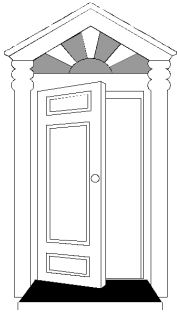


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## What Shapes You?

Every one of us sees things through the lens of our particular worldview. No matter how close we are to another we have a unique worldview. I have four sisters and a brother. We grew up in a small house together and even though close and with a shared environment we're all different. I believe that's part of what John Wesley was getting at when he spoke of his *quadrilateral*. If you can imagine a rectangle, one side is **experience**. We each experience things in our own way and that way helps us to interpret what we see, read and understand. What we read in Scripture is included in that. Another side is **reason**. God gave us the ability to reason. We can examine things and come to a conclusion. Reason also helps us interpret the world around us. God's plan of salvation is reasonable. God said sin must be paid for. If we choose to pay it, we are separated from God forever. God sent his Son, Jesus, who didn't need to pay for his own sin because he had none. Jesus chose to pay for my sin and since he didn't owe the price he had it credited to my account. I see the logic in that. It's reasonable. Wesley also used **tradition** as one side of his rectangle. This isn't the tradition of having a chicken supper in the fall, but the tradition the early church brought to us. An example of a tradition is how the early church explained the concept of the Trinity found in Scripture, but not in any one place, rather the whole of Scripture defines our triune God. The base of the rectangle is **Scripture**. This is what Wesley agreed is sufficient for our salvation. If our experience, reason or understanding of tradition doesn't square with Scripture then we go with Scripture. Often the best way to discover and share our insights is to join and participate in regular Bible study with other Christians.

All of this goes to our ability to understand and consider what we read in the Bible. It helps our critical reading which allows the Word to equip us to be God's people. In "Shaped By God's Heart," Milfred Minatrea, writes, "God never intended the Bible to be studied for information or knowledge alone...It is significant that the history of the first-century church is called the book of Acts, not the book of Truths." Often readers of the Bible turn to it when they want to *prove* something. Christians who long to be closer to God read the Bible to receive the day's direction. We are sent into the world. God told us to teach the world but he said to teach the world what *he* had taught us, not what we think the world should do or know. Minatrea claims that those who are shaped by God's heart are missional people and as such place kingdom concerns first. He says they aggressively pursue the Kingdom of God here and now. They do this with daily Scripture reading and an active prayer life. Missional people share their faith weekly. They also give financially sacrificially—spiritually. Missional people serve consistently in the church. They learn and apply new disciplines to life year after year. These Christians cooperate instead of competing in the Kingdom of God. It happens because after being shaped by God's heart we battle a common enemy.

So, what shapes you? Have you been shaped or are you letting God continue to mold and shape you? You'll find the answer in his book!

Many blessings,

*Pastor Len*

# THROUGH THE SANCTUARY DOORS . . .

**June 5**

Ascension Sunday

**Theme:** The Triune God

**Scripture:** John 6:27, 1:14, 14:16,17

**Message:** "The Trinity" (Mr. Bill Ward from Webster Hills preaching)

**WORSHIP**

|                       |                  |                 |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>SERVICE:</b>       | <b>9 AM</b>      | <b>10:30 AM</b> |
| <b>LITURGIST:</b>     | —                |                 |
| <b>GREETERS:</b>      | Don & Judy Plank |                 |
| <b>USHERS:</b>        | Bob Morice       |                 |
| <b>AV TECHNICIAN:</b> | Steve Pautz      | Carla DeSalme   |

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Nursery & Preschool | Ginger Doherty    |
| K-3:                | Carla DeSalme     |
| 4-8:                | Connie Pautz      |
| Adult Bible Study   | G. Gaehle, Leader |
| Contemporary Issues | Various Leaders   |

**TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP**

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Bus Driver     | Karen Fincher |
| Minivan        | —             |
| Breakfast      |               |
| 1st Fellowship |               |
| 2nd Fellowship |               |

