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(Indicates the time that the term is over)

Pastor

It's time to face another new year. Are you ready?

We all know that 2020 brought many things our way that were unexpected. It forced us to change. We may not know for years the impact of this past year. Here's the good news. We can make an impact in 2021!

I always believe God has great things in store for His people. As we pray, worship, and meet together, God will reveal His plans to His people.

One of the things I hope you are praying about is the coming of your new pastor. You don't know who that is at the present time, but God does. God is putting the pieces in place right now. This will be the year for Bethel to begin a new season with a new pastoral family. That should bring joy to your heart!

Perhaps, coming soon, there will be new babies, new church members, new families attending, new ministries, and some unexpected things all coming this year. There is a verse of scripture that says, "For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told" Hab. 1:5.

We have just journeyed through the Advent season, which focuses on God's hope, peace, joy, and love. The scriptures that reinforce these themes are amazing and should bring us a spirit of hopeful anticipation.

God has His eye on Bethel Church and is waiting to see how you respond this year. Do you want to make God smile? Let Him know that He can count on you to do your part to help His Kingdom to expand!

“It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, He had His eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.” Eph. 2:11, 12, the MSG.

May God bless you all this coming New Year!

Pastor Mark

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2021

January – Cally Miller
February – High School Youth
March/April – High School Youth
May – Beth Durall

Memorial Fund

In memory of Edith Rinsch:

Bill & Carole Albrecht
Chuck Borgmeier
Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard
Mike & Kristy Dakel
Joe Farris Family
Edgar Hammelman
Randy Hammelman Family
Glenn & Glatha Hemme
Vaughn & Bobbie Hislip
Vera Jones
Joe & Virginia Koenig
John & Marilyn Koenig

Mike & Pam Loheider
Frank & Lenora McCrary
Bruce & Terri Miller
Mary Ann Miller
Mustard Seed Class
Bill & Jean Schroeder
Susan Stoelting
Phyllis Sweeney
Dale & Jane Tiek
Herman & Nancy Tilly
Janet Tilly

In memory of Joyce Kixmiller:

Kent & Brenda Brocksmith
Christian Partners S. S. Class
Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard
John & Lill Clinkenbeard
Edgar Hammelman
Linda M. Hammelman
Randy Hammelman Family
Vaughn & Bobbie Hislip
Vera Jones
Sara Kixmiller

Joe & Virginia Koenig
John & Marilyn Koenig
Brian & Lou Ann Lindsey
Mike & Pam Loheider
Frank & Lenora McCrary
Bruce & Terri Miller
Mary Ann Miller
Dale & Jane Tiek
Herman & Nancy Tilly

Thank You

Thanks so much to everyone who sent memorial gifts, cards, food, and heartfelt wishes to our family at the passing of our Mom and Grandma Shug. Special thanks to the Bethel Guild for the delicious meal.

It is so nice to be in such a loving and caring Church family.

Family of Shirley Miller

I would like to thank the Bethel Guild for the cookies that were brought to me.

Merry Christmas to all.

John Buescher

We want to thank our Bethel Church family for all the cards and prayers for us. Miss seeing everyone in church, but with all of our health issues, we try to stay home as much as possible. We are enclosing a check to be used where needed most.

Merry Christmas!

Pete and Flo Coker

BETHEL PUZZLE CLUB



COME JOIN OUR CLUB!

We want children and adults

Here is how it works:

Bring a puzzle to share with a friend.

Take home a puzzle to work your magic. . .

We want you!! Tell your friends. . .

Spread the fun....

Puzzle table is in the hallway by the Library, off of
Bethel Hall

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! To each of you who filled a shoe box, gave donations, or prayed over the boxes. Bethel has **147 boxes** and that will be part of a great mission as boxes were delivered around the world. Our boxes were delivered to Word of Life Church, where they became part of **963 boxes** that were delivered to the next drop off at Washington, IN. There, they became part of **10,222 boxes** that were shipped to Denver, CO for processing. Our group that was going to a processing center had to cancel, but hopefully we can plan early and take a larger group next year.

Again THANK YOU AND PRAISE THE LORD THAT WE
COULD SHARE WITH OTHERS.

Preschool

December is always a busy month in our Pre-K class and this year was no exception. Our students practiced daily for our Christmas program and had a wonderful performance! They were singing so well that I am certain you could hear them outside of the church. It is always a blessing to see how many details about the Christmas story they learn just through our program songs. Our Bible verse for December was Isaiah 9:6 "Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given." By the end of the month the children all understood that the best gift of all was Jesus!

We had so much fun in our gingerbread dramatic play area. The children loved pretending to make, decorate, bake, sell, and eat yummy gingerbread cookies. They also enjoyed creating candy houses with our candy construction toys. It was great fun to go inside our gingerbread house and visit with our gingerbread boy and girl. During story time we read many variations of the Gingerbread Man and the children were always anxious to see what would happen at the end.

