022)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

A Note of Appreciation!

Your welcome, hospitality, and kind words have meant so much to me since arriving. I am quickly getting to know some names, faces, and families. You have a rich heritage.

The work God has called me to do is both challenging and fruitful. I am looking forward to focusing on the tasks that will be presented as we review the church assessment. God already knows where we are headed... "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jer. 29:11.

For His Glory,
Dr. Mark E. Fleschner

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2020

September – Preschool
October and November – Theresia Barrett
December – Nancy Tilly

Thank You
We are Grateful!

Romans 12: 6 says, “*We have different gifts according to the grace given to each of us.*” Bethel’s Council is grateful for each gift of service, encouragement, giving, and leading, as we prepared for Dr. Mark and the TIPS assessment team. We appreciate each member of Bethel’s family who helped ready the parsonage in big and small ways. It took willing hands and hearts to complete this task!

We thank each of you who took the time on a busy Saturday to be interviewed, to those who took a written survey, to those who came early on Sunday morning to complete a health survey and to those who finished a life cycle evaluation. These assessments are designed to lead us to a renewal of knowing God, to knowing the plan and to knowing the path to a future with our new pastor.

Bethel’s Church Council

Memorial Fund

Guild:

In memory of Lois Wampler:
Evaline Johanningsmeier

In memory of Donna Clinkenbeard:
Evaline Johanningsmeier

Sunday School

A volunteer is need to help teach the High School and Jr. High School class. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Bonnie Organ at 812-910-0156.

Preschool

I am thrilled to begin my third year at Bethel Christian Preschool. What a blessing it has been to experience the kindness, generosity, and prayerful support of the Bethel congregation. Although we are facing a year of unknowns, we are still excited to start our learning adventures! Our first few weeks will be spent getting to know each other and introducing our classroom rules and routines. We will meet our class mascot, Backpack Bear, who will teach us many things over the year. We will also meet our Zoo Phonics animal friends who will help us with our letters and sounds.

Each week we will learn more about God's great love through our Bible lesson and memory verse. We start our year with the story of Creation and our first memory verse, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1 The children will enjoy painting a picture of the earth as we talk about all the things God created.

In our dramatic play area, we will begin our adventures by jumping into three fairy tale stories. The children will get to be like Goldilocks and visit the three bear's house, build houses of straw, sticks, and bricks with the three pigs, and escape the wolf like Red Riding Hood.

Small groups and learning stations will provide many hands-on activities to prepare the children for kindergarten. We have added a new daily station with our science center. Our first few weeks will be spent learning about our five senses.

So many exciting things are planned for this year!

Mrs. Carter

I am happy to be back with my littles at preschool. It was a long 5 months without kid activity for me. My classes may be small, but the 11 total are so sweet and cute! We had just a few tears that quickly became great big smiles.

We have had a lesson on how God made us each special and different. We loved looking for differences and similarities among our new friends. I asked if they were all coming back to preschool, one little girl thought she would have to ask since she wasn't sure if mom and dad would allow her to or not. One little boy told me he was upset but didn't want me to see him cry. He truly fought to hold those tears in for a long time, but never shed one tear. We enjoyed watching a crop duster, playing outside and visiting "The Three Bears."

THANKS to Mrs. Carter for sharing her ideas and creativity with us. We loved going on a treasure hunt and exploring God's big house. Thanks to those who have donated stamps, supplies, and a pillow book holder. We appreciate all of you for always thinking of preschool. We are so blessed and thankful. Praying for everyone's health, safety and many more fun days together.

Love in Christ,
Mrs. Beth Durall

Guild

Women's Guild met August 5th for a regular meeting. Because of the virus, we couldn't go to the Freelandville Community Home to host their August birthday party. We made lap throws for the Community Home, had our regular meeting, and enjoyed refreshments of cherry delight, tea and coffee.

Our next meeting is October 7th at 1:30. We will hopefully have someone from Generations to speak to us of their work. We are to bring toilet paper for Generations. Hostesses will be Nancy Tilly and Janet Tilly.

