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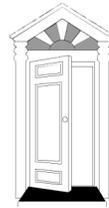
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A Joyful Day – Bethel’s Chicken Dinner, Crafters’ Fall Boutique Returns Saturday, Sept. 10

Bethel’s Fried Chicken Dinner, the ever-popular fall event, will return this year on Saturday, September 10. After having to postpone the event during Covid pandemic restrictions for two years, Bethel will be serving its signature dinner from 2 until 7 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall.



This will be the 96th Chicken Dinner at the church, with both dining in and carry-out meals. The dinner includes fried chicken, German potato salad, coleslaw, green beans, apple sauce and dessert. Plates for adults will be \$15, for children (ages 6 through 10) plates will be \$10. Dinners for children under the age of 5 years of age are free.

Bethel Fall Craft Boutique

Also returning with the dinner will be the Bethel Crafters Fall Boutique, open throughout the dinner hours. The Bethel Crafters will be showcasing their beautiful handmade items, including both Fall and Christmas decorations. They will also have bakery goods for sale. The crafters have spent months creating new items for the sale.

Bethel’s Chicken Dinner is a church-wide effort. Co-chairmen Carla DeSalme and Nina Lantz are the driving force for this special day, but everyone will have the opportunity to participate.

Working assignments include setting up tables in Fellowship Hall, food preparation and cooking, serving in the dining room, taking tickets, manning take-out orders and clean-up. Every position is a “job” but Bethelonians consider it an enjoyable time spent with fellow church members.



A Joyful Day – Bethel’s Chicken Dinner (cont.)

Signature Dishes



The German Potato Salad, a favorite side dish on the chicken dinner plate, is homemade at the church, using an original old recipe that has been handed down from generation to generation.

First there is a trip to Soulard Market to buy 200-250 pounds of potatoes. Then at 1 a.m. on Saturday, Nina comes in to oversee boiling the potatoes. At 7 a.m. volunteers gather to peel the potatoes and begin the process of mixing the classic salad. The coleslaw is also homemade in the church kitchen.

Bethel members provide the desserts for the meal. A wide variety of pies, cakes, muffins and brownies or cookies will give diners a sweet choice for their dessert. Coffee, lemonade and iced tea will also be served in the dining room.

Fried Chicken Dinner is a Bethel Tradition

In 1925 Bethel was celebrating the church’s 50th anniversary and the first Chicken Dinner was held. The meal was served outdoors at picnic tables on the church grounds. Longtime member Ruth Anne Krueger recalls attending the early picnics at the church alongside her mother Ruby Atwell who was volunteering with other women of the church. She says that back then the women would make their potato salad and other side dishes at home and bring them for the meal. “I can remember my little brother saying that he would have potato salad with his meal, only if it was his mother’s potato salad,” she said.

The annual Chicken Dinner has become a tradition for our church and draws people from all across West County. It is welcome news that we will be able to serve our dinner again this year.

If anyone cannot fulfill their assignment, just call Nina or Carla or the church. One assignment for everyone is to “Invite Your Friends and Neighbors” and let them know about this wonderful old-fashioned church dinner.



National Calendar Days to Ponder and Observe



Happy Labor Day!

The **Labor Day** holiday weekend approaches with our anticipation. The actual day is Monday, September 5. It may be no surprise that labor is an important concept in the Bible, appearing 106 times in the New International Bible and 89 times in 87 verses in the King James Version. Labor is both a noun and a verb denoting hard work or to toil.

Some notable passages are **1 Corinthians 15:58**: *your labor is not in vain*. **Thesalonians 1:3** *work of faith and labor of love*. **Timothy 5:17** *Labor in the word and in teaching*.

Patriot's Day, 9-11. As we remember, reflect and commemorate the 3000 lives lost in the devastating terror attack on this day in 2001, and give thanks to the brave first responders who risked their lives, we as a nation, and as Christians and Bethalonians, must work together to make the world a better place. In 2016 President Barack Obama made September 11 The National Day of Service and Remembrance. In 2017 President Trump widened the days of observance making September 8-10 as National Days of Prayer and Remembrance and proclaimed September 11 as Patriots Day.



