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### **Council members:**

Randy Hammelman, President (2023)	Clint Durall (2024)
Brandon Spanger, Vice President (2023)	Bobbie Hislip (2025)
Bonnie Organ, Secretary (2024)	Christopher Nettles (2026)
Carole Albrecht, Treasurer (2025)	Lisa Richter (2026)
<i>(Indicates the time that the term is over)</i>	Collin Tiek (2025)

## **Contact Info for Pastor Bryan**

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.”

## **Sunday School and Worship**

Sunday School – 9 am on Sundays

Worship service – 10 am on Sundays

## **Reminder**

Reminder to Bethel High School seniors – Scholarship application deadline is May 1, 2022.

# The Paradox of the Cross

## 1 Peter 2:24

*“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” – NIV*

The cross provides a paradox we need to consider as we approach Easter. On the one hand, the cross is a tool of death, a form of punishment in the ancient world. People crucified on a cross died a slow death that came through shock or asphyxiation. On the other hand, the cross is a symbol of life, as it is where Jesus gave his so we might live.

We can find joy in the irony of the cross. Yes, that is where Jesus died a cruel death he did not deserve. I shudder when I think of what Jesus went through for us . . . the physical pain, the abandonment, the humiliation. While we may be reluctant to embrace the suffering, we must remember he died that we might live. He was wounded that we might be healed.

Peter quotes the prophet Isaiah about the “suffering servant,” and reminds us that our sins went to the cross with Jesus. Because of his wounds, we have been healed from the consequence of sin. Not only do we see our death to sin, but there is a call to live for righteousness.

As we move through this Easter season, take time to stop at the cross and consider the suffering unto death that leads to new life for us.

In Christ,



Pastor Bryan

## **Mission/Outreach Committee**

During the Lenten Season, we will be sharing our blessings with the North Knox Social Ministries. As you make sacrifices in the Season, share with others. We will be collecting: canned goods, peanut butter & jelly (plastic jars), toilet tissue, personal items, shampoo, bar soap, or other personal items. Place in the shopping card by the cross at the Church. Let us each be the “**HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS**”.

## **Confirmation Sunday**

Brody Page will be confirmed during worship on Sunday, April 10. We hope you can join us for this special day in the life of Brody and in the life of the church. Please support him through prayer.

## **Lenten Breakfast**

The Lenten Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 9 am.

“Bloom Where You Are Planted” – message of Hope and Encouragement. Mia Moody will be the speaker. Mia is a past lay director of the Walk to Emmaus and a public school educator.

Please join us for a morning of food, fellowship and inspiration. Child care will be provided in the Nursery.

## **Thank You**

Thank you for all the cards and birthday greetings. They were greatly appreciated.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Earl Linneweber and family would like to say thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and cards this past month during his illness. Thank you Pastor Taylor for your visits and communion.

## **Memorial Fund**

*In memory of Sharon Dunkerly  
Cheryl & Richard Earley*

### **Preschool**

March in our Pre-K class began with a fun celebration. The children were so excited for our special Donuts with Dad event. Our pirate theme was a big hit and everyone had a great time.

We read and discussed the story of Jesus calming the storm and memorized Psalm 56:3, "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You." The students talked about things that might make them afraid and we learned how Jesus is always with us to calm those fears. We also heard the story of Daniel and how he was faithful to God during a scary time. God took care of Daniel and He will take care of us too.

We are now counting to 80 and working on identifying beginning and ending sounds. At our science station we studied weather and rainbows. Many of our students attended the Kindergarten Round Up at North Knox Elementary and we are thrilled with the positive feedback on their assessments. I am so proud of our Bethel Preschool children!

Our fun continued as we discovered a tricky leprechaun was making messes in our school. We worked together to build a leprechaun trap and finally caught him. He shared his gold and some other goodies with us.

After our spring break, we returned to begin learning about God's great love for us and the wonderful miracle of Easter. We are having a wonderful year and before we know it we will be planning our Graduation celebration.

Mrs. Carter

The months are going by way to fast. I feel like I just sat down to write Chimes news and here it is time to do it again.

We had so much fun at our Donuts with Dad or other special guy. The kids were super excited and did a great job singing for them. We enjoyed the pirate theme dramatic play area.

We planted seeds on good soil and have been watching them sprout, and grow with a little sun light, water and lots of prayers. We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday and helped promote "Read Across America" with special games, crafts, and books. We may have even got to act a little extra silly at times. We loved being star students who counted to ten as we worked on letter S and T. Letter T was also about telling the truth and taking care of our teeth. Going to the dentist for our teeth is not always a fun thing to do according to some 3 and 4 year olds, but we learned it is something we need to do on a regular basis.

Letter U was about the unique unicorns and umbrellas. We loved reading books in class while lying under big umbrellas in class and thought it was fun to open them in class where there is no rain. One little boy wanted to have snacks there too, but we decided that may not work. We talked about how an umbrella protects us just like God protects each of us.

Vegetables, those we like and those we wrinkle our noses up to, helped us learn about letter V. The kids did a great job sorting our vegetables and fruits. Some gave a lesson on how to grow vegetables in the fields or gardens. Sounded like a lot of work was one storyteller's version.

Shamrock Shenanigans was a good way to end before spring break as we made slime and watched a "volcano" erupt as vinegar and baking soda reacted together. We learned that we don't need a clover for luck if we have Jesus, we are lucky enough.

Spring is upon us and we are so excited. April will be all about Jesus and the events leading up to Easter. We will continue to work on our letters and find joy in every day.