Harvest Home will be Sunday, September 20th. Bring produce on Saturday by 1 pm so that it can be arranged.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Bethel Church Council Minutes

August 10, 2020

The meeting of August 10, 2020 was opened by President Mark Sargent and with a prayer by Randy Hammelman.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report for July 13, 2020 and written by Nancy Tilly was read and approved.

Deacon's Report: As deacon for July, Brandon Spanger reported an average attendance of 121, and a total offering of \$18,846.

Treasurer's Report: The council viewed the expenses by vendor detail, the balance sheet, and the profit and loss budget prepared by Jan Spanger. This report was approved.

Mission Allocations: Allocations to be given for missions are \$2000. to the Nurses' Fund.

Mark Sargent had received a donation request from an Evangelical Association pastor, Pastor Jean Paul Tiendregeogo from Columbus, OH. This request was for the I-CARE Dental Clinic in Africa through the Kingdom Investment International. This request will be sent on to the Mission Committee.

Elder's Report: Nancy Tilly reported that 81 congregants received communion on Sunday, August 9th.

Jan Spanger, Mark Sargent, Randy Hammelman, and Nancy Tilly participated in a Zoom meeting with Jim Barnes on July 23 on the subject of confirmation. Also present were approximately 30 others who are affiliated with the Evangelical Association. Six pastors presented their programs for conducting classes for confirmands. This meeting was recorded so that we can contact those who we felt were congruent with a program for Bethel. Most notable topics were that many spent one year teaching a Bible Overview and the second year a Faith Overview. All agreed that we will need to make this a priority for this fall, with advice from Dr. Mark.

Visitation has been curtailed because of the COVID virus in both the nursing homes and homes of those shut in or ill. It was noted that the Guild has continued outreach by sending flowers to those women who have been hospitalized. Also four lap blankets were made this month by women of the Guild to be given to residents in the Freelandville Community Home.

Buildings and Grounds: Terry Perkins reported that the water bill still has almost been doubled from in the past. Jim Strange has been alerted to watch for spots that might be the culprit.

Old Business: Clint Durall and Terry Perkins presented the plan for the handicapped accessible bathroom and men's bathroom to Cody Schluder of C&A Construction LLC. He has submitted a bid for this project. Since we have been waiting for bids from Wabash Plumbing for almost a year, it was decided to approve this bid from C&A Construction. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the council.

In regard to the wiring in the sanctuary, Clint Durall had checked with Cody Schluder as to who might be interested in this project. He suggested Monte Nichols from Linton. Clint will contact him. The carpet on the stage was to be laid on Monday, August 12th. A different padding was needed and this will be completed on Tuesday, the 13th.

New Business:

Mark Sargent asked members to be in prayer for the subject of infant baptism. This seems to be a concern from pastors affiliated with IPM and TIPS interim services and for the information needed by the search committee. Dr. Mark's opinion will be valued. It will be a subject brought to the congregation soon. Members reviewed the agenda for the Assessment Weekend. Bethel members, staff, and council have been contacted and agreed to participate in lay interviews, written surveys, and health of Bethel surveys on Saturday or Sunday, August 15th and 16th. Others have completed NCS surveys collected earlier.

Dr. Mark Fleschner will be here on Saturday afternoon and will deliver his first sermon on Sunday. He will meet with the council on August 17th to discuss the TIPS process, etc.

Terry Perkins installed the sconces on the front porch, DISH was also installed, and a new washer was purchased, and with that, the house is ready for Dr. Mark.

A note of gratitude will be written for the Chimes to everyone who were the Hands and Feet of Jesus and contributed time, talent, and finances for readying the parsonage.

A thank you will be sent also to Bill Resler who detailed the church van.

Projects for Work Day which will be on August 29th are staining the playground equipment for protection before winter, burning the brush pile in the grove, painting the railing by Bethel Hall, repairing the gutter by the preschool, scraping and painting the porch windows in the parsonage, bringing in fill dirt for a spot by the sidewalk behind the parsonage, and fill dirt and gravel by the parsonage parking lot. Others may be added before August 29th. Work Day will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Food for lunch on Work Day will be a meat and cheese platter, chips, fruit, cookies, and drinks.

