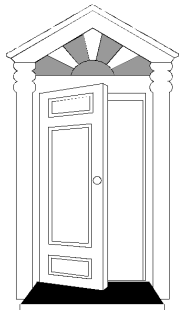


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Look What You've Done!

Kudos to the Bethel congregation! Through your generous and faithful support you have once again paid the conference and district apportionments 100%. In addition, you have given into other ministries beyond the apportionments with \$6,350! 2011 also saw more hours spent by Bethel people in hands-on mission locally and across the state. Some of what you have done is:

World Service—this fund is the heart of our denomination-wide ministry, underwriting Christian mission and ministry worldwide. It supports all boards and agencies and strengthens evangelism efforts, stimulates church growth, expands Bible studies and enriches spiritual commitment.

Ministerial Education Fund—The United Methodist Church has 13 seminaries to train clergy. This fund provides assistance to those who are in seminary. A portion of the fund is used by the Board of Ordained Ministry for working with those preparing for ministry and for continuing education and other support for current clergy. I serve on this board as Financial Officer and have personally seen your gifts used for God's glory.

Black College Fund—United Methodism supports 10 black colleges and a medical school that maintain an ongoing relationship with the denomination. It helps provide well-equipped buildings, solid academic programs, strong faculties, a nurturing environment to encourage students in each new generation and to affirm and celebrate African-American heritage and culture.

Africa University Fund—This United Methodist university is the first nongovernment-institution of higher education in Africa. It was established to serve the entire continent of Africa, to offer post-secondary education for students from all of Africa, to specialize in education in schools of agriculture, theology and management and business.

Congregational Excellence—This fund helps support the Congregational Development Team, New Church Starts, the Commission on Higher Education and Hispanic Ministry. Bethel has been the recipient of this fund as one of the early churches to benefit from the Healthy Church Initiative.

Pastoral Excellence—This fund helps support educational opportunities for pastors, Conference Leadership Development Committee, Lay Missioner Training and Learning and Leadership. Bethel has benefited from this fund in PLD Training and the Peer Mentoring that I have taken and given.

Mission, Service & Justice Ministries— This fund helps with the Global Connections Team, Office of Creative Ministries, Mozambique Initiative, Social Justice Team and the Values Team.

Connectional Ministries— This fund is comprised of Camping & Retreat Ministries, Central Methodist University, Youth Council, Communications Commission, Safe Sanctuaries, Conference Staff and Congregational Ministries Team. It also provides funds for Annual Conference.

These are just some of the funds you have supported. There are other funds that cover salaries and administration, health and retirement issues for our retired clergy and expenses of our district superintendents. Well done! Let's keep the support for these important activities going in 2012. If you haven't been actively supporting this mission you are invited to start right away.

God's blessings on all,

Pastor Len

THROUGH THE SANCTUARY DOORS . . .

February 5

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Communion

Theme: Questions for God

Scripture: Psalm 10:1–11; 22:1

Message: "Questions for God: Why pain and suffering?"

WORSHIP

SERVICE:	9 AM	10:30 AM
LITURGIST:	—	Carolyn Reed
GREETERS:		
USHERS:	Bob Morice	
AV TECHNICIAN:	Gary Hayes	Margie Muthukumar

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery & Preschool	Ginger Doherty
Rotation K-3:	Connie Pautz
Rotation 4-8:	Diana Camden
Adult Bible Study @ 9 am	G. Gaehle, Leader
Contemporary Issues @ 9 am	Various Leaders
Beginnings @ 10:30 am	Jeff Fothergill

TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP

Bus Driver	Gary Hayes
Minivan	—
Breakfast	Larry Blair & Dave Strickland
1st Fellowship	
2nd Fellowship	

February 12

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Theme: Questions for God

Scripture: Psalm 139:15-16

Message: "Questions for God: Is there more than this?"

