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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.”

Sunday School and Worship

Sunday School – 9 am on Sundays

Worship service – 10 am on Sundays

The 175th Anniversary Committee would like to share that there are directories and some t-shirts left after the celebration. The cost of the directory is \$10, and the t-shirts is \$15. We can mail you either or both for an additional \$5 per item.

Awaiting the Fruitful Harvest

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. – NIV

Knox County harvest season started in September and should be in full swing as this newsletter arrives in mailboxes at the beginning of October. I make no pretense at being a farmer, but I believe it's safe to say it is a profession where patience is essential to long-term success as farmers watch a crop mature through the growing season. The farmer's lot involves long hours, dealing with machinery issues, fickle markets, and unpredictable weather. It can make for a wearisome lifestyle.

The labor carried out by God's people can become a tiresome effort as well. Much work takes place for the Kingdom, and it requires patience and attentiveness. In many instances, we do not see the fruits of our efforts for a long period of time. Sometimes the work goes unrecognized, and we can question if it is worth it. I think of missionaries who toil for God in a far-off country or of the Sunday school teacher who continually prepares lessons for a class that is hit and miss in its attendance. Maybe it is a church outreach program that sputters or the preacher who believes he is failing to connect with his congregation. In all of these instances it may appear that nobody cares and no progress is occurring, but the work moves ahead. Serving in the church can be frustrating on occasion, and it may seem no fruit will come from our investment of time and resources for God. It is easy to become discouraged, but our Galatians passage reminds us not to grow weary. A fruitful harvest eventually will come if we do not give up.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Bryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Bryan

Preschool

We are well into our year with our Pre-K class, and it has been so much fun! The children are settling into our classroom routines and we are learning so much already. This month we have focused on the story of Adam and Eve. The children are also learning about how God created them and that they are very special to Him. Our current memory verse is Psalm 139:14 "I will praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

We have met many of our ZooPhonics animal friends and the children love them all! These special friends are helping us learn the letters and sounds. We have also been working on sorting and learning our shapes. We had two special friends show up to help us with those skills: Simon the Sorting Sloth and Shae the Shape Shark. Special rhymes are helping us to recognize and write numbers 0-5.

Our dramatic play area has been a zoo, an apple orchard and a farm. I love watching the imaginative play as the children take care of the zoo animals, pick apples, make apple pies to sell, and do chores around the farm. Our music and story time have been filled with fun songs and books about apples and farm animals.

We had a super silly day one Friday and the giggles were abundant. We had silly songs, silly stories, silly games, and gave Backpack Bear a bouncy ride on the parachute. Nothing makes me happier than seeing my students laugh and enjoy our day.

The highlight of September was celebrating Grandparent's Day. It was wonderful to have our grandparents join us. The children were very excited to sing a couple of special songs and to give a gift they had made. It was a day full of beautiful memories.

Thank you all for your support and prayers for our preschool students and staff.

Mrs. Carter

What a great fun, first month we have had!! Only a few tears from the littles and some parents. We are working hard on getting into our routine, sitting on our pockets and using good listening ears. Our first lesson was how God made each of us unique and special. He knows all about each one of us and loves us so much.

We have talked about our world and space around us being made in God's hands in just seven short days. We have played outside and had a picnic while enjoying getting to know our new friends.

We had Grandparent's Day with 84 special guests. I was so proud of

each child for staying on stage and no tears. Thanks to all muffin makers, fruit donations, and kitchen help. You are all greatly appreciated, and preschool is so blessed.

We played in shaving cream and made only a small mess as some wanted to pound on the table to see how far we could splatter it. (Sorry, Stacy☺ Miss Jennifer and I tried to say stop, but the giggles took over.) One little girl told her mom we played in sour cream, and it was really fun:-) When we got the play dough, one little boy was excited as he screamed, "yay...my mom doesn't like this, but I sure do!"

We started looking at our letters and, of course, A is first for us. We talked about apples, had a craft with apple zings and then did a taste test. We all like apples!! We ended the fourth week talking about all the amazing animals in the ark.

We have heard many good prayers and always have lots of volunteers to do so. We look forward to working on our shapes, colors, more letters, and growing in God's love together.

Mrs. Beth Durall

Memorial Fund

*In memory of Joan Bland:
Jennifer Greenwell and Fay*

*In memory of Hugh Schaefer:
Glenda Schaefer*

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

There are no words to express my appreciation for the cards, visits, food and well wishes I received following my surgery and time spent in rehab.

Thank you to Pastor Bryan for his calls and visits.

It is wonderful to live in a loving community.

Chris Johanningsmeier

Dear Folks at Bethel Church,

I received such a colorful beautifully arranged floral arrangement Friday afternoon! I am happy your 175th anniversary worship service (and events following) made for such a joyfully memorable occasion for all.

It was an honor to have been asked to play a piece on the pipe organ there where I took one year of lessons my last year of high school. (However, if it hadn't been dear Aunt Doris Richter who had asked me to play, I'd likely have declined since it had been many years since I last played a pipe organ! 😊)

Thank you again for the lovely flowers and the appreciation expressed by those present. It meant a lot.

Finally, I remain grateful for my exposure from a very young age to the amazing music shared on the pipe organ and piano through the talents of Lydia Berger and Edith and Edna Rinsch.

Sincerely,
Brenda (Spanger) Roark

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee is gearing up for their fall missions. We have packed the Pre-School Prayer Packets, will be packing the Food packs for the North Knox Schools, and hosting Trunk or Treat on Halloween, October 30th. We have also received the Operation Christmas Child boxes (Shoe Boxes).

We ask that you keep each of the missions in Prayer and any help you can give us, we will appreciate. There are many children involved in each of these missions and Prayer is an important part of all of these missions.

“BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS”

Bethel Church Council Minutes

Sept. 12, 2022

Board members present: Pastor Bryan Taylor, Randy Hammelman, Bonnie Organ, Bonnie Hislip, Carole Albrecht, Lisa Richter, Collin Tiek, Brandon Spanger, Christopher Nettles, Clint Durall

Pastors report:

- Community Home service Aug 7 and Sept 4 (Peg Taylor, Bobbie and Vaughn Hislip, and Randy Hammelman attended)
- NK Ministerial Association meeting
- 175th Anniversary Celebration
- Preached at Dutchtown Days Community service
- Attended and participated in Run for Ryan J'meier (Drug Court)
- Drove church van in Labor Day parade
- Secured leadership of Janet Clinkenbeard to head the Griefshare meetings
- Welcomed new member Mat Pahmeier
- Confirmation started
- Bible study on the Book of John starts Sept 14
- Picked up 200 boxes for Operation Christmas child
- Big THANKS to Linda Hammelman for helping out with the computers that were taken during the break in

AJ Terrell - Springer Insurance and Financial Services

- Discussed insurance coverage-Mennonite mutual
- Look into playground equipment price for replacement
- Items to work on: fire extinguisher, broken window, building agreement, smoke alarms in shelter house, security team in church

Secretary's report:

- Read and approved

Deacon's report:

- Offering for August - \$16,375
- Average attendance for August - 218

Treasurer's report:

- Missions - Helping His Hands \$1500

Elder's report:

- Prepare for Communion on Oct 2
- Preparing names for promotion Sunday - Sunday school
(Preschool - grades K - 2 and Upper elementary - grades 3 – 6;
Children's church - preschool grades K - 2 and upper elementary
- grades 3 – 5)

Buildings and Grounds:

- Water fountain in Bethel Hall doesn't work
- Workday in August was successful- thanks to all that helped
- Put solid door on office in the church
- Put van in pole barn because it locks
- Trees in grove - keep eye on ones near shelter house
- Windows out for repair in sanctuary
- Replace soap dispensers
- Preschool office needs new computer

Picnic

- Food assigned to classes - Water bottles, tea, lemonade, ice, paper products, 3 hams, green beans, corn, potato salad, chips barbeque and buns, bouncy houses, log ride

Griefshare

- Janet Clinkenbeard - Instructor
- Meet on Sunday evenings

Parish Records

New member: Mat Pahmeier

Attendance:

Aug. 21 278

Aug. 28 (Dutchtown Days)

Sept. 4 167

Sept.11 185

Ushers: Blaine and Allison Rohlk

Nursery (Sunday School):

- Oct. 2 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 9 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
 16 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 23 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista McLaughlin
 30 Autumn Cone/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Nursery Notes (Worship):

- Oct. 2 Brenda Maddox/Shaylee Phegley
 9 Natalie Phegley/Beth Durall
 16 Liberty and Cabella Lemberg
 23 Stacy and Brianna Page
 30 Tracey Kahre/Lilly Phegley

Children's Church:

- Oct. 2 Amy Tiek, Brandy Telligman, youth helper, Jane
 Tiek and Jake Alsmann
 9 Autumn Cone, youth helper, Peg Taylor, Samantha
 Smith
 16 Rylee Wampler, youth helper, Micah Morgan, Lucy
 Or Sherry Sheren
 23 Natalie Phegley, Autumn Burress, youth helper,
 Brenda Maddox, Carole Albrecht
 30 All kids (preschool to 4th grade) meet in basement
 For praise songs with Bonnie Organ and Stacy
 Page

October birthdays:

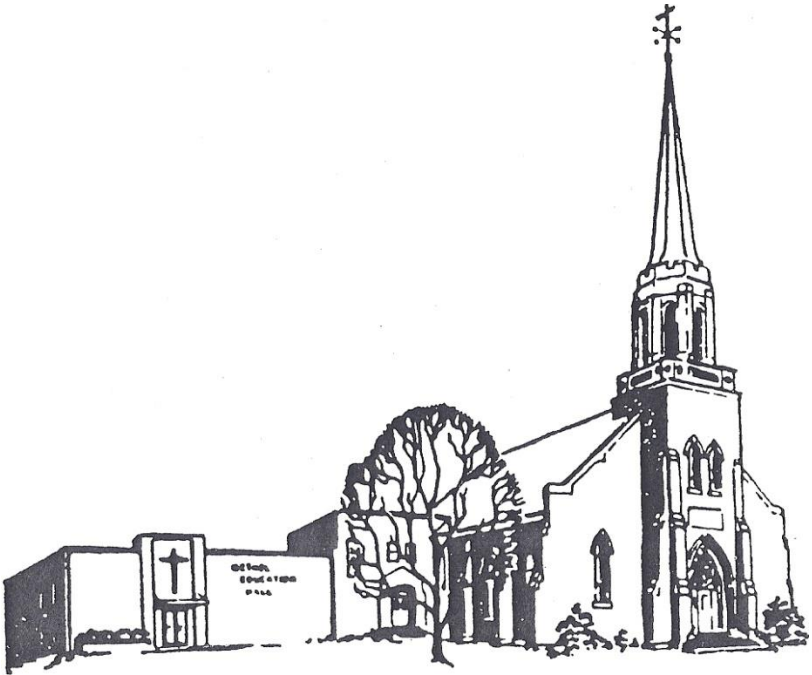
- 5 Janet Tilly (85th)
14 Joe Malone (87th)
18 Mary Miller (87th)
25 Evaline Johanningsmeier (86th)
28 Linda Woods (81)

Chimes news will be due on October 17th.

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