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Council members:

Collin Tiek, President (2025)	Clint Durall (2024)
Lisa Richter, Vice President (2026)	Bobbie Hislip (2025)
Bonnie Organ, Secretary (2024)	Christopher Nettles (2026)
Carole Albrecht, Treasurer (2025)	Bruce Clinkenbeard (2027)
<i>(Indicates the time that the term is over)</i>	Travis Kahre (2027)

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.”

North Knox Social Ministries

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Food Pantry Hours

Monday: 10 am to Noon

Wednesday: 5:30 pm to 7:15 pm

1st, 3rd, & 4th weeks

Friday: 1 pm to 3:15 pm

Clothing Give-Away Hours

2nd Thursday: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

4th Thursday: 10 am to Noon

Chimes news will be due December 18th.

The True Reality of Christmas

Isaiah 9:6

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. – ESV*

The Christmas season is upon us . . . a time filled with fun and tradition: shopping for that perfect gift; wrapping presents; family gatherings; baking cookies; holiday movies; listening to non-stop Christmas music; wide-eyed kids giddy with anticipation and excitement throughout December. And of course there are church and school holiday programs. So much takes place this time of year and I love it, but we can find it a bit taxing both materially and emotionally.

As we enter the holiday hubbub, let's tap the brakes for just a moment to take notice of the one true reality of Christmas – the baby in the manger. All of the players in the Christmas story – the shepherds, the angels, Mary, Joseph, the wise men from the east – they all lead us to a baby in a manger, Christ the Lord. He is a reality that supersedes any expectations the world may put on our lives. He is the ultimate reality, the only reality of Christmas that can make a true difference in our lives. We should build our hopes and expectations on Him, not the dictates of the world. And we can do that because of who He is: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

In Christ,



Pastor Bryan

GUILD

The Guild will be doing the cookie and fruit plates on December 6 at 1:30 pm. Please have your cookies at Church by this time.

If you can help deliver them, we will do this after they are put together.

Thank you.
Doris Richter

THANK YOU

The family of Carolyn Williams would like to thank our Bethel Church family for the prayers, cards, and visits during this difficult time. Thank you to Pastor Bryan and all those involved with making the funeral a true celebration of a wonderful woman. Lastly, we would like to thank the Bethel Guild and everyone who donated to provide a delicious funeral dinner.

May God bless you all!

MISSION COMMITTEE

WOO-HOO !!!! WE DELIVERED 234 – SHOE BOXES
That means 234 children somewhere around the world will feel the Love of Jesus and the love of our Bethel Church Family. They will never know who we are but they will know that Jesus loves them and so do we. **THANK YOU** so much for being part of this project and continue to pray for the boxes on their journey as they reach children around the world.

We continue to pack food packs for the North Knox schools. If you would like to help with this project, contact a mission committee member.

Enjoy the Christmas Season and continue to Share God's Love with Others.

“BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS”

Memorial Fund

In memory of Patty Buescher:

Bill & Carole Albrecht

Anonymous

Randy & Theresia Barrett

Della Dale

Lucile DeGraw

German American Bank

Kevin & Linda Hammelman

Randy & Ramona Hammelman

Mike & Pam Loheider

Bill & Darlene Resler

Herman & Nancy Tilly

In memory of Judy Kiser:

Vickie Held

In memory of Debbie Tiek:

Bill & Carole Albrecht

Paul & Janna Anderson

Anonymous

Bill & Jo Ann Brocksmit

Kent & Brenda Brocksmit

Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard

Mike & Kristy Dakel

Betty Deweese

Andrew & Erin Echele

Kevin & Linda Hammelman family

Vaughn & Bobbie Hislip

Roger & Chris Johanningsmeier

Mike & Pam Loheider

Lenora McCrary

Bruce & Teresa Miller

Mary Ann Miller

Tim & Tonya Miller

Mustard Seed Class

Mat & Brittany Pahmeier

Garland & Lisa Richter

Craig & Tonya Scott

John & Jan Spanger

Debbie Telligman

Elizabeth Telligman

Mark & Diane Telligman

Herman & Nancy Tilly

Janet Tilly

Sam & Dana Worland

In memory of Carolyn Williams:

