



The Beacon

The Monthly Newsletter of Bethel United Church of Christ
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From the Pastor

Matthew 5:17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Bible study and our morning worship have both had readings that refer to the 10 Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. As I have walked into these texts I first was taken by the task to preach on the Sermon on the Mount, this is Jesus' sermon to the followers of his time, why would I think or even try to preach on this text? Jesus spoke to the people in his day about the transformation that needs to come with each and every one of us as we take the Commandments of God into our heart and do more than just follow them. *Matthew 5:21-22a "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment..."* We need to keep our anger under control not only our desire to kill. In other words, living by the law is one thing, but letting the law live in you is the deeper step Jesus is calling us to.

The month of March will be spent in Lent. The purpose of Lent, according to Wikipedia, is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, alms giving, and asceticism. I found these words interesting and in need of definition for most of us. Prayer and penance are common practices for most Christians, and repentance we hear about but often don't get the whole "turning" aspect that the word bring with it. To "repent" is to turn from that which is causing us to sin. **Mortifying the flesh** is an act by which an individual seeks to mortify, or put to death, their sinful nature, as a part of seeking God's blessing. Common practices are "fasting" or "abstinence"

Asceticism is a lifestyle characterized by abstinence from sensual pleasures, often for the purpose of pursuing spiritual goals. This would be the giving up part of Lent that many Christians talk about. You might choose to give up lunch for Lent, during that time you would abstain from or withdraw from society and use that time to focus on your spiritual life.

As we make our way into Lent let us take time to ponder, pray, meditate on the deeper meaning of being a Disciple of Jesus Christ. Find a book that you have been wanting to read, or take the New Testament and read it in this time. Use these 40 days for your Spiritual Health.

Peace and Love

Allen R. Kahler, Pastor



Choir Notes



Just a quick note to all bell and choir members..... Please bear with me as our weekly practice schedule continues to be “tricky” to say the least. Wednesday evenings are so very full which is AWESOME!!!! It means BETHEL IS VERY ALIVE AND VERY ACTIVE!!!!!! YAY!!!!!! But at the same time it can be a little crazy keeping track of schedules!!! I will continue to announce weekly schedules each Sunday morning and I will also continue to keep you all updated with texts.

I want to say THANK YOU once again to all of my bell and choir folks for being so flexible AND for your constant dedication to the Bethel Music Ministry. You guys are AWESOME!!!!!!



Luanne

CAMPP News

February was a Fun and AWESOME month for CAMPP kids and families!!! We started off with our most popular CAMPP of the year.....**GLOW IN THE DARK NIGHT!!!!!!!** What a blast everyone had!!! We had 18 kids, including 3 guests, plus 16 adults that joined in for an awesome hour of darkness FILLED with FANTASTIC COLOR from over 400 pieces of glow in the dark FUN!!! What a SIGHT to behold!!!

We all found Jesus' Light for sure during our bible lesson and game which took us on quite a journey as we followed Jesus AND His Light!! When our journey ended all the kids and adults worked together to literally LIGHT UP the CROSS with close to 300 glow sticks. It was a beautiful sight!

A small, but very mighty group of 6 kids joined the adult choir during the February 9th church service as together they sang "This Little Light of Mine"! Those 6 kids absolutely held their own along side of our entire adult choir. It was awesome! And if you haven't seen it yet, look for the video on our Facebook page. It was shared many times. Thank you Pastor Allen!

Also during the service, Ella Humphrey was awarded her "cross" which she earned through points at CAMPP. CONGRATS Ella!!!!!! All of the kids then handed out Valentines and suckers to the whole congregation. Great Day!!

February 19th brought 11 kids and just as many adults out for another fun night of CAMPP. This was our VALENTINE'S DAY CAMPP during which we talked about God's Love for us and our Love for God and others. Our game was wild and crazy as everyone joined in a "fun battle" of sharing God's Love which involved MANY balloons and pool noodles. Yep....you heard me right!!!

Our March CAMPP nights will be back on schedule for the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. All kids ages 3 and up are welcome to join us. Come join in the fun and learn about God!!! See you all at CAMPP!!



Luanne Sanor/CAMPP Director

Beacon Financial Report January 2020

Monthly approved budget \$17,271.95

Income: \$20,707.00 annual 2020: \$ 20,707.00 (includes G.E.M transfers)

Expense: \$ 20,387.62 annual 2020: \$ 20,387.62

Difference \$ 319.38 Difference \$ 319.38



Bethel News for March

It is time to order your special flowers to celebrate Easter! Celebrate the resurrection of Christ with flowers that will adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, and then take them with you following the service to honor a loved one, friend or dinner host. Final orders should be placed by April 5th ; proceeds from the flowers will support Bethel Children's Ministries.

It's time to order your Easter flowers!



Help us celebrate Resurrection Sunday by filling the Sanctuary with the with the flowers that will adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, and then take them with you following the service to honor a loved one, friend or dinner host. Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate; the deadline for orders is Sunday, April 5th.

Single pots of flowers are \$10 and bulb gardens are \$15

Flower Type	Quantity	Total (\$)
Lilies (white)	_____	_____
Tulips	_____	_____
Daffodils (yellow)	_____	_____
Hyacinth	_____	_____
Bulb Garden	_____	_____
Total Order		\$_____

Name _____

Please dedicate my flowers to _____

Flowers will be ordered from AJP Floral, substitutions may be made depending on available inventory. Thank you for your order!

