

# Bethel Banner

February 2012

## Reflecting on WATTS: "A Taste of Heaven"

BY JUDY MCKIERNAN AND  
MARION SCHOTTELKORB

Now that we have closed out our second week of WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter), I am struck with the beauty of the past few weeks. It is as if we get a glimmer of what our world could be or, what heaven might be. The lines between the "haves" and the "have nots" begin to blur. Laughter is plentiful and tears are wiped away by others. The barriers of religiosity are erased when those with faith share a sink of dishes. Friendships begin with the introductions, "I go to 8:30" and "I go to the late service". The sometimes painful stories of our past are shared and hopes for the future are dreamed.

Our church family and a multitude of new friends greeted 28-35 guests each evening for a total of fourteen evenings. Taking on a second week became such a gift, allowing our relationships to deepen within our church family and with our guests. Thank you to the individual who asked, "Why don't we take that extra week?" From that moment on, the expressions of gratitude are endless. Bethel and the endless partners from our community dedicated 1,380 hours of their

time over the two weeks.

These were hours of enjoyment. Birthdays were celebrated. Pranks were pulled. **Pastor Dave** shared his yahtzee strut. The meals were incredible. And, we rung in the new year together.

"Thank you" is not enough for your time, your words of encouragement and your financial support. We ask one more thing...praise God for working through us and pray for our former guests as they travel through the winter.

*Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter, known as **WATTS**, is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides a safe, temporary, overnight, cold-weather shelter for homeless guests in Winchester and Frederick County, Virginia.*

*For more information please visit:*  
<http://opequonchurch.tripod.com/d20.html>

## Year of Prayer

Bethel's year of prayer is off to a great start! One of our new teams, the Practice of Prayer team, has been meeting since December to talk more about how we can be a congregation that is about the practice of prayer. The purpose statement for our prayer ministry and two of our goals are as follows:

The purpose of the prayer ministry of Bethel is to build up the practice of prayer in our daily lives and in our Bethel community.

1. To increase people's level of comfort in praying publicly and privately.
2. To increase people's consistency in prayer

All of the wonderful brainstorming ideas that we've compiled of things we can do during the year of prayer will hopefully fall under one of these two goals.

Currently, we will be offering several opportunities to learn more about prayer. In Adult Forum, for three of the Sundays in February, we will be looking at different ways of being in prayer. During Lent, we are offering the devotional book, "40 days with the Lord's Prayer" for your use. At Women's Retreat, we will be focusing on the practice of Centering Prayer. More opportunities to learn and be in prayer will certainly be coming!

The Prayer Team is currently working on ways to convert the old music room into a prayer room. We'd like to have a space dedicated to prayer here at Bethel. The room would be available to prayer groups or to anyone who wants a quiet, meditative place to go and be in prayer. The goal is to have the room ready to use during Holy Week, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> so that we

can offer different opportunities each day of that week to be in prayer.

I hope you are as excited about this year of prayer at Bethel as I am. The opportunities to deepen our relationship with God are abundant!

Let us pray,

*Dear God,*

*Guide us, and lead us as we embark upon a year dedicated to learning more and doing more praying. We desire to be in an ever deepening relationship with you. Sustain us and give us courage in making this desire a reality. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

*Pastor Heidi*

### **Inquirers' Class**

*Begins March 4, 9:45 a.m.*

It is a tradition at Bethel to offer an Inquirers' Class for those who would like to know more about the vision and mission of Bethel and its ministries. This class is designed to be not only informational but also interactive with questions and discussions.

The Inquirers' Class is also a preparatory class for those who seek formal membership at Bethel. The spring class will begin to meet on Sunday morning, March 4 during the Sunday School time (9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.) in the conference room (across from nursery) and continue through April 15. For those interested in membership, we are planning a "New Members' Sunday" on April 22. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact **Pastor Heidi** at [pastorheidi@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:pastorheidi@bethelwinchester.com) for more details.

## **W.A.T.T.S. and Bethel Say: Thank You, Judy and Marion!**

*“Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service. Try to give unconditionally whatever a person needs in the moment. The point is to do something, however small, and show you care through your actions by giving your time.” -- Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

**Marion Schottelkorb** and **Judy McKiernan**, our two lead volunteers for WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter), exemplify this quote. The time, energy, and most of all, love that they put in to making WATTS so successful was amazing. We hosted WATTS the week between Christmas and New Years, and then January 9 – 16. Both weeks went stupendously well and all because of Marion and Judy’s leadership. Hosts of volunteers came to help which was wonderful! But it was all made possible because of Judy and Marion.