**June 12**

Day of Pentecost

**Theme:** The Gift of the Holy Spirit

**Scripture:** John 7:37-39

**Message:** "There Is A River"

**WORSHIP**

|                       |                  |                 |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>SERVICE:</b>       | <b>9 AM</b>      | <b>10:30 AM</b> |
| <b>LITURGIST:</b>     | —                | Sheila Olive    |
| <b>GREETERS:</b>      | Don & Judy Plank |                 |
| <b>USHERS:</b>        | Bob Morice       |                 |
| <b>AV TECHNICIAN:</b> | Gary Hayes       | Keith Coleman   |

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Nursery & Preschool | Ginger Doherty    |
| K-3:                | Connie Pautz      |
| 4-8:                | Diana Camden      |
| Adult Bible Study   | G. Gaehle, Leader |
| Contemporary Issues | Various Leaders   |

**TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP**

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Bus Driver     | Jeff Roberts |
| Minivan        | —            |
| Breakfast      |              |
| 1st Fellowship |              |
| 2nd Fellowship |              |

# THROUGH THE SANCTUARY DOORS . . .

**June 19**

Trinity Sunday

Father's Day

**Theme:** Teaching Others

**Scripture:** Matthew 28:16-20

**Message:** "The Great Suggestion"

**WORSHIP**

|                       |                  |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>SERVICE:</b>       | <b>9 AM</b>      | <b>10:30 AM</b>  |
| <b>LITURGIST:</b>     | —                | Karl Schoenefeld |
| <b>GREETERS:</b>      | Don & Judy Plank |                  |
| <b>USHERS:</b>        | Bob Morice       |                  |
| <b>AV TECHNICIAN:</b> | Shaan Muthukumar |                  |

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Nursery & Preschool | Ginger Doherty    |
| K-3:                | Carol Fothergill  |
| 4-8:                | Carla DeSalme     |
| Adult Bible Study   | G. Gaehle, Leader |
| Contemporary Issues | Various Leaders   |

**TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP**

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Bus Driver     | Mike Lantz |
| Minivan        | —          |
| Breakfast      |            |
| 1st Fellowship |            |
| 2nd Fellowship |            |

**June 26**

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

**Theme:** Mortgage Shredding

**Scripture:** Matthew 10:40-42

**Message:** Rev. Kurt Schuermann preaching

**WORSHIP**

|                       |                  |                 |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>SERVICE:</b>       | <b>9 AM</b>      | <b>10:30 AM</b> |
| <b>LITURGIST:</b>     | —                | Dot Pendleton   |
| <b>GREETERS:</b>      | Don & Judy Plank |                 |
| <b>USHERS:</b>        | Bob Morice       |                 |
| <b>AV TECHNICIAN:</b> | Carla DeSalme    | Gary Hayes      |

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Nursery & Preschool | Ginger Doherty    |
| K-3:                | Diana Camden      |
| 4-8:                | Carol Fothergill  |
| Adult Bible Study   | G. Gaehle, Leader |
| Contemporary Issues | Various Leaders   |

**TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP**

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Bus Driver     | Karl Schoenefeld |
| Minivan        | —                |
| Breakfast      |                  |
| 1st Fellowship |                  |
| 2nd Fellowship |                  |

Lillian Bender June 7  
 Janet Blair June 16  
 Robert Burton June 2  
 Diane Correll June 15  
 Brad Davis June 30  
 Norm Dougan June 12  
 Marla Easterby June 16  
 Blake Endsley June 7  
 Brian Feng June 3  
 George Gaehle June 4  
 Claire Griese June 3  
 Gary Hayes June 22  
 Bill Kesselring June 17  
 Ron Krausch June 10  
 Michelle Lantz June 6  
 Nick Lantz June 6  
 Romy Ocuaman June 6  
 Jes Ocuaman June 16



Chuck Ossenfort June 10 Imogene Sostman June 16  
 Marcella Pendleton June 27 Linnie Strickland June 11  
 Ellen Roberts June 5 June Sturgis June 21  
 Debbie Schirmer June 5 Eloise Taylor June 29  
 Lew Smith June 17 Diana Walsh June 22  
 Kathy Williams June 29