Bethel UCC



June wrote a thank you note saying that she appreciated the words of encouragement and the long distant hugs she received from our Bethel Prayer Warriors. She feels blessed by them. She goes on to say that they hope to be back toward the end of Summer.



Keeping our loved ones in prayer

Ed Liebhart, June Wallace, Cricket Yaggi, Carol Barnett, Alice Brunner, Kylie Dillon, John Handchin, Betty Kestner and our military. If you wish to send a card or letter to one of our beloved you can contact the church office at 330-525-7330 for addresses or phone number. You may also refer to our most recent directory

Sunrise Breakfast will be held at 8:30am Easter morning and we need your help! Please let us know if you are willing to provide prepared items like hard boiled eggs, breakfast casseroles, pancakes, breakfast meats, fruits, pastries, and juice or any other foods that you prefer. Please call or text Shannon Kahler at 330 621-4571 to let her know what items you would like to bring by Sunday, April 5th.



It's an Easter egg hunt! Sunday April 12th at 9:15 Bethel will sponsor an Easter egg hunt for kids of all ages following sunrise breakfast. We would like donations of plastic eggs and all types of candy to fill the eggs delivered to the church office by April 6th.



One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ, that we at Bethel support. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the UCC. Our offering date for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is March 22, 2020, there will be envelope provided for you in the pews and your bulletin. Please give as God has called you to give.



WINGS

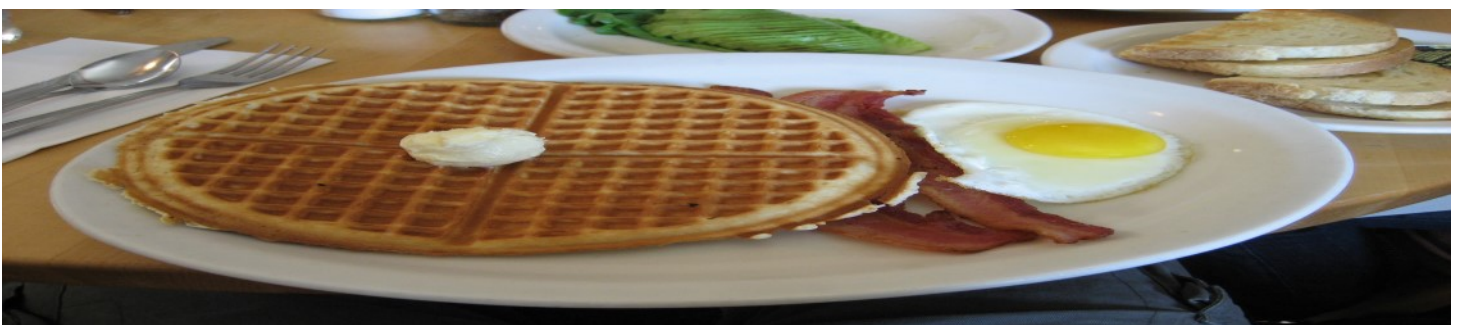
**Women meet on the 1st Thursday of each month.
March 5th at 10:00 A.M.**

**Wings will be working on implement a memory tree which can
be viewed in the overflow room**

March Community Food and Fellowship Dinners will be Monday March 11th and March 25th at St. Ann's church at 323 S 15th St, Sebring, OH 44672



Men we will be meeting for breakfast on March 28th at 8:30 for our Men's breakfast. In April there is a "Stewardship Festival" at the Kent UCC. I will be attending with Jim Buttermore, all are welcome to attend with us. So in April we will attend the breakfast on the 18th at the Damascus United Methodist Church, proceeds from this breakfast go to missions work. Plan on gathering at the breakfast around 8:00AM and to add a twist to this event we can invite our spouses to join us, we will be in public so we should have them along to keep us in line.





March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 7:00 Bible Study	3	4 6:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	5 10A.M. WINGS	6	7
8 10:00 Worship Service Communion	9 4-5:30 CFF Meal 7:00 Bible Study	10	11 4:00 Pantry 6:00 CAMPP 7:15 Bell Practice 7:45 Choir	12	13	14
15 10:00 Worship Service	16 7:00 Bible Study	17 St. Patrick's Day Don't forget to vote	18 6:30 Bell Practice 7:45 Choir	19	20	21
22 10:00 Worship Service	23 4-5:30 CFF Meal 7:00 Bible Study	24	25 6:00 Council Meet 4:00 Pantry 6:00 CAMPP 7:15 Bell Practice 7:45 Choir	26	27	28 8:30A.M Men's Breakfast
29 10:00 Worship Service	30 7:00 Bible Study	31				



Ben Humphrey

3/1

Abbey Johnson

3/7

Brian Bandy

3/12

Patricia Brogan

3/13

Anthony Cappa

3/18

Edward Miller

3/19

Morgan Miller

3/19

Pamela Baum

3/22



David & Garnet Yaggi

3/12/1977

David & Debbie Scott

3/31/1978

Liturgist

Mar. 1 Vicki Foos

Mar. 8

Mar 15 Vicki Foos

Mar 22

Mar 29 Lee Kornick

Coffee

Mar. 1

Mar. 8

Mar 15

Mar 22

Mar 29

Communion Preparer for

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

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