WORSHIP

SERVICE:	9 AM	10:30 AM
LITURGIST:	—	Karl Schoenefeld
GREETERS:	Ruth Anne Krueger	Ruth Anne Krueger
USHERS:	Bob Morice	
AV TECHNICIAN:	Shaan Muthukumar	Gary Hayes

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery & Preschool	Ginger Doherty
Rotation K-3:	Carla DeSalme
Rotation 4-8:	Alison Verbeck
Adult Bible Study @ 9 am	G. Gaehle, Leader
Contemporary Issues @ 9 am	Various Leaders
Beginnings @ 10:30 am	Jeff Fothergill

TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP

Bus Driver	Nick Love
Minivan	—
Breakfast	Steve Pautz & Evan Pautz
1st Fellowship	Diane Koonce
2nd Fellowship	Diane Koonce

THROUGH THE SANCTUARY DOORS . . .

February 19 Transfiguration of the Lord

Theme: Questions for God

Scripture: Job 38

Message: "Questions for God: Can science and faith coexist? "

WORSHIP

SERVICE:	9 AM	10:30 AM
LITURGIST:	—	Helen Krudop
GREETERS:		
USHERS:	Bob Morice	
AV TECHNICIAN:	Carla DeSalme	Shaan Muthukumar

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery & Preschool	Ginger Doherty
Rotation K-3:	Carol Fothergill
Rotation 4-8:	Connie Pautz
Adult Bible Study @ 9 am	G. Gaehle, Leader
Contemporary Issues @ 9 am	Various Leaders
Beginnings @ 10:30 am	Jeff Fothergill

TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP

Bus Driver	Karl Schoenefeld
Minivan	—
Breakfast	Sue Easterby & Carla DeSalme
1st Fellowship	Gordon Gilliatt
2nd Fellowship	Gordon Gilliatt

February 22 Ash Wednesday

Theme: Repentance

Scripture: Mt. 6:1-6, 16-21

Message: "Just A Little Ashes "

WORSHIP

SERVICE:	7 PM
LITURGIST:	
GREETERS:	
USHERS:	
AV TECHNICIAN:	



TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP

Bus Driver	
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THROUGH THE SANCTUARY DOORS . . .

February 26

1st Sunday in Lent

Theme: Dealing with temptation

Scripture: Mark 1:9—15

Message: "Everything you need to know about temptation"

WORSHIP

SERVICE:	9 AM	10:30 AM
LITURGIST:	—	Gordon Gilliatt
GREETERS:		
USHERS:	Bob Morice	
AV TECHNICIAN:	Margie Muthukumar	Carla DeSalme

Nursery & Preschool	Ginger Doherty
Rotation K-3:	Diana Camden
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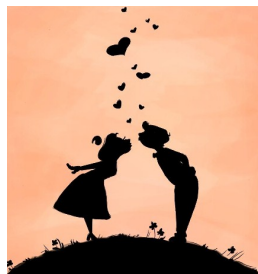
Bus Driver	Mike Lantz
Minivan	—
Breakfast	Alison Verbeck & Carla DeSalme
1st Fellowship	
2nd Fellowship	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



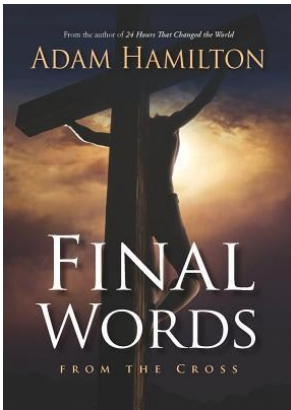
Ruth Agolia February 1
 Bob Berry February 8
 Nathan Cheung February 7
 Karen Fincher February 23
 Jessica Gaehle February 28

Inez Kroenung February 18
 Harvey Krueger February 24
 Rich Rohlf February 4
 Donna Wacker February 20
 Tim Warren February 6



Happy Anniversary!

Bill & Sharon Kesselring
 February 9



In life and in death, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven final words/statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves: "Father, Forgive Them," "Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise," "Behold Your Son. . . Behold Your Mother," "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?" "I Thirst," "It Is Finished". . ." "Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit." In "24 Hours That Changed the World," Adam Hamilton took us on a Lenten journey through the last day of Jesus' life. Now in this inspiring follow-up book, Hamilton explores these final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. Each chapter begins with the biblical account followed by a first-person story as might have been

told from the viewpoint of one of the characters at the cross. Then the chapter explores the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Following the last statement, a postscript recounts the words Jesus spoke following his resurrection, including what truly were the final words Jesus spoke while walking this earth. Adults and youth are encouraged to join the crowd now and experience the final words from the cross.

