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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 Update – Thank you and praise God! Bethel Church contributed 219 shoeboxes to this year’s Operation Christmas Child project. Churches in the North Knox area combined for a total of 1,113 boxes, which were delivered to a central drop-off point in Washington, Indiana, on November 22. Thanks to all who made this happen.

Pastor

A Reveal Party That Can't Be Topped

Luke 2:9-10

“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” – KJV

One of the fun traditions that has evolved in recent years when it comes to birth announcements is the “Gender Reveal Party.” This is a gathering where an expectant couple “reveals” whether their soon-to-be-born child is a boy or a girl. Friends and family gather, and the announcement is made through any number of creative ways that display a color of announcement – blue for boy, pink for girl. I have seen photos of this done with smoke bombs, confetti cannons, fireworks, paint guns, and even Silly String. When these parties first came about, baking was a popular mode – a large cake or cupcakes with pink or blue food coloring in the center that would only be revealed upon the first bite of the cake.

Fun stuff for sure, and I think it's great, but none of those announcement methods can match the “reveal” we remember as we enter the Christmas season. Of course, I am talking about the announcement of Jesus' birth in the hills outside of Bethlehem. The shepherds were watching their flocks by night when an angel came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. The angel says “Fear not” and goes on to make the reveal: a savior, which is Christ the Lord has been born, and he can be found wrapped in swaddling clothes lying a manger. As if that weren't enough, the angel was joined by a multitude of the heavenly host praising God. That my friends, is a reveal for the ages. No need for cupcakes and confetti cannons when you have “a multitude of the heavenly host” praising God and singing glory to God in the highest. God has revealed his salvation for us through his Son. As we celebrate the upcoming Christmas season, let's do so in the awe and wonder of knowing a Savior was revealed, not just a baby in a manger.

In Christ,



Pastor Bryan

Guild

Bethel Guild will have their Christmas meeting on Wednesday, December 1 with a covered dish lunch at 11:30. We will do our Christmas cheer plates after lunch, so have your cookies here at noon. We'll have a program and meeting. Come ladies and get in the Christmas Spirit.

Thank You

A special “**THANK YOU**” to all of our Family, Friends and Neighbors for celebrating with us for our 60th Anniversary. God has blessed us with 60 years together and the friendship of each of you.

Vaughn and Bobbie Hislip

Thank You – Bethel Church donated 31 cans of change to the Heart to Heart bottle campaign this fall.

Memorial Fund

In memory of Ruth Richter:

Chuck Borgmeier

Walter & Denise Hoke

Stanley & Jennifer Koch

Earl Linneweber

Bruce & Terri Miller

Mike & Pam Loheider

Carla Sue Oexmann

Doris Richter

Garland & Lisa Richter

Dale & Jane Tiek

Herman & Nancy Tilly

Preschool

November was full of thankfulness. We began with the story of the ten lepers and talked about how important it is to remember to thank God for all He does for us. Our verse for this story was 1 Chronicles 16:34, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever." Next, we learned that Jesus always has time for children, even when His helpers try to send them away. Our second memory verse this month was Matthew 19:14, "Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Don't stop them.'" I am so proud of how well the children are memorizing our verses this year. So far, we have memorized six verses.

In our dramatic play area we took a voyage on the Mayflower and learned all about the Pilgrims. Once we landed in Plymouth we met the Wampanoag people and learned about them. We also enjoyed a fun Thanksgiving feast.

We continued to practice our letters and sounds. We are on our second trip through the alphabet and I am looking forward to seeing the progress of each child when we do our mid-year assessments in December.

We are getting ready for our Christmas program and have been practicing our songs each day.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded of my thankfulness to all of the members of Bethel who are so supportive of our preschool students. You are all a tremendous blessing!

Mrs. Carter

These past few weeks have been full of fun!!

Goliath and the great courage David had to fight him was our letter G lesson. The kids did great listening and following directions!! Letter H was all about the house we live in and how happy we are there!! We read a book “Where Do You Live” and discovered that Jesus lives in all our hearts. Our Ice Cream social was a sweet treat enjoyed by all. We got to paint with ice cubes and make an igloo. Brrr, but very sparkly. Letter J was all about Jesus and Jonah. We learned to obey and call on Jesus all the time.

We visited the Nursing Home residents—something I am very happy we got to do this year. It is such good experiences for all ages! The kids did fantastic! Although, there was a glass window between us, the residents said we were adorable and they enjoyed our visit.

We enjoyed the community helpers in the dramatic play area where we were a fireman, police officer, nurse or animal helper (someone couldn’t remember a vet)!! We also became a construction worker and a mail person at the post office. We also became construction crew members and postal workers. One little boy told me his dad was good at driving a bulldozer, of course that led to all of them talking about their dad at one time.

We enjoyed our Thanksgiving feast where we mixed, stirred and prepped what we could. One little girl stated, “This is a lot of work!” We loved being Pilgrims and Indians. We read “The First Thanksgiving” and talked about how nice it is to eat with our family and friends.

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 working hard on our Christmas Songs for our program, Dec. 10 at 7 PM. We are so excited to sing about Jesus and Shine for Him.

