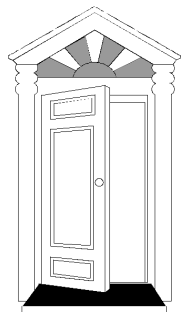


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## Convergent or Divergent?

There seems to be a new understanding regarding the change in thinking and the emerging culture around us. Research shows that we don't all view things the same way. Newer generations appear to respond at times in the exact opposite way of what we're used to. This chart gives some details.

CATEGORY/CULTURE	➔ CONVERGENT ←	← DIVERGENT ➔
Identity	Group (Membership)	Individual (Participate)
Adaptivity	Sameness (No need to change)	Difference (Keep it "new")
Decision	Corporate decides for the masses	Individual choice
Marketing	Mass appeal – information	Personal - motivational
Desires	Deferred pleasure	Instant gratification
Spirituality	Location (i.e.: sanctuary)	The journey (What we're doing)
Question	Same question/same answer	Same question/different answer
Commitment	Majority rule	Difference and diversity valued
Politics	Consensus	Plurality
Agreement	Accept the majority view	No need for everyone to agree
Acceptability	Go along to get along	If it's authentic ...TRY IT
Percentage of church	40% of participants	40% of participants

These are just a few of the areas that newer generations think differently from older generations. Yet, 40% of the each culture are in church. Neither culture is right or wrong—just different. However, if we expect to see more and younger generations coming to our church, it would be helpful to plan programs and activities that meet the culture's expectations. We want folks to join—do we show them how to participate? We like things the way they are—do we embrace new ways? We like a unanimous vote—do we value diversity? We love to put lots of information in our ads—do the ads motivate? We love agreement—are we okay with not everyone agreeing?

These and similar questions are important for us to hold ourselves accountable to our mission and our vision as a church. We are the church for everyone. Many of us have been part of the convergent culture and to think differently may not seem natural. Yet to share the love of Jesus with our community, we have to recognize the paradigm shift that has happened. Our purpose for existing is "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Bethel Church said the way we would achieve that is by "connecting families with God."

My expectation is that Bethel Church will be part of this community for a long time to come. What I don't know is what it will look like and what it will be known for. What do you see?

Share the love of Christ every day every way.

*Pastor Len*

# THROUGH THE SANCTUARY DOORS . . .

**November 6**

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Salute to the U.S. Army!

**Theme:** Preparing for Jesus' return

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:1-13

**Message:** "A Spiritual Oil Crisis "

**WORSHIP**

SERVICE:	9 AM	10:30 AM
LITURGIST:	—	Helen Krudop
GREETERS:	Love Family	Love Family
USHERS:	Bob Morice	<UNIDENTIFIED>
AV TECHNICIAN:	<UNIDENTIFIED>	Carla DeSalme

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP**

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

Bus Driver	Karen Fincher
Minivan	—
Breakfast	Larry Blair & Dave Strickland
1st Fellowship	Inviting Ministries
2nd Fellowship	Inviting Ministries

**November 13**

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Salute to the U.S. Airforce!

**Theme:** God has given us gifts

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:14—30

**Message:** "Too Small to Matter "

**WORSHIP**

SERVICE:	9 AM	10:30 AM
LITURGIST:	—	<UNIDENTIFIED>
GREETERS:	Karl Schoenefeld	Karl Schoenefeld
USHERS:	Bob Morice	<UNIDENTIFIED>
AV TECHNICIAN:	Gary Hayes	Keith Coleman

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP**

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

Bus Driver	Dave Strickland
Minivan	—
Breakfast	Alison Verbeck & Carla DeSalme
1st Fellowship	Inviting Ministries
2nd Fellowship	Inviting Ministries

# THROUGH THE SANCTUARY DOORS . . .

**November 20** Christ the King Sunday

Salute to the U.S. Navy!

**Theme:** God is greater than the world

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:31–46, 1 Corinthians 15:20

**Message:** "God Is God!"

## WORSHIP

SERVICE:	9 AM	10:30 AM
LITURGIST:	—	Dot Pendleton
GREETERS:	Sherryl Rohlf	<UNIDENTIFIED>
USHERS:	Bob Morice	<UNIDENTIFIED>
AV TECHNICIAN:	Shaan Muthukumar	Margie Muthukumar

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

## TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP

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

Bus Driver	Jeff Roberts
Minivan	—
Breakfast	Gary Hayes & Jeff Roberts
1st Fellowship	Inviting Ministries
2nd Fellowship	Inviting Ministries