*Happy Anniversary!*



Greg & Jan Allerdissen June 11  
 Byron & Lillian Bender June 27  
 Jeff & Carol Fothergill June 14  
 Mike & Nina Lantz June 19  
 Jim & Barb Roach June 14  
 Ken & Donna Rudd June 20  
 Karl & Diane Schoenefeld June 20  
 Grenville & Dianne Sutcliffe June 30  
 Stan & Goggie Sween June 6  
 Mark & Alison Verbeck June 7  
 Curt & Donna Wacker June 6



## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

### Bethel UMC Gift of Love Education Scholarship

Bethel United Methodist Church of Wildwood is pleased to begin accepting applications for the 2011 **Gift of Love Education Scholarship**. This scholarship is given to anyone who meets the criteria listed on the application form. Copies of the application form are available in the Church Office and are due back by July 15, 2011. Checks will be distributed the first week of August. Feel free to contact Bert Foster (636-458-3986) or any other member of the Finance Ministries team if you have any questions. The forms are also available on the church website.

These scholarship funds are made possible by very generous donations from Bethel members. If any Bethel member would like to add to these funds, it would be greatly appreciated and would be used solely for funding scholarships for current and future Bethel members pursuing higher education. If you would like more information, please contact any Finance Ministries Member for details.

*The Bethel Plant Sale Committee would like to thank everyone who donated plants and supplies, those who gave of their time, and all who purchased items at the sale.*

*Once again our Bethel family came together when needed to make this event a wonderful success. Many, many thanks!*

Thank You 



*"I watched a small man with thick calluses on both hands work fifteen and sixteen hours a day. I saw him once literally bleed from the bottoms of his feet, a man who came here uneducated, alone, unable to speak the language, who taught me all I needed to know about faith and hard work by the simple eloquence of his example." -- Mario Cuomo*



## MOZAMBIQUE DISPLAY

Be sure to stop by the "Mozambique Display", located just outside of fellowship hall, to view all the updated information received regarding our covenant partner, Chongoene UMC! The photo album includes photos taken when Carol Kreamer visited Chongoene, Mozambique on behalf of Bethel UMC in October, 2010. A framed photo of the newly appointed pastor, Rev. Eduardo Filipe Angelo of Chongoene UMC, with his loving spouse at his side is also on display.

As new information is received by Bethel, the Sending Ministries team will update this display!

## BUCKET CHALLENGE

This year, Bethel celebrates the 5 year anniversary in our covenant relationship with Chongoene UMC! On July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual "Bucket Challenge". Please start saving your loose change for these upcoming dates—and, of course, dollars are accepted in the challenge!



Get ready all Meninas (girl's) and all Meninos (boys)—let's see who will win this time! This special offering will complete our commitment of \$990.00 to our partner church Chongoene UMC of Mozambique for 2011.

*Obrigada - thank you (in Portuguese)  
"The Sending Ministries Team"*



Looking for another challenge? Look no further....

### Basic Lay Speaking Classes

**Every Monday, June 20—July 25 (except July 4) from 7-9 pm**

**Asbury UMC, 4001 Maffitt in St. Louis**

Class details, directions and registration details are available right now at [www.gatewaydistricts.org](http://www.gatewaydistricts.org). Look for "GC Lay Speaking Tng" on the right hand side of the screen. Or, contact the Bethel church office and we will get you the information!



# Circle of Concern

A Sending  
Ministry



## Pantry Needs:

Spaghetti Sauce  
Paper Towels

Dry Pasta  
Pudding / Jell-O

Muffin Mix

Salad Dressing  
Toilet Paper

**Collection barrels are located outside of Fellowship Hall.**

## SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR 'KID BAGS'

The arrival of summer for many families means an even tighter food budget; these families have to replace their children's free school lunch. Again this summer, Circle will share specially packed bags filled with:

|        |                   |                   |
|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cereal | Macaroni & Cheese | Peanut Butter     |
| Jelly  | Canned Pasta      | 100% Fruit Juice  |
|        |                   | Nutritious Snacks |

In addition, the bags will include activity books and small games. Circle needs your help to fill more than 1,200 of these Kid Bags this summer. Please consider adding these items to your weekly grocery list or make a donation that can be used to fill these bags.