<i>Bill & Carole Albrecht</i>	<i>Sara Kixmiller</i>
<i>Paul & Janna Anderson</i>	<i>John & Marilyn Koenig</i>
<i>Mary Lynn Bedwell</i>	<i>Brian & Lou Ann Lindsey</i>
<i>Kent & Brenda Brocksmith</i>	<i>Mike & Pam Loheider</i>
<i>Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard</i>	<i>Lenora McCrary</i>
<i>Mike & Kristy Dakel</i>	<i>Bruce & Terri Miller</i>
<i>Scott & Lana Dike</i>	<i>Mary Ann Miller</i>
<i>Paul & Nancee Dunkerly</i>	<i>Brenda Nettles</i>
<i>Rick & Cheryl Earley</i>	<i>James & Sue Pearson</i>
<i>Hammelman Nitrate</i>	<i>DeWayne Richter</i>
<i>Kevin & Linda Hammelman</i>	<i>Doris Richter</i>
<i>Vickie Held</i>	<i>Dan & Brenda Roark</i>
<i>Phillip & Linda Himes</i>	<i>Claude A. Seger & Sons</i>
<i>Hislip, Vaughn & Bobbie</i>	<i>Donald & Tammara Seger</i>
<i>Don & Rita Holscher</i>	<i>John & Jan Spanger</i>
<i>Steve & Roberta Horst</i>	<i>Debbie Telligman</i>
<i>Immokalee Club</i>	<i>Elizabeth Telligman</i>
<i>Roger & Chris Johanningsmeier</i>	<i>Dale & Jane Tiek</i>
<i>Vera Jones</i>	<i>Sue Ann Williams & family</i>

Cemetery Fund:

*In memory of Judy Kiser, Patty Buescher and Carolyn Williams –
Patty Bobe*

Anniversary

A card shower is planned for Earl and Chris Horst who will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on December 8th.

Their address is P. O. Box 275, Freelandville, IN 47535.

Preschool

Hello, Bethel!

Wow! What a busy November we had at Preschool! We started the month of with the Freelandville Fire Department and Fireman John Streeter. A big thank you to them for bringing their big red truck to our school and teaching us about fire safety. We loved getting to see and touch all the tools that firemen use, and our favorite was getting to sit in the fire truck! This is always such a fun day, and the kids love it!

Next up was L week! We read the book “Leaf Man” and then went on our own leaf hunt all around the church to find leaves. We found big leaves and small leaves and leaves of all colors. The kids had so much fun running and collecting leaves and sharing “good finds” with their friends! We finished our leaf hunt over at the Shelter house where we had a snack and then attempted to make a big leaf pile to jump in, it was so windy that day that we had trouble keeping our pile together! The kids didn’t seem to mind one bit, they continued to work together to build it as big as possible and then took turns jumping in! After the leaf hunt the kids were able to create their own leaf art inspired by the book we read. They loved squeezing the glue and were so creative, we had leaf men, several dinosaurs, and even a spider created out of leaves.

We finished up L week by having a “Lights Out” day. That’s right, we covered the windows and turned the lights off to make our classroom dark. The kids all brought a flashlight and we used flashlights to do our “work” for the day! We went on a letter and shape hunt around the room, we read books, we made shadows (the colorful shadows of our magnetite blocks were our favorite) and we even had centers and snacks using our flashlights!

T week was next and we talked about Thanksgiving and all of God’s blessings. The kids each named several things they were thankful for in their Thankful poems that are displayed in the

preschool hallway. The kids enjoyed hearing about the first Thanksgiving and dressing up as Pilgrims and Indians and cooking over a fire at our Thanksgiving dramatic play center. We talked about how things were different long ago...they had a really hard time grasping that phones used to have to hang on a wall and stay at your house!

On the last day of school before Thanksgiving break, we had our feast. The kids helped chop carrots and green beans, mashed potatoes, rolled turkey and ham slices, mixed cornbread muffins, and made mini pumpkin pies! They are good cooks and my what a feast we had!! I think several of them had big plans of helping to cook their family's Thanksgiving meal this year.

I have sure been blessed with wonderful preschoolers and families this year, I am thankful for each one of them!