**November 27** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Salute to the U.S. Marines!

**Theme:** Watching for Jesus

**Scripture:** Mark 13:24–37

**Message:** "Is Jesus Coming Now?"

## WORSHIP

SERVICE:	9 AM	10:30 AM
LITURGIST:	—	Carolyn Reed
GREETERS:	<UNIDENTIFIED>	<UNIDENTIFIED>
USHERS:	Bob Morice	<UNIDENTIFIED>
AV TECHNICIAN:	Carla DeSalme	Gary Hayes

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

## TRANSPORTATION & FELLOWSHIP

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

Bus Driver	Gary Hayes
Minivan	—
Breakfast	Steve & Evan Pautz
1st Fellowship	Inviting Ministries
2nd Fellowship	Inviting Ministries

## *Happy Anniversary!*



Harvey & Ruth Anne Krueger	November 7
Nick & Michelle Lantz	November 28
Dot & Rusty Pendleton	November 16
Dale & Carolyn Reed	November 16
Grenville & Dianne Sutcliffe	November 25
Bob & Pat Suter	November 1
Chuck & Marilyn Weber	November 25

## *HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*

Bob Berger	November 27
Zachary Brittain	November 29
Chylene Daub	November 16
Jewel Dougan	November 5
Ruth Ekstrom	November 26
Sam Fincher	November 28
Wanda Foster	November 18
Hannah Gaehle	November 30
Donna Guentz	November 26
Chuck Hoker	November 19
Tom Koonce	November 14
Mike Lantz	November 1
Raina Muthukumar	November 15



Carson Pautz	November 25
Dot Pendleton	November 6
Judy Plank	November 26
Roy Poertner	November 27
Bob Suter	November 9

## Where are the “call connectors” in our local congregations?



Are seminaries the only place clergy are trained? Of course not! Often, the nurture and training of a clergyperson happens in the worship and community life of a local church. Perhaps one’s call and consideration of ministry comes like Moses’ when he was *seemingly* moving along and minding his own business. Whether it is a person discerning vocation after a service opportunity or a person finding their voice after being encouraged to share in worship leadership. The possibilities for the way in which a person might discern a call are endless when God and God’s people are open.

As persons find themselves nurtured and developed in the local congregations, perhaps they are named there as well. While God does the calling, consider all the extraordinary call stories in the Bible where God has been using other people (“call connectors”) to prepare the way for the moment of call. That’s true with our present clergy, as well—another person was there to reflect with them what was happening, to ask questions or simply point out obvious gifts for ministry. One of God’s most effective tools for calling people to ministry is through the insight and voices of other people! So, if persons are assisted in their call through local congregations, other clergy mentors and laity who live and worship beside them, how might we prepare our congregations to notice, name and nurture candidates for ministry more effectively?

The Missouri Annual Conference of the UMC has adopted “The Hannah Project” as a challenge and tool for local congregations. The Hannah Project is named for Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel, who handed her child into ministry. (Her story is found in I Samuel 1:1-2, 10.) We come from local churches that can offer our people into the wider ministry of the church.

“Call Connector” forums are being held around the conference to better equip local congregations and laity to recognize their gifts and hear the invitation to become ministers of the Christian faith. Perhaps you or someone you know might be the instrument God needs!

[thecalltoministry.org](http://thecalltoministry.org)





# Circle of Concern

A Sending  
Ministry



## Pantry Needs:

Paper Towels

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Canned Meat

Canned Fruit

Pasta

Cereal

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

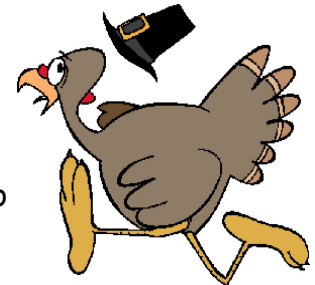
**Thanks!**

Circle thanks Bethel for its donation of food items on 10-7-2011 to their pantry!

**Circle will be providing families with Thanksgiving baskets and they need help with:**

- Non-perishable Thanksgiving foods (cranberries, stuffing, gravy, etc.)
- New blankets
- Dollars to purchase turkeys!

Checks may be written to Bethel UMC; indicate "Circle of Concern" on the memo line. Just drop your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church.



The last day to bring food/blankets for this special Thanksgiving collection will be November 13th!

*Collection barrels are located outside of Fellowship Hall!*



Bethel,  
Thanks for all of your support!

