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Carole Albrecht, Treasurer (2025)	Brandon Spanger (2023)
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Just a reminder that Pastor Bryan can be reached on his cellphone at 812-236-9573, or via e-mail at btaylorbethel@gmail.com. He even has a Facebook page under the name “Bryan Taylor.”

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due by November 22. There are boxes available at the Church if you need one.

Pastor

Are We Masquerading in the Faith?

1 Samuel 16:7

“The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” – NIV

As I write this column, Halloween looms on the calendar horizon, and I have been wrestling with the decision as to what costume to wear for my first Freelandville “Trunk or Treat.” During this time of year, costumes and masks beckon school children and adults to plan for some good-natured fun by pretending to be something they aren’t. For a brief moment on a trick-or-treat run or at a costume party, people will take on a different persona, masquerading as a variety of characters from a princess to a super hero to a zombie, etc. But when the costumes go back on the rack, reality resurfaces and we see the people for who they really are.

What do people see when they look at us as Christians? Is the Christian persona we put forth who we really are, or are we only masquerading in the faith? We can “look good” in the faith by attending church on a regular basis, giving a proper tithe, associating with other Godly people, reading the right books, or speaking in uplifting language of the faith. Yes, we can appear to be a spot-on Christian, but is that who we really are? What happens when we step out of that environment and no one is watching? Does the same Christian character stand strong, or are we nothing more than pretenders wearing a costume to mask our true ungodly lifestyle?

When we pretend, we may fool others, but we do not fool God. Our passage makes that clear – “People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” He sees us for who we really are. If we truly believe in Jesus, our hearts and outward appearance should tell the story . . . no costume necessary.

In Christ,



Pastor Bryan

Guild

Bethel Guild met in October with 8 present. We made several lap throws for the Community Home.

The Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Discussion on having Guild, as only a few attend. It was voted to have the February Memorial program, the Lenten breakfast, the Christmas covered dish luncheon and program. Harvest Home will be September 11th. We hope several ladies will come to these meetings.

Remember the Christmas meeting will be December 1 at 11:30 with a covered dish luncheon.

Thank You

Dear Bethel Church family, thank you for the gift on Pastor's Appreciation Sunday along with the lunch. We truly appreciate your generosity and ongoing support. It is our honor to serve alongside you at Bethel, and we praise God for calling us here. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for all of us in the Bethel family. Thanks again.

Bryan and Peggy

Hey, Bethel, this is Courtney. I just wanted to say thanks you for all you've done for my family during this rough stretch. Still have more therapy, but during all of that your prayers help so much. Thank you so much.

Courtney Maze

Memorial Fund

*In memory of Maridell Sargent:
Bill & Carole Albrecht*

Thanksgiving

You have probably heard the prayer, “Lord, you have given so much to us, give us one thing more – a grateful heart.” And surely thanksgiving is inherent to the Christian life. Can you identify who is giving thanks?

1. He gave thanks he was not like other men.
2. He took a cup and gave thanks.
3. He was healed and returned to Jesus to give thanks.
4. He knelt and gave thanks three times a day.
5. He gave thanks to God for His “inexpressible gift.”
6. He thanked God for gifts to build the temple.
7. He thanked God that God’s truth was revealed to babes.
8. She gave thanks when she saw the infant Jesus.
9. They sang thanks to God when the temple foundation was laid.
10. He thanked God from the strangest of all places.

Answers:

10. Jonah, 2:1,9
9. Priests and Levites, Ezra 3:10-11
8. Anna, Luke 2:36, 38
7. Jesus, Matthew 11:25
6. David, 1 Chronicles 29:9-13
5. Paul, 2 Corinthians 9:15
4. Daniel, 6:10
3. A Samaritan leper, Luke 17:12-16
2. Jesus, Luke 22:17
10. The Pharisee, Luke 18:11

A man had been shipwrecked on a remote island in the Pacific, and was alone for 20 years. When a ship finally arrived, his rescuers were impressed with the three buildings he had built and asked him about them.

"Well," the man replied, "this is my house, and that building over there is my church. It's a wonderful church and I hate to leave it."

"And what is the third building yonder?" a rescuer asked.

"Oh, that is the church I used to go to," the man replied.

— *via Palmer Stiles*
Melbourne, FL

Sunday School Christmas Program

JESUS IS MY SUPERHERO

- Be on the lookout for Superhero costumes!
- Dec 19 at 7 pm
- Most practices will be during Sunday School and Children's Church
- Dress rehearsal on Dec 18 at 9:30 am
- Sign-up sheet will be in Bethel Hall on the bulletin board
- Please contact Beth Durall or Bonnie Organ if you have any questions

Preschool

Our Pre-K year is going by so quickly! This month we learned about the Good Samaritan, how friends helped a lame man see Jesus, and Jesus calling His special helpers. The children have memorized two new verses this month. Mark 12:31, "Love your neighbor as yourself." and Matthew 4:19, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." We are talking a lot about what it means to follow Jesus and how to be a good neighbor.

