



The Beacon

The Monthly Newsletter of Bethel United Church of Christ
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October 2019

From the Pastor

One of the first things Shannon and I “binge watched” on Prime Video was Downton Abbey. This television series was on PBS and depicted an English estate and the Grantham family in and around World War 1. As the show unfolds the family goes through changes, the largest is societal. They are a family of privilege, and after the Great War things change; the economy is not what it was before the war. Many people could no longer afford all of their servants, there are even family that had to give up their country homes! Life changes for them all. The industrial revolution is said to cause the First World War, the shift was on, from English aristocracy to a more industrial, more labor driven society.

I believe that we are living the next transformation of modern society. As we look around Alliance, Lordstown, and Canton we see these once great industrial cities struggling, leaving empty factories that once housed our father’s and grandfather’s eight hours a day, 5 to 6 days a week. Today jobs are less about loyalty to a company and more about doing what makes you happy or fulfilled.

There are people in this congregation that have been here all of their life, many who worked at the same job for more than 30 years and that is wonderful. The problem is that it is not the world we live in today. The world has changed and we, the church, have to change with it. Some people get upset when the pastor talks about change because “Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8) Jesus is the same and I do not propose that we change Jesus; my hope is that we can work to bring the message of Jesus in a fresh new way to the ever-changing world we live in.

On the second and fourth Wednesday’s of the month we see this happening with the kids CAMPP and the Food Pantry. Luanne teaches with a passion for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She mixes music and scripture, fun and function, theology and tradition; all of this with a group of people who cannot read. At 4:00PM Bethel opens its doors to people in need and we provide food to the people who enter our doors. We probably don’t consider these folks a part of the congregation because we don’t see them on Sundays, but this church and its people have become their family. Becoming a part of the lives of people who do not attend our Sunday services can be a great challenge but we have a great start; this is how we bring the message of Christ to a different world.

These two points of ministry are the places we need to build on as we look at the church moving forward. How can we adapt to be a greater part of the lives of the people that come to Bethel for something other than Sunday worship?

Peace & Love

Allen R. Kahler

Bethel United Church of Christ
Minutes from
Sept 10th for October 9, 2019

Financial report

So far there have been two meeting for the proposed budget.
Some changes are being made.
Benevolences will be taken out of the working budget.

Prayer for Financial Concerns: Pastor Kahler

Elders Report: Elders have done several visits

Pastors Report: See written report. Pastor Kahler added that the Website is ready to be worked on and needs to be edited.

Food Pantry – In August the pantry served 65 households for a total of 188 people.

C.A.M.P.P. - began on Sept. 11.

Old Business:

- Lee Kornick was on hand to take comments and answer questions about the Re-structure of the Governance of our church. It was decided that the consistory would look over the restructure and decide next consistory meeting weather to proceed.
- The Budget team will have a presentation on Sunday September 29th.
- Stewardship Sunday is November 10th

- **New Business:**
- Trunk or Treat will be Oct. 27th. Looking for someone to be in charge.
- World Communion will be Oct. 6th. Need four people to make different types of bread
- Sept.23 Sandy Fieldhouse will be cooking for the CFF dinner.
- Next meeting: Oct. 8th

Devotions for the next meeting: Wanda Humphrey



Beacon Financial Report August 2019

Monthly approved budget \$17,503.27

Income: \$ 14,273.00 annual 2019: \$ 128,837.24 (includes G.E.M transfers)

Expense: \$ 13,881.47 annual 2019: \$132,725.28

Difference 391.53 Difference \$ (3,888.04)

What's Happening at Bethel?



On October 27th at 5-7 p.m. We will be celebrating our harvest season by decorating vehicles, giving out candy and playing games.

Bethelbeloit.org Website

All of the prep work is done and Sarah Fieldhouse is working on putting our information on it. If you go and look right now you may still see some of the old stuff still on there but keep checking for up dates.

Thanksgiving Meal

The United Methodist Church in Alliance will be doing the Thanksgiving Dinner again this year. If you wish to donate turkeys, we have a goal of 10. You can bring them in by November 3rd and put them in the freezer down stairs. Shannon will be cooking them all at one time. Last year we had volunteers go to her camp and debone them. We would like to have volunteers do the same this year. Please let Pastor Allen or Deb know if you would like to do this.

Ladies of Bethel

All our Ladies are urged to come to our newly formed women's group! (Wings) The first meeting date was be Thursday, September 5 at 10:00 at the church. We had 8 people and are hoping for more of you ladies to come. October 3 at 10 A.M. will be the next meeting.



CAMPP News

CAMPP is off and running and we are having so much fun!!! We have started our fall season off with learning about the **FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT!!** With the help of a **FUN** song we are learning these **FRUITS OF GOD'S TREE:** **LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL.**

Our biggest project for the next few months will once again be **Operation Shoe Box**. It is part of our **AWESOME CAMPP** theme "**Children Helping Children**"!! The kids have been filling our "Giving Jar" over the past year. We will put that money along with monies collected from the congregation toward filling our goal of "12" boxes. And....there will be a special added **TWIST** to our project this year!!! More details on that over the next few weeks. **Very EXCITING!**

September 11th we had eleven kids and ten adults for our fun-filled hour. On September 15th eleven kids were on hand to play hand bells for the service. Also on that day John Korosy and Amelia Mercer each received their **BIBLES** which they earned at **CAMPP!! CONGRATS** to you both!!! **YAY!!** On September 25th a fun time was had by **ALL** with eleven kids & eight adults... which included one new **CAMPP Kid** and one guest! **GREAT!!!**

It is never too late for kids to get involved in **CAMPP!!!** Ages 3 and up can come and "have a blast" learning about God. It is a **GREAT FAMILY TIME!!!!** **SEE YOUR ALL AT CAMPP!!!!!!**

Operation Shoe Box!!