Happy, Happy, Merry Christmas to all!
Mrs. Beth Durall

Sunday School Christmas Program

Program is December 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

* There is a closet in the Choir Room if anyone is in need of costumes. Check there before going to purchase one.

* Practices during Sunday School and Children's Church. Please try to be a hero.

* Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 18 at 9:30 am. Donuts, juice and milk after.

* Congregation is encouraged to come dressed in their favorite superhero outfit, costume pajamas or T-shirt.

* Contact Bonnie Organ or Beth Durall.

Bethel Church Council Minutes **Bethel Church Council Meeting Minutes** **November 9**

Pastor's report:

- Jonah series in October
- Saturday night prayer group
- 31 cans dropped off at Heart to Heart
- Officiated wedding of Jennifer Kramer and Kyle Stafford
- Participated in an advent webinar
- Enjoyed a very successful Trunk or Treat on Oct 31
- Began work with Carol Albrecht on online giving
- Finished the Book of James at Bible Study on Wednesday night November 10

Deacon's report:

- Average attendance from October is 152
- Offering in October was \$86,557.44 (\$54,000 check from the Rinsch Estate)
- Prayer packet money goes in the mission fund
- Elders starting to take up offering on Nov 14

Treasurer's report:

- Missions-Guild \$1,000 and Shoe Boxes \$1,800 (possibly)

Elder's report:

- Communion the beginning of advent on Nov 28

Building and Grounds:

- Checking light out front
- Put water heater in basement
- Front door fixed by D&H glass
- Urinal fixed in new bathroom (kept running)
- Sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas the window in the Mustard Seed class will be fixed
- 2 stained glass windows in sanctuary are finished!!

Old Business:

- Pack food backpacks on Thursday-deliver Friday morning to the schools (packed around 80)
- Flooring not in yet
- Christmas trees - cut down Dec 4 and put up Dec 6
- Checking with someone to look at our Sound system
- Needing a sound person to replace Terry Perkins
- Thanks to Susie Cardinal for the donation of the flowers used for Memorial Sunday

Next meeting on December 13, 2021

Parish Records

Deaths: Bernard Sager, 87, died on October 6, 2021. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on October 9, 2021.

Ruth Richter, 98, died on October 24, 2021. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on October 30, 2021.

Sharon Dunkerly, 83, died on November 18, 2021. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on November 23, 2021.

New Members: Bethel Church welcomes new members Brian, Dena, Wyant, Taylor and Rayne Held who have joined Bethel through transfer of membership from another church. Welcome.

Attendance:

Oct. 24 146
Oct. 31 174
Nov. 7 214
Nov. 14 144

Ushers: Logan & Kenzie Barrett

Nursery (Sunday School):

Dec. 5 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
12 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
19 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
26 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Dec. 5 Brittany Pahmeier/Juli Dye
12 Shaylie Phegley/Audi Bures
19 R. Hammelman Family
26 Beth Durall/Cari Cumberworth

Children's Church:

Dec. 5 Jane Tiek/Brandy Toney/Carole Albrecht
12 Autumn Cone/Tracey Kahre
19 Janet Clinkenbeard/Micah Morgan
26 Brenda Maddox/Natalie Phegley/Lili Phegley

December Birthdays

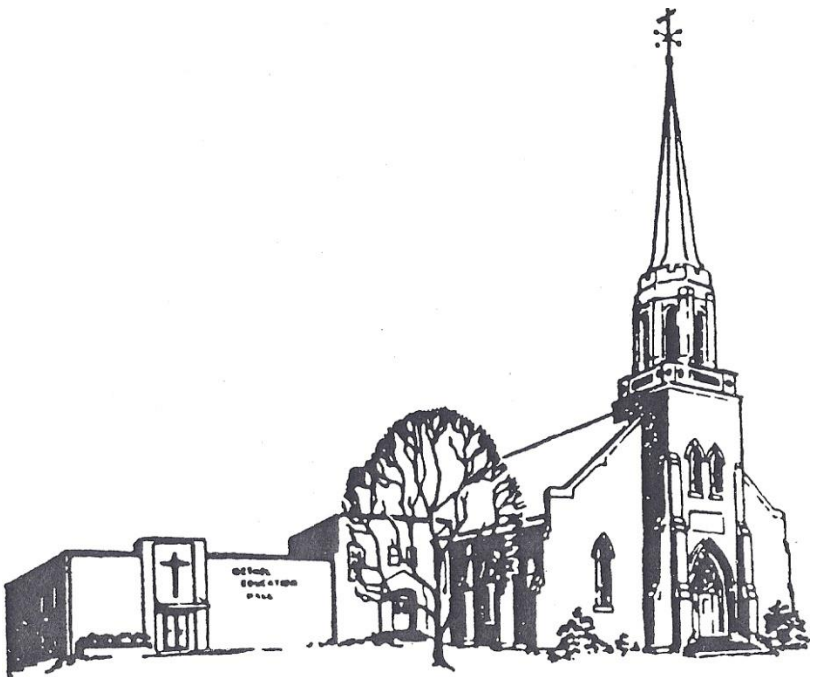
7 Thomas Woods (82nd)
30 Jack Brouhard (80th)

Chimes news will be due on December 20th.

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