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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

Join Us Christmas Morning – Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. We will have our usual Christmas morning candlelight service at 6:30 am. Because of that, there will not be worship at 10 am that day, and there will be no Sunday School.

A Yuletide Reminder: God Can Use Anybody

Luke 2:16-17

“¹⁶ So they (shepherds) hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.”

Ah, Christmastime – the season of anticipation is upon us. While I do think we as a society start the celebration too early each year, I enjoy revisiting the personalities of the Christmas story in the Bible. I especially revel in the shepherds “who were keeping watch over their flocks at night.” The shepherds present at Jesus’ birth were lowly, humble folks entrusted with a message from God. You all remember the story as the angel appeared to them with tidings of great joy. They went to the manger and found baby Jesus. From there they spread the word about what they had learned about the child.

God used the lowly men of the field to share the story of the birth of the savior. He didn’t call on some great high Jewish priest or a Roman emperor or some Bethlehem ad agency. He tapped the shepherds as His messengers. For us, this story serves as a Christmastime reminder that God can and will use anyone, regardless of their background or status. Many times, we feel that God could “never use someone like me.” The shepherds prove otherwise. So, let’s approach this Christmas season with open hearts, answering God’s call in our lives. It may be to take food baskets to a local shut-in, or to help with a local service project, or to read scriptures at a church service, or to be in the Christmas play, or to reconnect with an estranged relative. The list of possibilities is endless. We just need to stay attuned to God’s will in our lives so we can share in some fashion “what has been told to us about this child.”

In Christ,



Pastor Bryan

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 talked about trusting God when we are afraid. We heard the stories about Jesus calming a storm and Daniel in the lion's den. Our second memory verse this month was Psalm 56:3, "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You."

Our dramatic play area turned into the Mayflower, and we pretended to be the Pilgrims traveling to our new home. We also learned about the Wampanoag tribe and how they lived.

I am seeing great progress in letter and number recognition. I am so proud of my students!

We finished off our Thanksgiving unit with a fun Thanksgiving Feast. The children enjoyed wearing their pilgrim hats and eating turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, cheese, and pumpkin pie.

I am thankful for my five years at Bethel Preschool. You have all made my time here a blessing.

Mrs. Carter

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving, got to visit with family and friends, and enjoyed some great food. We sure did at preschool for our Thanksgiving feast. The kids decided on ham and cheese, hot dogs and watermelon. We spent time in the kitchen prepping, cooking, eating a lot and then cleaning up our

mess. We talked a lot this month about being thankful and what that means. We are thankful for many things, but most of all, God's love for us.

Letter G was all about Goliath and how that giant was defeated by David. God is great! God is good! in all things! We also got to get out glitter glue. Glue is fun stated one little boy!

Letter H was all about how our hands, heart and head all belong to God and how we use them for His honor. Then we read a story "Where do you live?" We learned that God made the forest for the deer and the ponds for the fish and our hearts for Him. We were happy to put Jesus in our heart.

Letter I was all about ice painting an igloo. We decided it would be very cold in an actual igloo. We had an ice cream social. One little girl said "no, no, no. I cannot eat ice cream before lunch." I ask who her who told you that. She says, "my mom". I told her I think mom would be okay if you did it one day at preschool. She said okay and enjoyed her sugary sundae. They got to add their own toppings, and some had a good mixture on top. One girl asked for her third scoop (they were very small) then exclaimed that mom would never allow 3 scoops at home.

We are practicing and looking forward to our Christmas Program on December 16 at 7:00 pm. We are excited to share the Baby news of Jesus! Merry Christmas!!

Mrs. Beth Durall

Guild

December 7 will be our Christmas Guild meeting. It will be a covered dish luncheon at 11:30. Please bring your cookies, as we will do cookie plates after lunch. A short business meeting will follow.