Grandparents Day, September 11. Designated the first Sunday after Labor Day, Grandparents Day was launched in 1978 by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. It is not a national holiday, but a time to celebrate the importance of the role grandparents—and older friends and relatives of loved ones-- play across our generations. Coming off the pandemic, when we were often isolated from each other, we can once again catch up on those months of missed hugs and sweet in-person and indoor reunions. It is a reminder that persons of all ages have something valuable to contribute to our families and loved ones. Interesting, too, is the holiday has a national flower: **the Forget Me Not.**

Choosing *The Chosen*—A Gospel Based Film on Jesus



Don and Diana Walsh are making available showings of *The Chosen* films presenting the historical drama of the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. The series--now in its third season on TV— gives us a whole new perspective on the familiar story. We are seeing Jesus through the eyes of those who met and followed him. These are the people in the Bible whom we all know and who in the films strive to know each other and to understand and know Jesus. It begins at the start of His ministry, with Jesus inviting those who would become disciples and others to follow Him. If that sounds familiar the film may motivate each of us in our lives to explore the way we see and accept Jesus and make sense of the details of life at this time.



Viewing Times

Viewings are currently set as follows:
First showing - **Sunday September 18** following church and Fellowship time and each succeeding Sunday at that hour. **Friday afternoons at 5 p.m.** starting **September 23**. The films are in English and the content rating is PG.

An Opportunity for Fellowship and Perspective

Following the “Follow the Cloud” gatherings this is another opportunity for us to broaden our knowledge and commitment to the work of our Lord and Savior.

September Means School Buses And Memories of Years Past

September brings cooler temperatures, red and golden leaves, and the sounds of chattering kids as they scramble onto the school bus. Moms, who have spent the summer trying to keep them busy, are ready for a respite. Grandparents, on the other hand, see the beginning of a new school year as a time for good memories.

Stylish new school clothes and backpacks filled with paper and pencils are the order of the day. Students look forward to getting back together with school friends and to meeting new teachers. We all share the hope that the devastating Covid pandemic is a thing of the past. But, we never know what we will hear from our kids on the first day.

I recall when my son Travis came home from second grade on the first day. He seemed upset and I asked him why. "It's my bus driver, Mom. She just doesn't like me." I said, "Now, Trav, give her time, just be friendly to her each morning and she will come to know you better." "No, she won't," he said. "She just doesn't like me." Well, Honey, how do you know that?" "Because I had the same bus driver last year, and I was courteous to her every day and she never got any friendlier!"



This is Savannah Daub (who is now Sweet 16) when she was taking cupcakes for her friends at school.

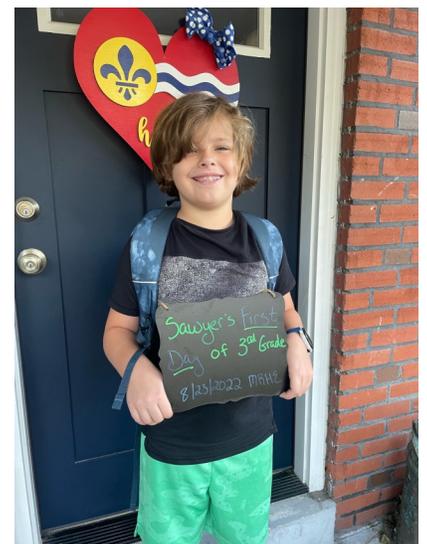


1962 - Mary's first day of Kindergarten

This is Horace Pratt's daughter, Mary in 1962-now a retired teacher.



This is Aubrey Williams-Walters, Diamond Bar, CA – first day of 4th grade! Aubrey is the oldest great-grand-daughter of Louella Phipps.



This is Shirley Giebel's great-grandson, Sawyer 3rd grade.

September Means School Buses And Memories of Years Past (cont.)



Landon (freshman) & Ryleigh (kindergarten) Becker grandchildren of Ruth Agolia



Violet and Hazel Wilmering, the great grandchildren of Shirley Giebel. Violet will be entering the 4th grade and Hazel will be in 6th grade.



These are Shirley Giebel's NC great-grandchildren-Lexxie, now in 7th grade, Maddox now in 9th grade, and Madison now 21.



Mae (1st grade) and Mason (kindergarten) Smith grandchildren of Diane Smith

A New Kind of Victory Garden

Many at Bethel will remember, or have heard from older family members, about victory gardens during World War II—food gardens for fresh produce and the defense effort. Everyone had ration stamps needed for canned vegetables and fruit. Nothing like our present supermarkets with fresh food abundance existed then for most of the country. Tin and transportation were in short supply and needed for the war effort. Gardens, touted as Victory Gardens, appeared in yards, public parks and even roof tops to help reduce pressure on the public food supply.