Love,
Liberty Lemberg

Give thanks in all circumstances!! We have definitely followed through with that this month. We had a long list of everything we are thankful for which included our pets, parents, some of our siblings, and all the sweets we eat, plus many more.

We started off with Freelandville firefighter Josh Trotter (and his junior fire fighter) coming to teach about fire safety and letter f. We had a great lesson and then had fun turning on the lights and spraying water from the fire hose.

Letter g was all about glitter, glue and Goliath. We learned to have courage and Jesus on our side as we handle our everyday battles. Three- and four-year-olds have super imaginations and big battles to go up against:-)

Having Jesus in our hearts was the best letter discussion ever! We love Jesus and always want to show others!! We also talked out how our head and hands belong to God and how we should use

them every day to make God happy. We are all happy to have a house full of hugs and love.

Letter I lead us to ice paintings and igloos. One girl giggled as we painted with an ice cube and thought I was crazy for the idea. We also talked about ice cream and how yummy all the flavors are.

We had a nice feast for Thanksgiving, preschool style: ham and turkey roll ups, mac and cheese, a few veggies, and “homemade” bread and/or desserts. We made it all ourselves. Washing, cooking, and cleaning up kept us very busy, but the fun we had in the kitchen. We are so blessed!!

We are now switching our thoughts to Jesus and his birth. Yes, it is Christmas time already. We look forward to our program, parties, and all the fun crafts/stories as we start December.

In Christ’s Love,

Mrs. Beth Durall

Bethel Church Council Minutes

November 13, 2023

Present: Carole Albrecht, Bobbie Hislip, Bonnie Organ, Christopher Nettles, Travis Kahre, Collin Tiek, Bruce Clinkenbeard, Pastor Bryan Taylor, and Clint Durall

Absent: Lisa Richter

Opening prayer: Collin Tiek

Pastor’s report:

- Sermon prep for the month of October
- Preaching Calendar workshop
- Worked with Carole on the online tithing
- Hosted FCA breakfast Oct. 13
- Hotdog and a movie night Oct 15

- Baptistry committee meeting Oct 26
- LAM Pastor's appreciation lunch Oct 27
- Trunk or Treat Oct 29
- Officiated funeral of Carolyn Williams Oct 30
- Delivered baby bottles to Heart to Heart Oct 31
- Attended Helping His Hands fundraiser
- Community Home Service Nov 2 (Thanks to Diane Carrico, Ken Carrico, Bruce Clinkenbeard, Bobbie Hislip, Vaughn Hislip, Vickie Loafman, Bonnie Organ, and Peg Taylor)
- 5 hospital visits
- Wednesday Night Bible study- End Times
- Backpack program
- Choir
- Saturday Prayer group
- Bruce Clinkenbeard and Carole Albrecht motion to accept the report

Secretary's report:

- Read and approved
- Motion to accept minutes made by Bobbie Hislip and Christopher Nettles

Deacon's report:

- Average attendance was 181 in October 2023
- Total offering was \$26,030.14 + \$379.41 (PayPal)
- Motion to accept the deacon's report was made by Clint Durall and Bruce Clinkenbeard

Treasurer's report:

- Dana Worland - Edward Jones - Collin Tiek will be talking to her to set up a time for her to come to a council meeting to discuss our investments

- Keep an eye on Youth balance - approval given to transfer money to their account if needed
- Waiting for \$8500 from Huffman Estate
- Shoe Box expenses might need to be adjusted
- Missions for November - Guild - \$1000
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Christopher Nettles and Travis Kahre

Elder's report:

- Delivered flowers to Community Home from our Memorial Service
- December 3 - Communion (Advent)

Building and Grounds

- Tree cut down
- Fixed Noak's Ark in the grove
- Light is out in Bethel Hall
- Need signs in the church for restrooms, offices, and exits
- Motion made by Bruce Clinkenbeard and Carole Albrecht to accept the report

Old Business

- Doors - found handles with buttons - put breakaways on the rest of the doors (waiting for bid from Wolfe construction)
- Baptismal - shipping is around \$500 on an extra large - donations from Apple farms and Grandma Tiek memorial will be used on this project