Judy and Marion,

Thank you for your service and love that allowed us to participate in such a meaningful way in WATTS. Thank you for your example to us all of Christ’s love. Thank you for sacrificing your time and energy to be at WATTS nearly every night, for being there late most nights, for being there to intervene when things didn’t go smoothly, for being there to care for the guests, for being there to handle it all. To women of such grace and love, we give our humble gratitude. THANK YOU!

In Christ’s Peace,

Bethel Lutheran Church

## **2012 Council Members Installed**

Bethel's congregational council for 2012 was installed. Officers for 2012 are:

President: **Bruce Lothrop**  
Vice President: **Bill Hall**  
Secretary: **Donna Turrill**  
Treasurer: **George Schottelkorb**

Members are: **Cory Carlson, Karla King, Mike Stanfield, Michelle Young, Jim Bottom, Will Sigler.**

Youth Representative to Council: **Cameron Morisak**

Ministry Board Leaders so far for 2012 are:

Learning: **Kim Williams**  
Congregational Life: **Rachel Carlson**  
Servant: **Marion Schottelkorb**  
Care: **Jeff Spray**  
Ministry Support: **Shawn Garner**

We are so blessed to have so many with gifts for leadership at Bethel, and we are thankful to these folks for offering their service to this congregation.

## How “Good Samaritan” Funds Make a Difference

For those who are not aware, Bethel's Good Samaritan Fund comes from donations that people have committed to make when they turn in a “Good Samaritan Fund” card that we offer in our Ministry Response Packets. People who desire to contribute to the fund typically turn the card in on Stewardship Sunday. This indicates their commitment to help with a monetary amount, usually \$30, when someone calls Bethel requesting assistance. **Terri Holingsworth**, our parish administrator, contacts the person or family via email that we have someone who needs financial help. She asks them to put a check for \$30 in the offering plate the next Sunday for the Good Samaritan Fund. The money then goes to reimburse what we have usually already helped someone with - money towards a utility bill, food, or gas.

This year, we received 32 Good Samaritan Cards which means, if we collect \$30 from each person or family, we have approximately \$960 for 2012 to work with in the Good Samaritan Fund. Average this out over 12 months and it works out to about \$80 per month. That might sound like plenty. But \$80 doesn't go very far. We get requests for assistance with rent, utilities, gas and/or food weekly. To help make it a little more manageable, we have started helping with utilities – electric and water bills – and have stopped helping with rent. Rent requests are usually such large amounts that there is no way we can realistically help someone without depleting our Good Samaritan Fund to nearly nothing very early in the year. We don't often pay a whole utility bill either – we help with some of the amount of the bill, but ask that the person requesting assistance secure other means of paying the balance before we assist them with our share of the bill. Often CCAP or other local churches help provide the remainder of the balance.

I relay this information to you because it is important for you to know how we are using the

Good Samaritan Fund. I will be writing a report for the Banner each month detailing how we have used Good Samaritan Funds during that month.

For January, we have already used more than double the \$80 average amount per month. Here's how we have helped people so far in 2012:

A gentleman in a wheelchair requested help with food since he was concerned about getting out due to the ice covering his apartment parking lot from our last winter storm. We bought him \$45 worth of groceries and delivered it to him.

A gentleman came in to the office requesting help with food and gas. He has a daughter who recently had a baby with a heart defect. The baby has weekly doctor's appointments, and he wasn't going to be able to get his granddaughter to the doctor without gas in his van. He has his own business cutting and removing trees but hasn't had much work recently. He also requested help with food. We filled up his tank with \$70 in gas at Omps, and referred him to CCAP for help with food.

One of our guests during our WATTS week was out of minutes on his cell phone. His phone is his means of staying in touch with potential employers. This man is a master carpenter, but hasn't found good, dependable work for a while. He requested phone cards and after talking with our lead volunteer, **Marion Schottelkorb**, about helping him, and getting her okay to do so, we helped him with \$60 worth of minutes (600 minutes).

In summary

\$45 – food

\$70 - gas

\$60 – phone card minutes

Total spent: \$175

The value of being a Good Samaritan: *Priceless*

And since helping these three folks, we've received other requests that we've turned away since we're trying to make the funds go as far as possible during the course of 2012.

Thank you to all who have already given to the fund! Thank you to all who have committed to giving to the fund in 2012! Thank you for being a Good Samaritan!