Bethel's garden crew—Barb Jacobson, Ruth Anne Kruger and Ginger D.—have been answering the Circle of Concern's distress call for increased food donations as the number of persons seeking food aid is increasing with the rising costs of food. Along with its regular grocery contribution from the Bethel congregation, our gardeners have provided fresh garden produce—like that pictured here-- throughout the growing season. From seed to harvest our gardeners have prepped, planted, weeded, watered, harvested and delivered an amazing amount of produced as pictured here. That means each Monday morning picking, washing, and packing onto 'bins", and delivering to the food bank. They have our prayers and big loud thank you!



A special Thank You to Matt Swanstrom for his handiwork!

Volunteers Needed

Promedica/Heartland Hospice is in need of volunteers to provide extra love and care for terminally ill patients and their families. They need your support, companionship, and caring help. You can donate as little or as much of your time as you desire. Please contact Kathleen at 314-453-0990 if you can help.

*Ruth Anne, Marcella, Ruth A, Diane D, and Louella,
Thanks for your donation of stamps. — Bethel UMC*



*Bethel members,
You help families move from crisis to stability. With your giving, you and your congregation bring help and hope to families when they need it most. On behalf of those we serve-thank you! — Circle of Concern*

*Bethel members,
Thanks for the condolences, cards, and sweet words.— Sharon Cameron*

OPEN Praise Team

Anyone with singing or instrumental musical talents interested in helping the praise team please get in contact with Shirley Martka ASAP.

Giving

In an effort to make you aware of our ongoing income and expenses Bert, our treasurer, has calculated our monthly expenses and we have provided a total of our offerings for the given month as follows:

Total estimated monthly expenses:	\$11,300.00
Total offerings received as of 8/22/22:	\$ 8,056.52

Circle of Concern

They are in **critical** need of the following items:

cereal, snacks, dinner helpers, pasta sauce, baking items,
canned fruit, body wash, laundry detergent and condiments

Please leave non-perishable food donations in the shopping cart next to the elevator. Thanks for your donations!



On The Calendar @ Bethel

Christian Perspectives Class—Sundays @ 9am

Bethel Fitness—Mondays & Thursdays @ 9am

Crafters & Prayer Shawl Warriors—Thursdays @ 9:30am

Labor Day Weekend/Communion—Sunday, Sept. 4

Board Meeting—Tuesday, Sept. 6 @ 7pm

Chicken Supper/Fall Crafters' Boutique—Saturday, Sept. 10 2-7pm

Listening for God's Voice (cemetery walk)—Saturday, Sept. 10

Juliets' Luncheon—Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Big Chief @ 11:30

Viewing of The Chosen—Sunday, Sept. 18 after worship

Viewing of The Chosen—Sunday, Sept. 23 after worship



Fellowship Time

Join us for coffee in fellowship hall after worship every Sunday.

ALL are welcome.

Nursery

Open during Sunday service.

We are blessed to have a good number of gifted lay leaders willing to help make our Zoom service a success.

Our schedule for September is as follows...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Devotion</u>	<u>Music</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Prayer</u>	<u>ZOOM</u>	<u>PPT</u>
9/4	PJeff	Shirley	Louella	PJeff	TBD	TBD
9/11	PJeff	Shirley	Diana W	PJeff	TBD	TBD
9/18	PJeff	Shirley	Shirley G	PJeff	TBD	TBD
9/25	PJeff	Shirley	Carolyn	PJeff	TBD	TBD

The ZOOM & PPT Teams arrange their own schedules.

We welcome additional volunteers, please call if interested. Training is provided.

September 2022 Contribution Recordkeeping Schedule

	Sheila	RuthAnne/Bert	Bert	Ron
September	4	11	18	25

September 2022 Counters Schedule

	Dale/Sheila	RuthAnne/Bert	RuthAnne/Suzi	Ron
September	4	11	18	25



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***Love God,
Love Others,
Serve All!***

Please Join Us Sunday For Service

Service will be **LIVE** in the sanctuary
@ **10 a.m.** or you can use one of the following:

Church webpage: www.bethelunitedmethodist.org

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/BethelUMCWildwood> **"Like Us" on Facebook.**

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/BethelUMCWildwood>

Zoom: Please contact the church office at 636-458-2255 to receive the link.