In October we learned about the many Community Helpers. The children enjoyed dressing up as firefighters, police officers, doctors, vets, construction workers, food vendors, 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 sit in the fire truck, spray the hose, and hear the siren. That was fun!

We are continuing to sing songs and play games to help us learn our letters, sounds, and numbers. This month we started counting to 30. In our science center we experimented with magnets and simple machines to learn about force and motion.

As October comes to an end, we plan to visit the Freelandville Community Home to sing for the residents from the porch. We are also looking forward to dressing up and playing games at our Harvest Party.

Thank you for planting seeds in our students lives that will yield a bountiful harvest in their lives.

Mrs. Carter

We have had fun and learned a lot about Jesus along the way. It has been a busy month.

Letter C was all about the cross. We learned that Jesus died on a cross for all of us. We know He now lives in heaven and in all our hearts!! We are so grateful for HIM. We got to count cookies crisp cereal pieces and maybe snuck in a few to eat. I love when we get scissors to cut and the kids say they can't touch those. I reassure them that they are okay using scissors at preschool to cut paper only.

Dandy Dirt Dessert was our first cooking class of the year. The kids were more than thrilled as we learned about letter D and they are smashing cookies on the table. I heard "My dad would say NO to doing this at home." Again, we can get away with doing different things at preschool that we promised not to do at home.

The little elephant taught us letter E and how we should be happy with what God gives us no matter the size of our nose or ears. God loves us all the same no matter what!! Our egg day was eggciting as we spent almost the whole day outside. As we cracked our eggs and tried to put them back together, we talked about how God is the only one who can perform miracles like that. We also had our eyes checked and loved having the sweet ladies join us.

We welcomed Fire Fighters Josh (Trotter) and Courtney (Maze) to talk to us about fire safety and letter F. We were so excited to hold the hose and spray water!! We read the "Pout Pout Fish" and talked about things that make us crabby like not being able to play after bedtime or picking up our toys. We then talked about things that turn our frowns upside down. Chocolate chips cookies and hugs made the top of that list.

We read "Shine, Smiling Pumpkin" and learned how we are a lot like a pumpkin. Jesus picks us, washes us and likes for us to shine. We pick a pumpkin, clean it out on the inside, and let it shine. We thank Mr. Earl for bringing our pumpkin patch to us as we got to pick out a pumpkin to take home for decorations!

We enjoyed the community helpers in the dramatic play area where we were a fireman, police office, nurse or animal helper (someone couldn't remember vet)!!

I love hearing the little kids and their prayers even when I don't fully understand what they are saying, but God knows and that is all that matters. We are on fall break at the time of this writing. Some of us are on vacation and some are staying home to just play outside in the dirt. We look forward to going to the nursing home at the end of this month. I pray for a healthy, happy, and thankful month.

Mrs. Beth Durall

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee has been busy. We are preparing to host "Trunk Or Treat", preparing prayer partner packets for our preschool students, preparing to pack "Warrior Food Packs" for the school and the annual Operation Christmas Child packing shoeboxes for children all over the world. We will be asking for your help with these projects and many prayers for each project. Prayer is the way everyone can HELP!!!!

Bethel's 175th Anniversary – 2022

There has been a committee formed to make plans for Bethel's 175th Anniversary, which will be in 2022. Those on the committee are Brenda Brocksmith, Doris Richter, Lenora McCrary, Pam Loheider, Herman Tilly, Garland Richter and Bobbie Hislip. We have had one meeting and discussed many ideas. Anyone having ideas for this celebration, please contact a committee member. Our main celebration, please contact a committee member. Our main celebration Sunday will probably be in the fall, either September or October. Any suggestions will be gratefully appreciated.



Totenfest
Service of Remembrance

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

Edith Rinsch (79) – died 11/13/2020

Joyce Kixmiller (76) – died 11/14/2020

Shirley Miller (92) – died 12/4/2020

Dorothy Sams (93) – died 3/12/2021

Lois Repass (89) – died 6/8/2021

Frank McCrary (83) – died 6/20/2021

Maridell Sargent (85) – died 7/11/2021

Bernard Sager (87) – died 10/6/2021



Bethel Church Council Minutes

October 11, 2021

Bobbie Hislip, Randy Hammelman, Bonnie Organ, Brandon Spanger, Garland Richter, Clint Durall, Carol Albrecht, Mark Sargent, Collin Tiek, and Pastor Bryan Taylor

Opening prayer was given by Garland Richter

Pastor's report:

- A special thanks to Bethel Church for the Lunch and the gift for Pastor appreciation month
- 7 new members welcomed to Bethel on Sept 12
- 6 members in Confirmation - Levi Telligman, Joshua Sprague, Taylor Hammelman, Kolton Boyles, Lane Phegley, Brody Page
- Bible study started on Sept 15 on the book of James
- Met with Stacy Kahre about the Web page
- Last Sunday of the month will be a Children's story
- Service at the Freelandville Nursing Home on Oct 3
- Clearing space to prepare for the North Knox Backpack program
- 10 year Anniversary banquet for Helping His Hands on Nov 4 at Highland Woods

Deacon's Report:

- Total from the Auction - \$6,485
- Average attendance in September is 182
- Offering in September is \$28,997

Treasurer's Report:

- Missions - Love Packages-\$500 and Nurses Fund \$1000

Elder's Report:

- Communion served to 105 people on Oct 3
- Communion served to 6 people at the Freelandville Nursing Home on Oct 3

- Bobbie Hislip sent cards out to the shut ins-Thanks Bobbie for all you do!!
- Anyone that needs a visit please contact Pastor Bryan

Buildings and Grounds

- Garland Richter mentioned that the water heater was not working - Garland fixed it- the circuit was tripped
- Check the light outside the parsonage
- Windows need fixed in Mustard Seed Sunday school classroom

Old Business

- Shelves for Backpack missions unload, Talking to Ashley Becher about credit card, and Jenny Clinkenbeard gave Bobbie Hislip a list of food
- Website update - cleaned up website
- Looking into donations online - Faith Connections - PayPal
- Church will be setting up a PayPal first
- Program is not the best (time consuming) - looking at a new one
- 175th Anniversary celebration planned- need budget, directory, book, t-shirt, past pastors, worship in sanctuary and food in grove
- Alvis did a great job helping with the media stuff

New Business

- SS Christmas Program - Beth Durall and Bonnie Organ Dec 19, 7pm
- Christmas trees - Dec 4 - cut down , Dec 6 - place in Sanctuary
- Mission Committee - Oct 31, Trunk or Treat
- Preparing for Prayer Partners for the Pre-School
- November - Shoe Boxes are ready in the Sanctuary

Lord's Prayer given by Council

Next Meeting on Monday November 8 at 7pm

Parish Records

Attendance:

Sept. 26 212
Oct. 3 128
Oct. 10 171
Oct. 17 177

Ushers: Bill & Brandee Davis

Nursery (Sunday School):

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

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Nov. 7 Brittany & Stacey Page
14 Brittany Pahmeier/Brenda Maddox
21 Jennifer Stafford/Natalie Phegley
28 Liberty & Cabella Lemberg

Children's Church:

Nov. 7 Nikki Mundy/Brandy Toney/Carole Albrecht
14 Autumn Cone/Tracey Kahre
21 Janet Clinkenbeard/Rylee Hammelman
28 Dale Tiek/Natalie Phegley/Lili Phegley

November Birthdays

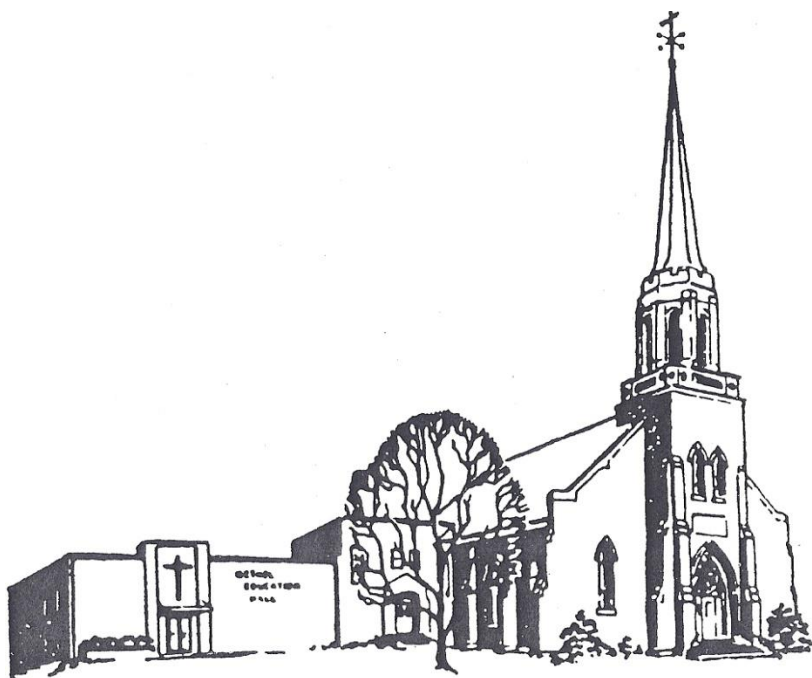
4 Betty Miller (86th)
10 Lenora McCrary (80th)
15 Linda Hammelman (80th)
21 Jack Miller (86th)
30 Helen Mackey (94th)

Chimes news will be due on November 15

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