New Business

- New Council members - need a committee for this?
- Soap dispensers - need hung in the preschool area
- Spark Night for the community Youth - (service once a month) - first service is Dec 10 at Bethel Church from 5 - 7 pm for grades 6 – 12
- Payment to custodial staff during funerals needs to be raised from \$25 to \$50

- Voted to increase pay and all approved
- Redo funeral policy to add this change
- Linda Hammelman will get price on rechargeable microphones
- Evaluations on Dec 11 at 6:00 pm (Lesa Houghland, Amanda Sprague, Bryan Taylor, Jim Strange, Karen DeCoursey, Stacy Page and Scott Page)

Meeting adjourned by reciting the Lord's Prayer



Up and Coming During December

- Dec. 2 – 8 a.m., Cutting of Christmas trees for sanctuary
- Dec. 3 – 10 a.m., First Sunday of Advent Communion
- Dec. 6 – 7 p.m., Decorate Church for Christmas
- Dec. 15 – 7 p.m., Pre-school Christmas Program
- Dec. 17 – 7 p.m., Sunday School Christmas Program
- Dec. 25 – 6:30 a.m., Christmas Candlelight Service.

Parish Records

Deaths: Carolyn Williams, 91, died on October 26, 2023. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on October 30, 2023.

Attendance:

Oct. 22 182
Oct. 29 156
Nov. 5 215
Nov. 12 167
Nov. 19 203

Ushers: Mat and Brittany Pahmeier

Nursery (Sunday School):

Dec.. 3 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer
10 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer
17 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
24 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer
31 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Dec. 3 Kelci Johanningsmeier/Jennifer Stafford
10 Brittany Pahmeier/Harlee Keller
17 Beth Durall/Lindsey Zollman
24 Hannah Summers/Allison Rohlk
31 R. Hammelman Family

Children's Church:

Dec. 3 Amy Tiek, Brandy Toney, and Caleb Bottum or
Carter Lemberg, Jane Tiek, Jake Alsman
10 Theresia Barrett, Macey Alsman, Peg Taylor,
Samantha Smith
17 Rylee Wampler, Shirley Bright, Lily Phegley, Laura
Phegley, Lucy or Sherry Sheren
24 Natalie Phegley, Brenda Maddox, Carole Albrecht
31 All kids in basement for praise songs

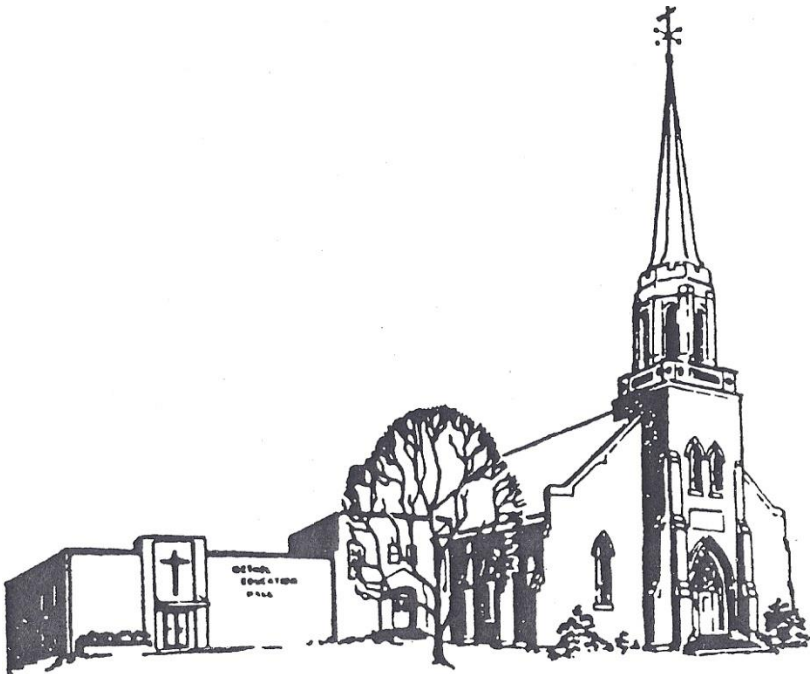
December birthdays:

6 Bruce Clinkenbeard (81st)
7 Tom Woods (84th)
30 Jack Brouhard (90th)

December 2023

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