You may join this video enhanced study on Sunday mornings in Lent at the 10:30 am adult class in classroom number 3 on the second level of Bethel's educational building. Or, you may wish to attend on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. Both classes will follow the same format. All are welcome to either class. The first Sunday in Lent is February 26. The first Tuesday evening class will be February 28. Be sure to call the church office to register for this class. Study books are available through the office for \$9.45, purchased at Cokesbury bookstore, or order online through many vendors.

"Souper" bowl results!



1st place winner

"Pepper Belly Chili"

Greg, Laura & Arlene Gaehle

2nd place winner

"Matt's Chili"

Matt & Tiffany Thome

3rd place winner

"Just Plain Old Chili"

Diane Koonce

OVER \$400 TOWARD MISSIONS!

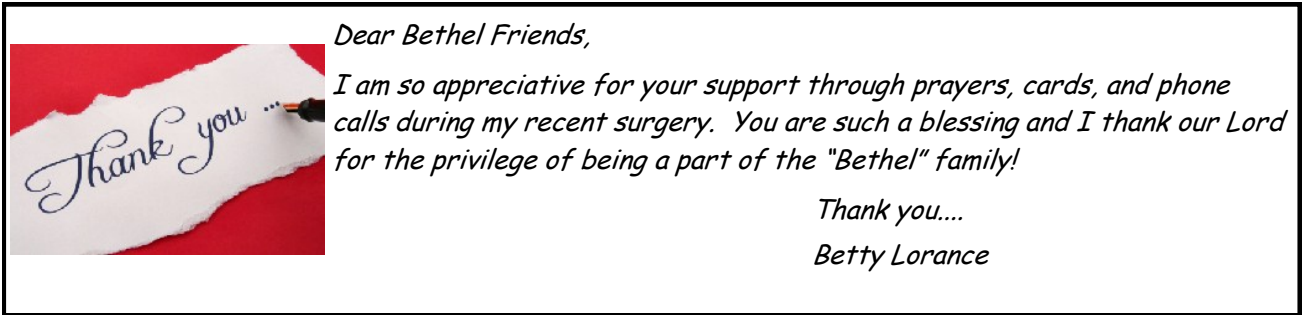
Welcome Our New Member!

Pamela Florreich

Pam became a member of Bethel UMC on December 11, 2011 by profession of faith. She had been a member of the United Church of Christ for 30 years; her most recent church had been St. John's U.C.C. off Wolfrum Road in St. Charles.

Pam is a Financial Coordinator at Mercy Hospital. She moved to the Wildwood area following the death of her husband, Michael. She wanted a church close to her new home and she attended services at several churches. She decided to join Bethel after discovering "it is a family church that welcomed me, my children and grandchildren." Pam has two sons (Kevin and David) and a daughter-in-law Stephanie. David and Stephanie have joined us in worship here at Bethel. Pam is also the proud grandmother of four grandchildren: Anna (11 years old), Emma and Eddie (7 year old twins) and Isabella (1 year). Anna, Emma and Eddie occasionally come to Bethel for Sunday School when they are visiting Pam. And, we hope to get to meet little Isabella some time!

Pam is looking forward to helping with our various dinners. Welcome Pam!



Another New Church Start

The Missouri Conference and the Gateway Central district have announced the launch date of a brand new church. The name of the church is Elevation Church. One can visit their web site at www.elevationstl.com. The launch date for Elevation is February 12. They are meeting at Rockwood Summit High School at 1780 Hawkins Rd., Fenton, MO 63026. Please keep Pastor Daniel Taylor and the staff working on this launch in your prayers. If you have relatives or know of someone who hasn't been in church in a long time that might live in the Fenton area, tell them about this new church start.

Let me add that if you have relatives or know of someone who hasn't been in church in a long time that might live in the in the Wildwood area, tell them about Bethel!

Keep praying—keep telling the story!



Want to help with VBS planning? Give Diana a call at the office (636-458-2255). NO—not too early to get started!