A very special thank you to the Little Elves for coming this month and allowing the children to shop for their parents. The children were so excited to choose a gift, wrap it up, and take it home as a special surprise.

We finished December with our Christmas parties. Yummy snacks, fun games, decorative crafts, and a gift exchange with our friends made it a great day. As 2020 comes to an end, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Mrs. Carter

December was a fast, busy, but of so fun, month. I love to teach about Baby Jesus and try to get a lot in a short amount of time. Letter K started out with our Kiss advent. The kids have all shared different numbers of how many days till we celebrate the

special birth. I know some have shared with their siblings or have eaten 3 at once, but they all know they have a pattern. We read “I am a King’s Kid, YES I am!” We know a king loves His kids very much and does a lot for each of us.

Little Lamb (or goat, or bird or whatever else the kids saw) told us about all the critters and how they reacted at the manger. Love and listening helped us learn about Letter L. We thought the light tables were cool and definitely fun to play with.

We had Generation’s Elf ware house ladies here to help us shop for our parents, and are now trying to keep a secret until Christmas.

We had fun and entertaining Christmas Parties. We made Christmas cards for the residents for the nursing home residents and they brought smiles to many faces there!! One little preschooler could have sat all day putting stickers on everything!! Thanks to Mrs. Carter and her great ideas!! We loved to go to the Cookie Exchange!!

My heart is full as all the kids have said prayers for others or talked about events around Christmas!! I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and hope for a healthy, happy New Year!!

Mrs. Beth Durall

Guild

Due to the virus, we were unable to have our Christmas luncheon. We will hopefully be able to meet in February.

The February meeting will be our Memorial service for those who have passed away during the last year.

Thank you to all the ladies who brought cookies for the Christmas Cheer plates.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

Hello, Bethel Church! We hope this finds you all warm, cozy, and healthy as we start the New Year!! The Jr./Sr. High Youth is excited to be meeting again. We have been enjoying our time together and thought we would share a little of what we have been up to!

Thank you to Brittany Page and Reegan Hammelman for writing this month's Chimes News article on behalf of our youth group.

The Bethel Jr./Sr. High Youth Group has been meeting on Sunday afternoons from 2:30-4. We have a lesson and play a couple of games each week. We started our youth group lessons with the four week long bible study, "Shaken" by Tim Tebow. We have been offering our services around the community, such as wrapping Christmas presents, writing cards to shut-ins, and making decorations for the doors in the Freelandville nursing home. Last week we had our youth group Christmas party. We had a lot of fun! We took the church van to Washington and ate at Mi Pueblo. Afterwards we rented out the movie theater to watch the movie, Croods 2. Thank you to everyone who has generously given us donations or provided us with meals, including Herman and Nancy Tilly, Jim and Debbie Bowers, Edgar Dean Hammelman, and the Bethel Guild.

We truly appreciate all of the support we have received from our Church family. Many blessings to you all as we start the New Year!

Bethel Church Council Minutes **December 14, 2020**

The December 14th meeting of the Bethel Council was opened by Mark Sargent and with prayer by Brandon Spanger.

Pastor's Report: During this past month, Dr. Mark's primary focus has been on sermon work and preaching, Other than preaching, teaching, leading, and praying, he specifically planned and coordinated the Message Musical for December 13th, planned the Advent series, worked with the search committee, helped decorate the church for Christmas, and attended and offered prayers at the Bethel Preschool Program. He thanked the council and congregation for their continued support. He closed his report with the scripture from Romans 8:31, "*If God be for us, who can be against us?*"

Secretary's Report: This report prepared by Nancy Tilly for the November 9th meeting was read and approved.

Deacon's Report: Clint Durall, the deacon for December, reported 119 as an average attendance and \$19,503 for the offering. Other money reported was for the facility use, cash rent from the Strate 40 acres, the Brocksmith mission, from Guild, the memorial fund, and the cemetery fund.

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

Mission Allocations: Some of the budgeted items were for events that did not take place because of the COVID virus. Money allocated for Armor Bearer's Conference, ABLAZE Conference, church campers, a mission trip, and Outreach were not used. This money will be distributed for areas of needs that have arisen due to the virus. These **Allocations** and the needs are: **\$500** given to

Seth Alexander, who heads the Armor Bearer's Conference. He will be using it for an alternate need for men of the North Knox Community. **\$500** to Camp Illiana, for the existing needs, even though campers did not participate this year. **\$500** to the Drug Court in memory of Ryan Johanningsmeier, as they were not able to host a benefit dinner. **\$500** to the Freelandville Community Center, which has lost hall rentals for November and December and did not accept payment for the Center for the Trunk or Treat event. **\$500** to the Nurses' Fund, and **\$500** to North Knox Social Ministries.

Elder's Report: Christmas devotionals, titled "One Child, One Savior" were sent to thirty members who are shut in, in the Freelandville Community Home or who are unable to attend at this time

In caring for the needs of Bethel families, the Guild prepared funeral dinners for the families of Jerry Harrison and Shirley Miller.

