

Church Office Hours- Weekdays: 8:30 am-2:30 pm

Office phone (812) 328-2358 Fax (812) 328-2357

Secretary: Lesa Houghland

E-mail address: secretary@bethelchurch-indiana.com

Website: www.bethelchurch-indiana.com

Bethel Christian Preschool (812) 328-6038

Council members:

Mark Sargent, President (2022)

Clint Durall (2024)

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

Nancy Tilly, Secretary (2021)

Terry Perkins (2021)

Garland Richter (2022)

Brandon Spanger (2023)

Jan Spanger, Treasurer (2021)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

Pastor

Your Mission: “To share the Gospel with our Neighbors, our Community, and our World.”

*“You are a member of God’s very own family and you **belong** in God’s household with every other Christian.” Eph. 2:19*

“God’s household.” It doesn’t say the church is *like* a family. It says the church *is* a family. It’s a spiritual family. In fact, your spiritual family is going to outlast your physical family. The Bible says there isn’t marriage in heaven but there are Christians in heaven. So, we’re all going to be related in heaven – together – and this family will actually outlast the blood family that you have here on earth.

Please begin to pray that God would **prepare** us for what He wants to do in this season of life for us as individuals, and as a corporate body. “At the end of life, it isn’t going to matter at all what other people say about you. The only thing that will matter is what God says about you.”

One day, God will review your answers to life’s questions. Did you put Jesus Christ at the center of your life? Did you develop His character? Did you devote your life to serving others? Did you communicate His message and fulfill His **mission**? Did you

love and participate in His family, the Church? These are the only issues that will count. As the Apostle Paul said, “Our goal is to measure up to God’s plan for us.” Regardless of where you are today, the rest of your life can be the best of your life, if you start living according to His purpose!

Please join me in prayer as I commit myself and this church to God’s purpose!

For His Glory,
Pastor Mark

NCS Report

This past Thursday (Oct. 22), NCS shared the overall church assessment report with those that attended the meeting. The report was primarily positive with some key areas to focus some dedicated attention. The report indicated that Bethel Church has basically remained the same in worship attendance and giving over the past ten-year period and is somewhat comfortable. The good news is the church has a desire to reach young families, youth, and generally become a growing and vibrant church. Dr. Mark will be forming a Transition Team to address some of the needed concerns the report revealed. Stay connected, pray, and expect God to do some amazing things in the coming months!

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2020

October and November – Theresia Barrett
December – Nancy Tilly

Thank You

The family would like to thank our Bethel Church family for the cards, flowers, food, and especially the love and support shown to us.

There are no words to express our gratitude.

In Christian love,
Ryan Johanningsmeier family

Bethel Church,

Thank you so much for the donation to North Knox Social Ministries. It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Dear Bethel Family,

Thank you doesn't seem adequate enough for all the love, prayers and kindness shown by our Bethel Family.

All the food, cards and notes of encouragement helped get one through the healing.

After almost five years on dialysis, a promise was delivered. God knows the plans he has for us and waiting on God's timing is always worth it.

Theresia & Randy Barrett and family

Bethel Family,

Thank you for thinking of and remembering me for Pastor Appreciation. I sense your heartfelt concern for me and my family. May God richly bless you.

Pastor Mark

Preschool

It is hard to believe another month has been completed. We have been very busy in Pre-K during October. Our Bible stories focused on following Jesus and trusting in Him whenever we feel afraid. The children have memorized five verses so far this year. Our newest one was, "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You." Psalm 56:3.

We have also started practicing our Christmas Program songs. The children are doing a great job learning our first two songs and we are talking about God's greatest gift whenever we practice. In October we learned about the many Community Helpers. The children enjoyed dressing up as firefighters, police officers, doctors, and postal workers in our dramatic play area. We had a special visit from Fire Chief Josh Trotter, who talked to the children about fire safety. We also got to see the fire truck and hear the siren. That was fun!

As October comes to an end, we plan to visit the Freelandville Community Home to sing for the residents through the window. We are also looking forward to our Harvest Party.

Mrs. Carter

We are having so much fun learning Bible stories and playing together. We love to make a mess and play with sensory items.

When we played in oatmeal I asked those wearing long sleeves to push their sleeves up. One little girl says, "My mom is going to be so mad." Miss Jennifer and I questioned why. She says, "Mom doesn't want my sleeves up or like them being up!!" I learn a lot when preschoolers talk and have my attention :-). We have had class outside and thank God for his beautiful world.