"Connecting Families to God"

**17500 Manchester Road
(1 mile west of Hwy 109)
(636-458-2255)**

Bethel's United Methodist Men invite you to bring the whole family to their annual:

**PANCAKE AND
SAUSAGE
SUPPER**



**Saturday, February 18, 2012
3 to 7 pm**

**Adults - \$8.00 Children (5-12) - \$4.00
Children under 5 eat for free!**

**Purchase additional sausage & scrapple at the dinner or
pre-order by calling the church at [636-458-2255](tel:636-458-2255).**

1 lb. of sausage - \$3.00

1 lb. of scrapple - \$3.00



Circle of Concern

A Sending
Ministry



Food Needs: Chili/Beef Stew	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Tomato Products
Dry Dinners	Canned Fruit	Muffin Mix
		Jello/Pudding

Personal Care & Household Needs:

Shampoo & Conditioner	Deodorant	Laundry Detergent	Dish Soap
Bar Soap Lotion	Body Wash	Razors/Diapers	Baby Wipes

Collection barrels are located outside of Fellowship Hall!

Thanks!

- Circle of Concern sent thanks for a donation of \$100.00 dated 12-14-2011.
- Circle thanks everyone who supported the Holiday Program (including the Adopt-a-Family program)!

Sending Ministries team member, Carol Brown put her shopping prowess to work for Bethel in December. She took all those wonderful cash contributions that were made to Circle of Concern for the Adopt-a-Family holiday program and purchased some amazing items. To see what was given to the family, check out the pictures on the Circle of Concern board (hanging above the barrels outside of Fellowship Hall). Thank you Carol!

A Few Items from "Around the Circle", Circle of Concern's newsletter:

We all thought it was a rough year, but here's what Circle saw:

- In 2011, Circle fed a record 25,161 people—up 13% over 2010. Circle fed more people in every month of 2011 than in the comparable month of 2010.
- By the end of the year, Circle had shared enough food for more than 528,000 meals.
- Last year, Circle helped 956 families with financial aid—including \$89,000 in utility assistance.

Circle expects that need to continue into 2012 and they are trying to prepare. As a result, Circle will be expanding their service hours. And, they are going to need many more volunteers. Here are two potential areas for service:

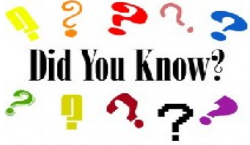
- Receptionist: Help answer phones & schedule clients
- Pantry: Help sort & distribute food in the pantry

Volunteer opportunities are flexible and average from 2-6 hours on a weekly, monthly and bi-monthly schedule. Would you like to be a volunteer at Circle? Contact the church office at 636-458-2255. We can contact Circle to see how Bethel can be involved in "hands on" service to our community!



Thank you for your gift received on 12/28/11 for \$130.00....we are pleased to share that 100% of your contribution will go to United Methodist NOMADS, Advance #982658. Your gift is supporting motorized homeowners who share their faith in service and outreach while on the road in the United States.

Grace and Peace,
The General Board of Global Ministries



Two of our newest members, Wayne and Edie Mahan, are NOMADS. Want to know more about the organization? Check out the NOMADS website at <http://www.nomadsumc.org>.

Report on the Gift Card Program

As of 1/15/2012

Thank you for your continued support of the "Bethel Gift Card" program. If you are not familiar with this program or what it means financially to Bethel; just stop by our desk located in Fellowship Hall any Sunday so that we can explain the program to you!

The following report is meant to keep you up-to-date regarding the benefits of being a part of the program:

SALE OF GIFT CARDS			GIFT CARDS PROFITS DIRECTED TO APPORTIONMENTS
2006	\$2,000	Bethel seed money	***
2006	\$11,390	Only effective 2 months for grocery - 1 month for special order	
2007	\$59,245		\$1,000
2008	\$39,462		\$2,000
2009	\$33,999		\$1,500
2010	\$33,869		\$1,500
2011	\$36,175		\$2,000
TOTALS	\$216,140		\$8,000

*** Seed money was returned to the Bethel General Fund. Some of those funds may have gone to apportionments.

From it's inception, the program has generated the profits necessary to repay the Bethel General Fund \$2,000, directed \$8,000 toward apportionments and has retained a balance as of 12/30/2011 of \$1,012 in the bank account to allow for on-going sales. **This brings the total profit of this program to \$11,012!**

Thank you again for your continued support!