Advent Communion will be served on Sunday, December 20th. Amanda Sprague, Jan Spanger, and Nancy Tilly have planned the Christmas Morning worship service using Advent readings and scripture taken from a book titled "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado. Several of those in our congregation are bringing a message of hope, joy, peace, and love in word and song.

Buildings and Grounds: Terry Perkins reported that two trees in the cemetery were taken down by Cort Bilskie and many gathered to help with this project.

A thank you note was read from ICON, the company that laid the covering on the steps in front of the church and in Bethel Hall. Terry Perkins changed the furnace filters, replaced lights, and repaired the fascia on the parsonage.

Old Business: It was reported that Pieper's Carpet will be carpeting the back stairway and placing linoleum on the connecting room during the first week of January. Garland Richter noted that that area would need to be cleared of furniture before that time.

Ongoing communication from the Marcia Rinsch estate was received.

New Business: Thank you notes were read from the Evangelical Association for annual dues received, from Edward Jones Investments for the business association, and from Lonnie and Tammy Pirtle in appreciation for Bethel's online worship services.

New Business: A concern about Bethel's website was addressed by Lonnie Bullock, director of the TIPS ministry. This will be an item to be discussed by a possible website committee established in 2021 .

The date for the Annual Meeting was set for Sunday, January 31st, 2021.

Bonnie Organ and Beth Durall received a vote of approval for planning a Christmas program for Bethel's children. This will be on Sunday evening, December 20th, at 7 pm. A One-Call will be made to invite those children and their parents only for this program.

A nominating committee of Stacey Kahre, Justin French, Collin Tiek and Janet Clinkenbeard, who will select candidates for an elder and a deacon for the incoming year, was established.

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

Coming Events:

December 20 – Advent Communion

December 20- Children's Christmas Program

January 11 – Council Meeting

January 31 - Annual Congregational Meeting

Parish Records

Deaths: Shirley Miller, 92, died on December 4, 2020. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on December 8, 2020.

Births: Ivey Jo Dye was born on December 18, 2020 to Juliann and Gus Dye.

Attendance:

Nov. 22 139
Nov. 29 122
Dec. 6 116
Dec. 13 118
Dec. 20 156

Greeters:

Jan. 3 – Jerry Lee & Kate Hammelman
Jan. 10 & 17 – Travis & Stacey Kahre
Jan. 24 & 31 – Ed & Cheryl Hagemeyer

Ushers:

Nursery (Sunday School):

Jan. 3 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
10 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
17 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
24 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
31 Diane Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Jan. 3 Allison Rohlk/Kelci Johanningsmeier
10 Brenda Maddox/Emma Miller
17 Beth Durrall/Natalie Phegley
24 Page Family
31 Hammelman Family

Children's Church:

Jan. 3 Carole Albrecht/Marvin Richter
10 Autumn Cone/ Tracey Kahre
17 Rylee Hammelman/Janet Clinkenbeard
24 Emily Pirtle/Dale Tiek
31 Meet in the Social Room

January Birthdays

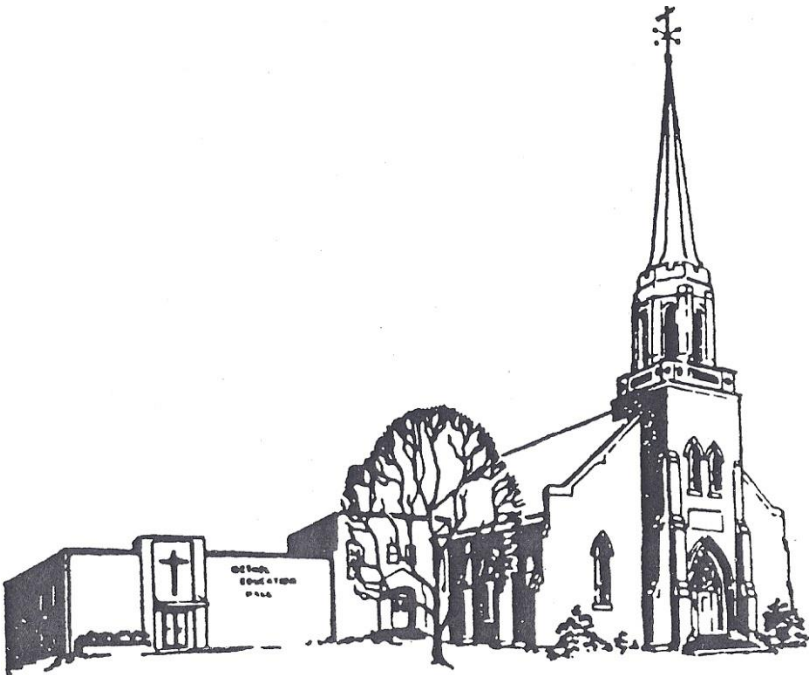
24 Maridell Sargent (85th)
29 Shirley Brouhard (82nd)

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