Dandy Dirt Dessert was fun to make as we talked about letter D. We love to go the kitchen for "cooking class" and try so hard not to sample while we are making things. Some of us are just too hungry and always ready to eat. We read "Daniel and the Lions that Didn't Roar." We learned we should always pray no matter what. God can perform miracles!! Letter E was learning to be happy with our eyes and ears that are different from everyone else.

God make us special. Little elephant taught us that God loves us all just the same. We did egg experiments as we made shell-less eggs, then dropped some from a wall. We couldn't fix them, but know that God could make them whole again!!

For letter F, we learned about fire safety from Fire Fighters Michelle (McKinley), Lex (Moody) and Josh (Trotter). We thank them for bringing their trucks so we could see them and learn more about what fire fighters do. We also read 'Jesus Feeds 5,000" and learn about how he took 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread and feed a large crowd. I let them color the fish any color they wanted and one little boy used red, because it was his favorite color and he has never seen a red fish when fishing. Fighting Goliath or the big problems in our lives and looking to God, who is great and good, to help us is how we learned about letter g. We loved trying to blow a bubble with gum. We talked about how it gets sticky and things it could stick to: my shoes, hair, tables, or the animals. We made a mess with glitter glue and practiced counting green grapes.

Mr. Earl Linneweber brought us pumpkins and we got to pick out one for us and take home. A special thanks to him for always thinking of us and to Mr. Sam/Mrs. Patty (Williams) for their donation. We are blessed in so many ways.

At the time of this writing, we are on fall break and the kids were going to be busy. Riding in the combine, riding my dirt bike every day, playing with my sister or watching extra TV were some of the responses when I asked what their plans were. We look forward to celebrating Jesus' love as we visit the nursing home the end of October. We will let our light Shine for Him as we Share His Incredible News Everywhere!!

Mrs. Beth Durall

Guild

Bethel Guild met on October 7th for their regular meeting. We welcomed Mrs. Stacey Kahre from Generations who spoke to us about what Generations does in Knox County and surrounding counties. Thanks for coming – we learned a lot.

We had our regular business meeting with devotions, secretary and treasurer reports. We appreciated the memorial gift for Jan Richter which we use to have a new curtain put up between the kitchen and social room in Jan's memory. It looks so nice, as the last one was over 40 years old. We voted to have a laundry basket in the Guild room, and we will bring paper goods, lotion, personal items, peanut butter and other items to take to shut-in for Christmas. Bring items before Thanksgiving.

After our meeting we enjoyed ice cream and pie served by hostesses Janet Tilly and Nancy Tilly, which we all enjoyed.

We will meet for our December meeting on December 2, with a covered dish luncheon at 11:30, program will follow. Please bring cookies by 9:30 Wednesday so that the ladies can make up the cheer plates for shut-ins that will be delivered that day.

Hope to see you December 2 at 11:30. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year again! Time to fill up shoe boxes to show the love of Jesus to children all over the world. 2020 has been a difficult year for people, and especially children, all around the world; that's why it is extremely important that we send boxes of hope to children in need.

This is your opportunity to partner with God to share His love. There are so many stories of Operation Christmas Child boxes being given to children and how entire families and communities gave their lives to Jesus – and just think YOU can be a part of that!

The labels have instructions concerning what to pack and what not to pack – please read carefully. This year there are (2) kinds of labels: a new one with a self-adhesive label and the old type labels with an envelope. We have packed the new labels in the boxes, but we have the old type label too. For every box you pack there is a \$9 shipping fee.

Please pray over the boxes as a family and pray for the child who will receive your box. Let's share the love of Jesus with some children this year!

The Return

On September 26th, our grove was filled with the sweet aroma of prayer and praise! Thank you to all who participated in the prayer service for America. We had wonderful worship, meaningful message and powerful prayers. It was an amazing evening spent with our great God.

We know that He heard our prayers and the prayers of thousands across this great country! We must continue to pray for our country, our leaders and for this important upcoming election! God bless America!