Doris Richter

MISSION COMMITTEE

WOW!!!! What a busy month for Bethel!!! We hosted TRUNK OR TREAT and served about two hundred folks in the community. What a wonderful evening of caring and sharing.

Then Nov. 20th we were “WOWED” again with “213 shoe boxes” for the Operation Christmas Child project. What a blessing to know that many children will get to feel the Love of JESUS from a small shoe box. Those boxes will be distributed to children all over the world. THANK YOU for participating in this project.

Whether you prayed over the boxes, filled one or donated funds to fill one, you were serving.

“THANK YOU FOR BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS”

As we enter the Advent season, continue to Share and Care For Others.

Bethel Church Council Minutes

November 14, 2022

Opening Prayer by Brandon Spanger

Present: Brandon Spanger, Randy Hammelman, Bonnie Organ, Carole Albrecht, Bobbie Hislip, Lisa Richter, Clint Durall, Christopher Nettles, Colin Tiek, and Pastor Bryan Taylor

Pastor's report

- Sermon prep for October
- Funeral of Leroy Piper and Jack Long
- Loaded backpacks for school backpack program
- LAM's luncheon
- Attended Helping Hands banquet
- Participated in Trunk or Treat
- Delivered collection bottles to Heart to Heart (30 bottles filled)

- Attended First Impressions conference

Secretary's report

- Read and approved

Deacon's report

- Average attendance for October was 186
- Total offering for October was \$24,182.74

Treasurers report

- Missions- LAM \$1000 and Nurses fund \$1000
- Treasurer's report discussed and approved

Building and grounds

- Coal mine placed seismograph
- Hot water heater in preschool area is not working
- Discussed septic smell in the church
- Needing lights outside on the southside and the back of the church
- Also need a light facing the playground at the shelter house
- Small toilet in the preschool bathroom is broken probably need to invest in a new one

Old business

- Security measures - Dale Tiek is looking into doors for the offices

New business

- Stained glass windows are done and paid for!!!
- Web update- current website for the church is not good
- Pastor Bryan Taylor and Stacy Kahre began cleaning up the website to begin moving it to WIX online program and it looks great thank you Bryan Taylor and Stacy Kahre
- Christmas program for the children is December 18, 7 PM
- Needing leader and helpers for the junior high youth group- The junior high/ high school youth group is growing in numbers, so we are talking about splitting the group up
- Annual meeting will be on January 29 after church meal is first and then meeting will follow

- November 27 first Sunday in advent, will be communion
- Preschool Christmas program will be on December 16
- Janet Clinkenbeard and Shirley Bright thanks everyone for giving them the opportunity to lead the grief share meetings on Sunday evening. They have been very productive-a big thank you to both amazing ladies!!!!
- Going to work on getting rid of the buffer in the cleaning closet in the basement

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Parish Records

Deaths: Leroy Pieper, 91, died on October 5, 2022. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on October 10, 2022.

Lucille Robbins, 94, died on November 19, 2022. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on November 26, 2022.

Attendance:

Oct. 23	155
Oct. 30	219
Nov. 6	183
Nov. 13	163

Ushers: Logan and Kenzie Barrett

Nursery (Sunday School):

- Dec. 4 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
11 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
18 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
25 No Sunday School

Nursery Notes (Worship):

- Dec. 4 Nikki Mundy/Shaylie Phegley
11 Brenda Maddox/Beth Durall
18 Juli Dye/Natalie Phegley
25 No 10:00 service

Children's Church:

- Dec. 4 Jane Tiek, Jake Alsman, Amy Tiek, Brandy Toney,
youth helper
11 Autumn Cone, youth helper, Peg Taylor, Samantha
Smith
18 Rylee Wampler, youth helper, Micah Morgan,
Lucy or Sherry Sheren
25 There will be no Sunday School or Worship

December birthdays:

- 6 Bruce Clinkenbeard (80th)
7 Thomas Woods (83rd)
30 Jack Brouhard (89th)

Chimes news will be due on December 19th.

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