Troop 456

Connected to Christ



Connected to Community

Bethel supports community organizations like the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Wildwood Historical Society by providing our facilities, calendar permitting, for their meetings and special functions.


# Festival of Sharing Results!



On September 15th, Bethel served as a drop-off point for Festival of Sharing. Many churches brought their donations to Bethel where they were loaded onto a large truck and taken to Sedalia, MO. The Festival of Sharing was held in Sedalia on October 15th. Here is a summary of Bethel's contributions:

Requested Item	No. Provided	Value of Item	Total Value
Paper Product Packs: (for use in Missouri)	11 packs	\$14.00 value	\$154.00
School Kits (for International use)	6 kits	\$13.00 value + \$2.00 ea.	90.00
Emergency Clean-up Buckets	3 buckets	\$51.00 value + \$3.00 ea.	162.00
Eyeglasses	2	\$1.00 value	2.00
Cash			<u>168.00</u>
<b>Bethel's Total Contribution:</b>			<b>\$576.00</b>

***The Sending Ministries Team would like to thank all of those that contributed items or cash to the Festival of Sharing!***



Dear Pastor,

I would like to thank Harvey, Bill & George for all the good work they do at the cemetery. It is a big job and they always keep it looking so good. I always appreciate all they do.

Sincerely,  
Ginny Harrison



Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of our Annual Auction!



**Don't Forget!**

## **Annual Cookie Walk & Craft Boutique**

**Saturday, December 3,**

**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

# **Cookie Walk**

Get those mixers and cookie sheets ready! We need cookies and candy for this year's Cookie Walk. Cookies may be delivered to the church either Thursday, December 1st or Friday, December 2nd, from 11:00 to 1:00. If you can't bring them until Saturday, please have them ready to put on the table in your container by 8:30a.m. Cookies & candy will be sold for \$7.00 per pound.

Please tag your containers with the name of the cookie and the ingredients; in particular, we need to know if they contain nuts, coconut, and/or peanut butter. If you want your container back, please put your name on the container. All containers will be left in the kitchen.

As usual, you can buy a cookie this year for 10 cents and get a cup of coffee. Rest after shopping or relax while your companion shops. If you have any questions about the Cookie Walk, please give Arlene Gaehle a call at the number listed below. Please remember, the profits from the Cookie Walk will be used to assist those in need through missions.



Bethel Crafters

Don't forget this is a shopping opportunity as well! The Bethel Crafters will be sponsoring their Christmas Boutique, featuring new holiday decorations, beautiful homemade items, table decorations of all sorts, and a red/purple area for those who belong or have friends that belong to the Red Hat club. This will be a perfect time to do some Christmas shopping for friends or family members!

Bethel's quilters will have their delicious homemade breads, beautiful knitted scarves & crocheted potholders, etc.



Hungry, but trying to save the cookies and candy for later? As in the past, a chili lunch will be served. Other snack items will be available throughout the Walk.

Come and browse and have a fun day with your friends. Call these ladies with any questions:



Cookie Walk: Arlene (636-394-9553)

Bethel Crafters: Ruth Ann (636-273-5537)

Bethel Quilters: Marcella (636-458-3453)

# November 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SUNDAY ACTIVITIES:</b> 8:30 a.m. Breakfast 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship & "Beginnings" Fellowship following both Worship services Quality Childcare and Preschool Education all morning!	1	2	3	4	5	 5:30 PM "Winter Wonderland" Annual Auction
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SALUTE TO THE U.S. ARMY!  SALUTE TO THE U.S. AIRFORCE! 12:00 PM Sending Ministries Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
SALUTE TO THE U.S. NAVY!  Circle of Concern Thanksgiving Collection: Final Day 12:00 PM Connecting Ministries Meeting	28	29	30		5:00 PM Advent Workshop & Hanging of the Greens	
27	28	29	30			

☉ Regularly Scheduled Opportunities:

Monday & Thursday: 9-10 am— Bethel Fitness  
 Wednesday: 6 pm—Praise Team Practice, 7 pm Choir

Tuesday: 10 am-Quilters  
 Thursday: 9 am—3 pm Crafters



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**November News**

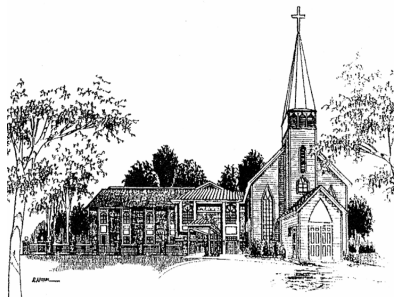
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Families with God!***

**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**