Jane Tiek

A THANKSGIVING ALPHABET

By Linda Maria Child

T...Turkeys, tablespreads, being together,
H...Happiness and homes to protect us from all weather,
A...Aunts and uncles, a reunion in Fall,
N...Nieces and nephews, family members all!
K...Kind-hearted kin coming over for dinner,
S...Surely you'll have fun, but you won't get thinner!
G...Gourds and pumpkins, mouths open wide.
I...Indians and Pilgrims we remember with pride.
V...Very special times-there could even be snow.
I...Imagine what it was like at Plymouth long ago.
N...Never forget how the settlers led the way,
G...Giving thanks and blessing this special day.



Totenfest

Service of Remembrance

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

Marvin Deerhake (89) – died 11/29/2019

Etta Boberg (86) – died 12/15/2019

Janice Richter (79) – died 1/17/2019

Gary Hammelman (60) – died 2/14/2020

Dorothy Spanger (87) – died 3/2/2020

Mary Ann Frye (83) – died 3/23/2020

Lois Wampler (92) – died 4/1/2020

George Varns (93) – died 5/1/2020

Eldina Benedict (89) – died 5/19/2020

Donna Clinkenbeard (67) – died 6/5/2020

Marcia Rinsch (73) – died 8/18/2020

Ryan Johanningsmeier (45) – died 8/29/2020

Don Johanningsmeier (90) – died 10/24/2020



Bethel Church Council Minutes

October 12, 2020

The meeting of October 12th was opened by President Mark Sargent and with prayer by Terry Perkins.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark stated that he would be giving a **Building a Church Action Plan** later in the meeting and to expect comments from the New Church Specialties Assessment, such as our worship format.

Secretary's Report: This report prepared by Nancy Tilly for the meeting of September 14th was read and approved.

Deacon's Report: Brandon Spanger reported an average attendance for September as 169 and an offering total of \$16,547. Other money reported was from the memorial fund, the cemetery fund, facility use and the Brocksmith Mission.

Treasurer's Report: The council viewed the expenses by vendor detail, the balance sheet, and the profit and loss budget prepared by Jan Spanger. The question was raised about the rate charged by Republic Services. A call will be made about this monthly charge. It was noted that investments are down \$1,900 for 2020 so far. Pastor Mark noted that the average giving has been \$19,000 each month for the last nine month period. This report was approved.

Mission Allocations: From the Mission Trip allocation, money will be given to those who will be traveling to North Carolina from November 30 to December 3 to help pack shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. At this time, there are six people who plan to go. Expenses for the Trunk or Treat Night will be taken from money budgeted for Outreach.

Elder's Report: Nancy Tilly reported that 90 persons were served communion on World Wide Communion Sunday on October 4th. Two hundred (plus) attended Worship and Picnic in the Grove on a beautiful fall day on September 27th.

Buildings and Grounds: Terry Perkins stated that Kevin Hammelman and Jim Strange had noted two trees in the cemetery need to come down. Cort Bilskie will be contacted. Bill Resler is in discussion with Graber Post Building to replace a faded portion of the metal roof on the shelter house. He has also power washed the shed and the north side of the parsonage. Even though this is an expense that will be incurred in 2021, Bill also obtained a bid for a new lawn mower from Newberry Implement. Our thanks to him for his help.

Brandon Spanger reported a finding on the burial of urns in the cemetery.

Old Business: Work on the handicapped bathroom and the men's bathroom is progressing. At this time, C&A Construction is waiting on a plumber to complete this project.

The wiring in the sanctuary and the carpet in the social room are ongoing projects.

New Business: There was no pastoral search update as the committee is awaiting the results of the NCS assessment.

The council welcomed Garland Richter who has accepted the position of fourth year elder to serve until January, 2022.

Totenfest, the memorial service for those who have passed from this life since last November, has been scheduled for November 1st. Bonnie Organ and Beth Durall have volunteered to chair the Children's Christmas program this year. It was noted that Jean Johanningsmeier had mentioned an idea for such a program and she will be contacted also.