Worship in the Grove is slated for September 27th. The meal will be Fried Chicken from Mackey's, baked ham, and side dishes prepared by the Sunday School classes. A list of those will be distributed to the classes. A memo to members to supply 15 desserts will be on Bethel Hall's bulletin board. Questions were discussed as to entertainment after the meal. As usual, there will be a log ride and Bouncy House for the kids, and JUST BE NICE yard signs will be given away. A suggestion of a gospel group was discussed...since The Red Letter Group was cancelled for Lenten services, they will be contacted.

Council members volunteered to contact food and entertainment needs.

A reminder that THE RETURN, a video introducing our community to 40 days of prayer before the Presidential Election, will be held at Bethel on September 26th.

Children's Church will continue as long as teachers feel comfortable with it. Otherwise, it will be cancelled.

A high priority of the council is for Youth meetings to continue in the fall. There has been much discussion on finding willing leaders.

The meeting was closed with members saying the LORD'S PRAYER together.

Coming Events:

August 29 – WORK DAY

September 20 – Harvest Home Sunday

September 26 – THE RETURN, prayer for the 40 days before the election.

September 27 – Church in the Grove

Parish Records

Attendance:

July 26 122
Aug. 2 141
Aug. 9 96
Aug. 16 155

Greeters:

Sept. 6 & 13 – Jan & John Spanger
Sept. 20 & 27 – Herman & Nancy Tilly

Ushers: Tim & Tonya Miller

Nursery (Sunday School):

Sept. 6 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
13 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
20 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
27 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Sept. 6 Beth Durall/Brittany Page
13 Autumn Burris/Shaylie Phegley
20 Autumn Cone/Klaire Bowers
27 Tracey Kahre/Hailley Moreland

Children's Church:

Sept. 6 Carole Albrecht/Ryan Johanningsmeier
13 Autumn Cone/ Jennifer Nettles/Tracey Kahre
20 Rylee Hammelman/Janet Clinkenbeard
27 Autumn Cone/Emily Pirtle/Dale Tiek

September Birthdays:

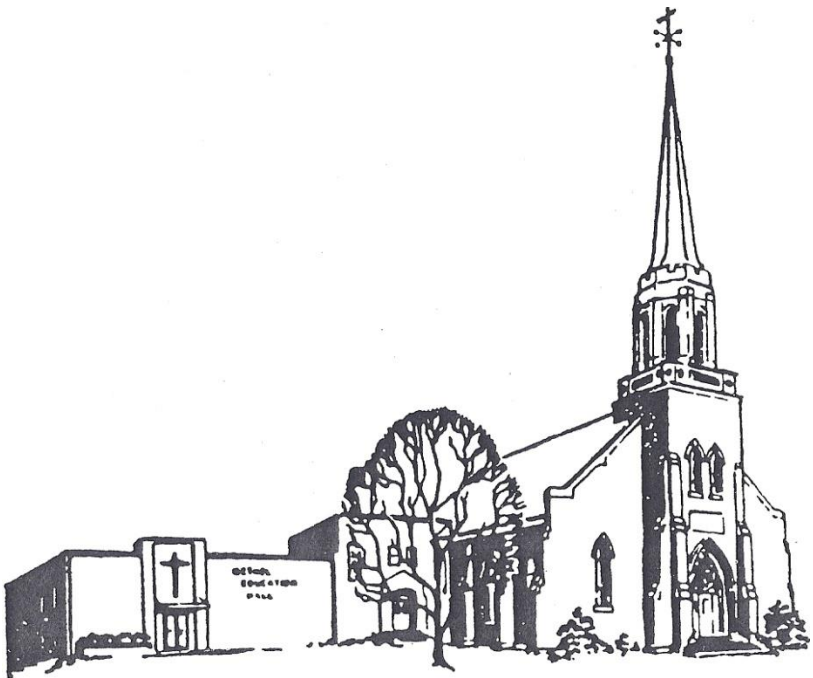
1 Irma O’Niones (85th)
2 Wilma Strange (80th)
18 Stanley “Pete” Coker (85th)
27 Bernard Sager (86th)

Chimes news will be due on September 21st.

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