*Collection barrels are located outside of Fellowship Hall!*

Excerpts from letters sent by  
Glenn Koenen, Circle of Concern's Executive Director:

- Thank you for your donation of \$135.00, dated 4-14-2011 to Circle of Concern.
- Thank you for your donation of food items on 4-19-2011 to Circle of Concern's pantry!



The need for our work continues to grow and Circle is constantly responding to that need. Our pantry now helps feed more than 1,500 people each month and we assist scores of families with rent, utility costs and other basic bills. Thanks again for opening your heart to Circle and the families we help.



## MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for an opportunity to do community service? The Sending Team of Bethel Church has your answer. We have begun the "Helping Hands" ministry to the Bethel family and the local community. At this time, meals are being delivered to an elderly lady who has difficulty getting around. The team would like to expand this program to help with household jobs which individuals cannot do personally. This would be simple tasks such as cleaning, yard work, light bulb changing, etc.



Wouldn't this be a rewarding activity for each of us or for organizations such as Methodist Youth, Methodist Men, Boy Scouts, etc? If interested call Betty Lorange (636-386-0737). Should you, or someone you know, need this type of help, notify Betty Lorange or the church office (636-458-2255). Helping others is the Lord's work and rewarding to all involved.



Fathers have a special role  
In each young child's life  
To mould and shape them to become  
A follower of Christ  
To show them the Father's heart  
And help them understand  
How God's love can be their guide  
As they take Him by the hand.

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## Congratulations Class of 2011!



Jessica Di Mariano

Kathleen Fincher

Brett Hayes

Raina Muthukumar

Did we miss a graduate? Please let the office know!

Mark your Calendars and help get the word out about our VBS!



July 11–15th

6 pm to 8 pm

**Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe!**



There are many opportunities for helping with our Vacation Bible School. Contact Diana Camden at 636-458-2255 if you would like to help!



## It's Exhilarating!.... Freeing!

Experience "Spiritual Exercise," a Bible-based program designed to improve your spiritual well-being and strengthen your faith. You'll leave feeling **revived** and **inspired**! And, it is presented by the author—one of Bethel's own—Helen Krudop!

### **Spiritual Exercise Workshop**

**June 11, 2011 from 9 am to 1 pm**

Harmony United Methodist Church  
2730 Walton Road, St. Louis, MO 63114  
(near I-170 and St. Charles Rock Road)

Workshop materials are free; lunch is provided for \$5.00/person. Child care is available upon request. Call Jean at the church office (314-428-6524) to register for the workshop and for lunch.

If anyone wants to catch a ride with Helen, call/text/or email her: 314-520-3107 or [hkrudop@me.com](mailto:hkrudop@me.com).

## **GIFT CARDS**



Remember to order your "special merchant" gift cards for those special occasions like graduation, weddings, birthdays, etc! You can choose from over 80 merchants. Place your order any Sunday (with check or cash) and they will be available for pickup the following Sunday. Order forms are available at the Gift Card Committee's table in Fellowship Hall.

Twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) and \$100.00 Dierberg's and Shop n Save gift cards are available for purchase every Sunday! You purchase these cards and can immediately take them to use for groceries, pharmacy, and household items.

Your purchase of gift cards is an easy way for you to give additional dollars to Bethel for our mission projects. We all come out a winner!

Please look for Betty Lorance and Sheila Olive, the Gift Card Committee, in Fellowship Hall after services!



## THE 2012 CRAFT SEASON IS HERE!

THURSDAY, JUNE 9<sup>th</sup> 9am – 3pm  
Bethel Activity Center

Join the Bethel Crafters on Thursday mornings, afternoons or ALL day! Take your pick and work it into your busy schedule. It will be an enjoyable time spent making new friends, learning new craft skills to help support the projects of Bethel United Methodist Church.

Bethel Crafters will begin the season with various projects for Bethel's "Annual Chicken Dinner and Fall Bazaar" which will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The Country Store will be in need of jellies, jams, pickles or other homegrown and preserved goodies. Come and learn how to decorate & display your jars for sale. They will also need to have an array of handmade linens (i.e. matching napkins) to sell along with handmade wood bread baskets, wheelchair "lap" blankets and microwave vegetable pouches. The Bethel Crafters will have various Fall Home Decorations and Christmas Season projects to create for sale.