Pastor Mark presented a Strategic Plan for Bethel which will be implemented after the NCS assessment on October 22nd. He quoted the words of Solomon from Proverbs 16:9 which says, ***"We should make plans, counting on God to direct us."*** From Ephesians 4: 11-13 Pastor Mark reminded us that we have been given different gifts and that Paul's writings will help us move from individual or personal thinking into spiritual or Godly thinking. The council reviewed the ten desired outcomes in Building a Church Action Plan. This plan stressed that as a pastor or church leaders, we must create a climate where **"spiritual learning" can flourish** and that as such, those that thrive **never**

stop learning. Being **led by God**, we will commit to an openness to change and when we follow a plan that has come from God, **God blesses His plan!**

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

Coming Events: October 22 – 6:30 p.m. Meeting to Learn of NCS Assessment Results

November 1 – Sunday Worship – Totenfest
Memorial Service

November 9 – 7 p.m. Council Meeting

Christmas is quickly approaching and we are getting ready for our annual Children's Program to share the wonderful news of our Savior's Birth. We may try and get some practice in during School School and maybe one or two quick practices on a Saturday or Sunday as the program date gets closer. If you are interested in having your child/children participate in the program, please contact Bonnie Organ or Beth Durall. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Bethel Hall. We welcome children of all ages. It will be fun and we have a part for everybody!!!

Parish Records

Attendance:

Sept. 27 198
Oct. 4 120
Oct. 11 142
Oct. 18 131

Greeters:

Nov. 1 & 8 – Tim & Tonya Miller
Nov. 15 & 22 – Collin & Amy Tiek
Nov. 29 & Dec. 6 – Janet Tilly

Maridell Sargent

Ushers: Blaine & Alison Rohlk

Nursery (Sunday School):

Nov. 1 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
8 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
15 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
22 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
29 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Holly Spanger

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Nov. 1 Brenda Maddox/Emma Miller
8 Beth Durrall/Natalie Phegley
15 Page Family
22 R. Hammelman Family
29 Lemberg Family

Children's Church:

Nov. 1 Carole Albrecht/Marvin Richter
8 Autumn Cone/ Tracey Kahre
15 Rylee Hammelman/Janet Clinkenbeard
22 Emily Pirtle/Dale Tiek
29 Everyone meets in basement

November Birthdays

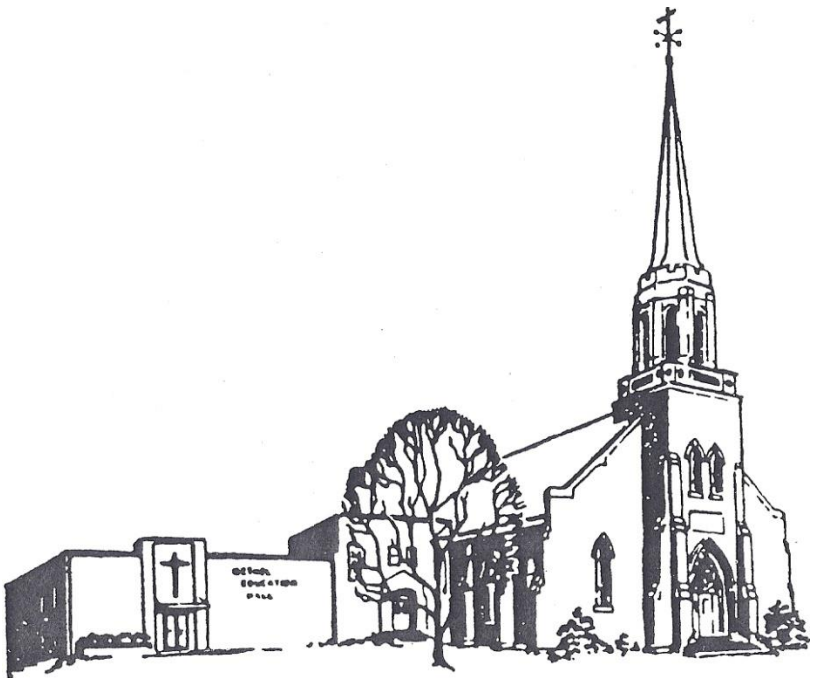
4 Betty Miller (85th)
21 Jack Miller (85th)
29 Shirley Miller (92nd)
30 Helen Mackey

Chimes news will be due on November 16th.

November 2020

Bethel

Chimes



Bethel Church

Bethel Church
Freelandville, Indiana
Bethel Church
13673 E State Rd 58
Edwardsport IN 47528

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Freelandville, Indiana
Permit No. 4

Phone: 812-328-2358
E-mail: secretary@bethelchurch-indiana.com
Website: www.bethelchurch-indiana.com
Bethel Preschool-812-328-6038

Address Service Requested
Dated Material - please deliver by November 1