Love in Christ,  
Mrs. Beth Durall

# **Bethel Church Council Minutes**

**March 15, 2022**

Opening prayer- Randy Hammelman

Present-Bobbie Hislip, Bonnie Organ, Randy Hammelman, Brandon Spanger, Bryan Taylor, Carol Albrecht, Lisa Richter, Christopher Nettles, and Clint Durall

Absent-Collin Tiek

Pastor's Report-Bryan Taylor

- Attended mission and outreach meeting
- Enjoyed loading backpacks
- Attended Saturday night prayer group
- Baptized Reid Nettles
- Welcomed new member Bill Davis
- Attended North Knox Ministerial Association meeting
- Wabash Valley Teen Challenge-pastor Brian will be having lunch with John Gregg talking out some details about bringing information to our church
- Attended National Preaching Summit
- Preaching at Lenten services
- Sound system installation (big thanks to Linda Hammelman)
- 10 - visits and 7 - hospital visits

Secretary's report- Bonnie Organ

- Read by council members and approved

Deacon's report-Brandon Spanger

- average attendance in February - 148
- \$16,490 - Feb. offering

Treasurer's report-Carol Albrecht

- Thinking of adding to our Missions-Samaritans Purse, Wabash Valley Teen Challenge in Terre Haute, and Christ Community Center for Women in Bicknell

- Need radio ad for youth to advertise for Bethel
- Mission for March 1) Backpack Blessings - \$500 2) Isaiah House \$1000 3) Nurses \$1000
- Ask Taylor Stephens about Ablaze conference

#### Elder's report- Randy Hammelman

- Bobbie Hislip sent 35 Lenten booklets out to shut-ins and college students
- Served 82 communion the first Lenten service

#### Building and grounds-Brandon Spanger

- Church pew needs fixed
- Received new mower
- Side door glass being fixed by D&H glass
- Doris Richter needs help cleaning out junk from the historical room- ask Liberty Lemberg if youth want to help

#### Old Business

- 175th anniversary celebration- Ramona Hammelman will be designing a T-shirt
- Sound system-sound still low, still working out the bugs, thanks to Linda Hammelman for documenting things
- Looking to sell the old camera soon
- Windows-signed contract and sent back will probably be late summer when they work on

#### Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: April 11, 2022

### **Parish Records**

**New Members:** Please extend the hand of Christian welcome to new Bethel members, Jake and Macey Alsman.

**Deaths:** Patricia Johnson, 83, died on January 9, 2022. Burial will be on April 2, 2022 at Bethel Cemetery.

**Attendance:**

Feb. 20 156  
Feb. 27 184  
Mar. 6 224  
Mar. 13 172

**Ushers:** Kyle & Jennifer Stafford

**Nursery (Sunday School):**

Apr. 3 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
10 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman  
17 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
24 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista McLaughlin

**Nursery Notes (Worship):**

Apr. 3 R. Hammelman Family  
10 Brenda Maddox/Emma Miller  
17 Tracey Kahre/Shaylie Phegley  
24 Page Family

**Children's Church:**

Apr 3 Jane Tiek/ Amy Tiek/ Brandy Toney  
10 Peg Taylor/Autumn Cone  
17 Micah Morgan/Rylee Hammelman  
24 Brenda Maddox/Natalie Phegley/Autumn  
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**April Birthdays**

2 Flo Ann Coker (85<sup>th</sup>)  
5 Wilbur Boberg (93<sup>rd</sup>)  
6 Marilyn Fender (90<sup>th</sup>)  
25 Nancy Kixmiller (88<sup>th</sup>)

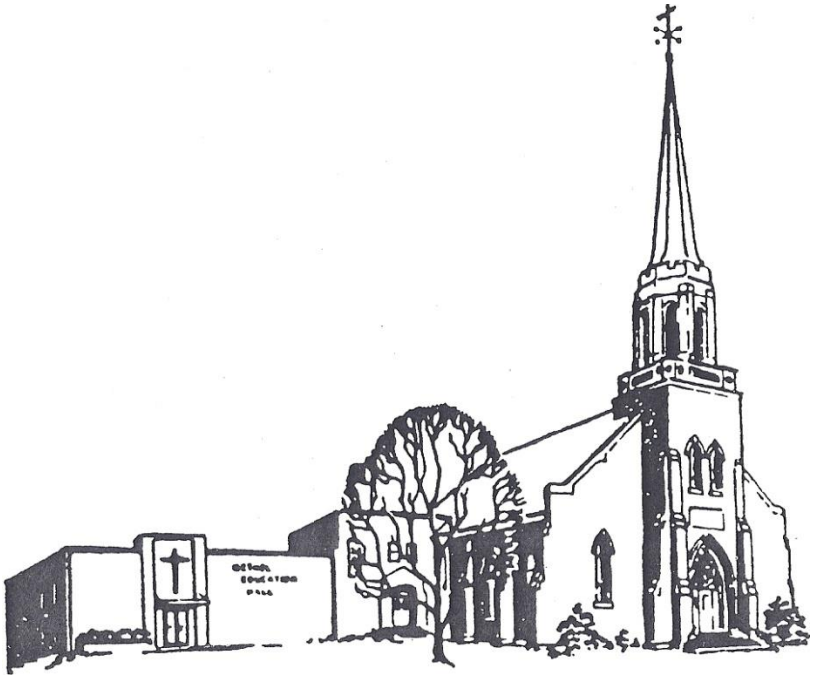
*Chimes news will be due on April 18<sup>th</sup>.*



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