NO SKILL IS REQUIRED.....just come and help out. If you don't have a particular skill, you'll probably go home with a new skill and a few new friends!

Bring a sack lunch if you like and spend the day with them.

***THE BETHEL CRAFTERS WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN THEM!***

And, they are always looking for a few good men to help out with their skills, too!

Call Ruth Anne Krueger (636) 273-5537 or Donna Wacker (636) 938-7209 for information.



**THANKS!**

UMCOR sent thanks for the \$50.00 donation they received on 4/18/2011 for the Japan Emergency (formerly Pacific Emergency) Advance #3021317.

"If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right." -- *Bill Cosby*

*It was rainy and windy, the cold made some shiver,  
And I think I saw some lips that quivered  
The sheep baaed and the dogs sometimes barked  
But even with the cloud cover it was not dark  
We beamed bright with love and fellowship for all  
Through the cold our belief would not fall*



*God put us all through a test  
Thanks to everyone at Bethel for showing their best  
Donations were abounding and people came  
The love and faith....It's astounding!*

*The Inviting Ministry Committee*

Thank you for letting us come to the Pet Blessing. We had a great time and so did the dogs. We were able to use all the wonderful donations the church gave us. We look forward to next year.



Sincerely,  
Kimberly Ross  
Fund Raising/Outreach  
Franklin County Humane Society



⇒ More of the small white tables




(like the one currently used for Communion) - These smaller size tables allow for more flexibility when setting up for weekly Bible Studies or for Sunday School.

⇒ 2 DVD players

⇒ Someone to volunteer to schedule van drivers (we have some very reliable drivers; just need someone to work out a schedule every 2-3 months).  
Contact the office if you're willing!



# JUNE 2011

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                                | Wednesday | Thursday                                | Friday | Saturday  |
|---|--|--|-----------|---|--------|---|
| <b>SUNDAY ACTIVITIES:</b><br>8:30 a.m. Breakfast 9 a.m. Praise & Gospel Worship, Sunday School<br>10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Fellowship following both Worship<br>service<br>Quality Childcare and Preschool Education all morning!<br>Regularly Scheduled Opportunities:<br>Monday & Thursday: 9-10 am- Bethel Fitness Tuesday: 10 am- Quilters<br>Wednesday: 6 pm—Praise Team Practice, 7 pm—Choir Practice |  |  | 1         | 2                                       | 3      | 4   |
| <br>5  | <br>6 | 7<br>2:30 PM Price Memorial<br>Worship | 8         | 9<br>2:30 PM Marymount Manor<br>Worship | 10     | 11<br>9 am—1 pm<br>Spiritual Exercise<br>10:30 am Bethesda<br>Meadows Worship |
| 12<br>12:00 PM Program Ministries<br>12:00 PM Sending Ministries Meeting  | 13   | 14                                     | 15        | 16                                      | 17     | 18  |
| <br>19<br>12:00 PM Connecting Ministries Meeting   | 20   | 21                                     | 22        | 23                                      | 24     | 25  |
| 26<br>12:00 PM Inviting Ministries Meeting  | 27   | 28<br>6:30 PM Gambrell LIFE<br>Group   | 29        | 30                                      |        |   |



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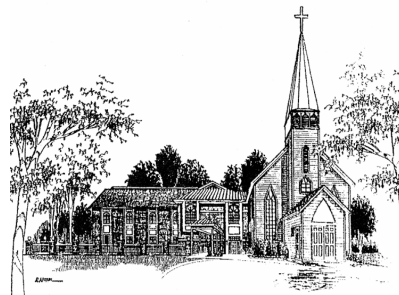
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***Experience It!***

**8:30 a.m. - Breakfast**  
**9:00 a.m. - Praise & Gospel Service**  
**9:00 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Class**  
**10:00 a.m. - Fellowship**  
**10:30 a.m. - Traditional Service**  
**11:30 a.m. - Fellowship**  
**Quality Nursery Care all morning**

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