♪ Choir Notes ♪

It is so nice having the choir and bell choir back together again after a much needed and well deserved summer break. We are all getting back into the “swing of things” and having fun in the process. It has been both a pleasure and a blessing having Jodi Briceland join us at our choir practices. Jodi will be playing the piano for the choir from time to time. Thanks so much Jodi!!!

A big THANK YOU to Marcia Smith, June Wallace and Anne McKarns for helping out with bells when we needed some fill-ins. You all did GREAT and it was so much fun!!!! Thanks ladies!!

Believe it or not the Christmas Cantata rehearsals will begin on October 9th for the adults and kids. We will soon be on our way!!!! (And just a little heads up.....mark your calendars for **December 22th**you won't want to miss it!!)

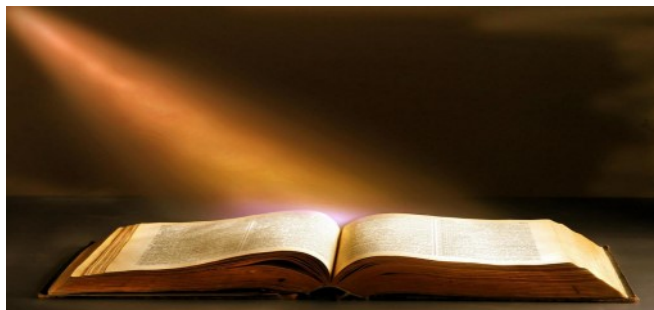
Quote of the month - *No matter how long you have traveled in the wrong direction, you can always turn around.*

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Luanne



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study has been discontinued. Please come to the Monday night bible study at 6:30 p.m.







# October

| Sun                                                         | Mon                                                     | Tue                             | Wed                                                                 | Thu                                        | Fri | Sat                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
|                                                             |                                                         | 1                               | 2<br>6:30 Bell Practice<br>7:00 Choir                               | 3<br>10:00(Wings)<br>Women's<br>Fellowship | 4   | 5                                   |
| 6<br>10:00 Worship Service<br>World<br>Communion            | 7<br>6:30 Bible<br>Study                                | 8<br>6:30 Consistory<br>Meeting | 9<br>4:00 Pantry<br>6:00 CAMPP<br>7:15 Bell Practice<br>7:45 Choir  | 10                                         | 11  | 12                                  |
| 13<br>10:00 Worship Service<br>Camp kids/<br>with shoeboxes | 14<br>4-5:30 P.M.CFF<br>Meal<br><br>6:30 Bible<br>Study | 15                              | 16<br>6:30 Bell Practice<br>7:00 Choir                              | 17                                         | 18  | 19                                  |
| 20<br>10:00 Worship Service                                 | 21<br>6:30 Bible<br>Study                               | 22                              | 23<br>4:00 Pantry<br>6:00 CAMPP<br>7:15 Bell Practice<br>7:45 Choir | 24                                         | 25  | 26<br>8:30A.M<br>Men's<br>Breakfast |
| 27<br><br>10:00 Worship Service<br>5:00 Trunk or Treat      | 28<br>4-5:30P.M. CFF<br>Meal<br><br>6:30 Bible<br>Study | 29<br>10:00 Staff<br>Meeting    | 30                                                                  | 31                                         |     |                                     |



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|-------------------|-------|
| Kelly Ewing       | 10/01 |
| Colton Foos       | 10/03 |
| Luanne Sanor      | 10/11 |
| Ann McDaniel      | 10/15 |
| Cindy Hergenroder | 10/24 |
| Allen Kahler      | 10/26 |
| Lindsay Twaddle   | 10/26 |

### Liturgist

Oct 6

Oct 13

Oct 20

Oct 27

**Lee Kornick**

### Coffee

Oct 6

Oct 13

Oct 20

Oct 27

### Communion Preparer

**Sandy Fieldhouse**

### October Head Usher ???

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We need people for the above dates. You can signup on the chart on the table by the mail boxes



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**THE CHURCH'S E-MAIL IS :  
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### Pastor Allen Kahler

*Minister*

### Deborah Cappa

*Ministry Assistant*

### Anne McKarns

*Treasurer*

### Wayne Fieldhouse

*Building Maintenance*

### Luanne Sanor

*Music Director  
CAMPP Director*

### Peggy Christie

*Pianist/Organist*

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|--------------------------|------------|
| William & Joanne Meier   | 10/04/1980 |
| Dale & Kathy Stryffeler  | 10/07/1977 |
| Edward & Mickey Liebhart | 10/18/1947 |
| Lee & Dee Kornick        | 10/23/1976 |
| Ben & Amy Humphrey       | 10/30/2010 |

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