Gift Card Committee
Betty Lorange
Sheila Olive

THANK YOU FROM THE BETHEL CRAFTERS

This is a belated but most sincere thank you to all who made 2011 a wonderful year for the Crafters. We appreciate all who shopped at our Plant Sale Craft Shop, the Chicken Supper Bazaar and the Christmas Boutique as well as all who donated to the Crafters throughout the year. Also, a special thanks is sent to the men who are so faithful in helping us set up, haul crafts back and forth to the Church and take down our shelving and displays. Our projects could not be accomplished without your help. The profits from the craft sales are used for special projects that are needed to be completed at Bethel.



The Crafters will be meeting again this spring and we welcome and invite anyone who would like to join the group. Crafters meet in the Bethel Christian Activity Center's basement on Thursdays from 10 am until 3 pm and we bring a sack lunch. A starting date will be announced in the Open Door later this spring. For a day of fellowship and fun with friends, this is an excellent way to put your talents to work for Bethel.

With sincere appreciation,
The Bethel Crafters



Thank you for the many calls, prayers and cards during and after the passing of our mother, Doris Graves.

Love,
Bill & Sharon
Kesselring & Family

1-7-2012

Dear Len & Helen,

People here at Meadow tell me that you did your usual outstanding worship leadership. Thank you so very much...Blessings to you and to Bethel U.M. Church!

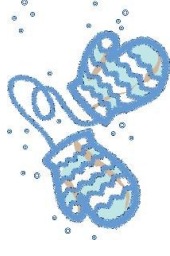
Howard Gleason
Bethesda Health Group (Bethesda Meadows)



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the congregation for the generous Christmas gift. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness as well as the opportunity to share our music ministry at Bethel United Methodist Church.

In His service,
Ron Krausch and Debbie Schirmer
Bethel United Methodist Church Music Ministry

February 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUNDAY ACTIVITIES: 8:30 a.m. Breakfast 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship & "Beginnings" Adult Bible Study Fellowship following both Worship services Quality Childcare and Preschool Education all morning!						
5	6	7 2:30 PM Price Memorial Worship	8	9 2:30 PM Marymount Manor Worship	10 Springfield Boy Scout Troop 7 at the Zone Dartball @ Holy Infant 7:00 PM Bethel A 8:30 PM Bethel B	11 Springfield Boy Scout Troop 7 at the Zone
12 Springfield Boy Scout Troop 7 at the Zone *Boy Scout Sunday*	13	14 	15	16	17 Dartball @ Holy Infant 7:00 PM Bethel A 8:30 PM Bethel B	18 3:00 PM Men's Club Pancake and Sausage Supper
19	20	21	22 	23	24 7:00 PM Dartball Playoffs	25
26 10:30 AM "Final Words" - Lenten Bible Study 	27 6:00 PM Men's Club	28 6:30 PM Gambrell LIFE Group 7:00 PM "Final Words" - Lenten Bible Study 	29	Other Opportunities: Mon. & Thurs.: 9-10 am- Bethel Fitness Tues.: 10 am- Quilters Tues: 7 pm—Lenten Bible Study (begins 2-28) Wed.: 6 pm Praise Team Wed.: 7 pm Choir		



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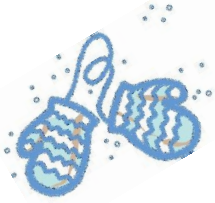
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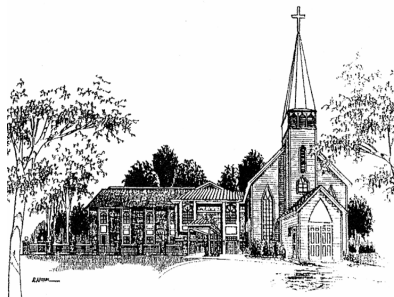
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February News



**Bethel United
Methodist Church**

***Connecting
Families with God!***

8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - Contemporary Service

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

10:00 a.m. - Fellowship

10:30 a.m. - Traditional Service & Adult Bible Study

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

Quality Nursery Care all morning