If you haven't turned in a Good Samaritan card but would like to do so, we have extras available in the office. Just fill it out and put it in the offering plate or designate the extra funds on your regular offering or pew envelope.

In Christ,

*Pastor Heidi*

### ***Directory Updates***

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### **Singers, Musicians, We're Looking for YOU!**

Are you interested in sharing your gift of music but aren't able to commit to the Worship Ensemble on a regular basis? Instrumentalists and vocalists alike, here is your chance! If you would be interested in sharing special music during our worship services, please contact Music Director

#### **George Donovan**

([george@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:george@bethelwinchester.com) or 662-3245, ext. 102).

Sensing a more involved call to Music Leadership? Why not get the best view in the house? The Worship Ensemble is always open to new members and the commitment is easy: Simply come to our Thursday night rehearsals at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Music Room and join us. (The Music Room is located in the wing of classrooms just off the narthex near the Council/Conference Room and the nursery.)

Vocalists of all ability levels and parts are welcome. Instrumentalists also are invited to join. Please note: You do not need to be available to sing for both Sunday worship services! We specifically are looking for more committed singers for the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, but welcome you to join for either service, or even both! For more information, see a member of the Worship Ensemble or speak with George Donovan.



**Youth Ministries**

**February 5 – Super Bowl Party at the Brooks’ house, 120 Krynn Way, Clear Brook, VA 22624**

*Times to be announced*

Bring a snack to share with everyone.

**February 12 – Underground 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Games – Darby and Laurel

Snacks – Emma and Darby

Needed – Two adults, please contact **Darcy Cupp** if you are willing to help. We CANNOT have Underground without adult help.

**February 19 – Servant Project**

If you have any ideas on what you would like to do for this project and you would like to lead it please let Darcy Cupp know.

**February 26 – New Orleans Meeting at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 5:45 p.m., followed by Underground from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Games – Anna and Hannah

Needed – Two adults for underground, please contact Darcy Cupp if you willing to help. We CANNOT have underground without adult help.

**Register Now for Seventh Day Retreat**

*Registration Deadline: February 5*

Seventh Day, the Virginia Synod retreat held at Eagle Eyrie near Lynchburg, Virginia, is March 3 and 4, and is open to all 5th and 6th grade students. Seventh Day registration forms are available in the church office on Terri Hollingworth's desk in the binder marked "Seventh Day." Please make out check to the VA Synod, with "7th Day" and your child's name in the memo line. The cost if registered before Feb 5 is \$105. Registration forms are due on February

5. If you have further questions please see **Darcy Cupp** or contact her at [darcy@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:darcy@bethelwinchester.com).

**Bethel Members and Friends, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!**

The youth would like to thank all Bethel members and friends who bought cookies during Christmas and soup during January. We are very appreciative of all of your support.

*Around the Congregation*

We are blessed to welcome a number of people recently baptized into the Lord's family, including James Darin Combs, Carrie Combs, Ryder Louis Glenn (son of Carrie Combs), Rowan Hudson (son of Brandy and John Hudson), Mia Hudson (daughter of Brandy and John Hudson), Brittnay Turner (daughter of Barbara Beckford; Ron and Cherie Lauck, sponsors), and Javaris Turner (son of Barbara Beckford; Ron and Cherie Lauck, sponsors). Please hold them all in prayer.



## Men's Ministries

### **Men's Breakfast and Planning Session**

*February 11, 8:00 a.m.*

**Pastor Dave** invites the men of Bethel to a breakfast and planning session for the year's activities on Saturday, February 11 at 8:00 a.m. at IHOP (off 50 W, near the hospital). Pastor Dave will lead a devotion and brainstorm with the men about upcoming events. There are already two retreats planned -- one in May and the other in November -- as well as another outing to North River Retreat in June. Still, we would like to have a regular schedule of breakfasts (quarterly) along with other times for conversation, bible study, small group activities, service, etc. So, come with some ideas, and we'll get a schedule together that will hopefully help to build upon the wonderful ministry that we have been about here at Bethel.

### **Save These Dates For Another Men's Ministry Event At North River Retreat**

*June 15 - 16*

For the second year in a row, the men of Bethel and North River Retreat will be sponsoring a Men's Ministry event at North River Retreat in Hampshire County! This year, the event will be open to everyone!

On the afternoon of Friday, June 15, campers will pitch their tents along the North River and enjoy fishing, hiking and Christian devotional time that evening (led by **Pastor Dave**). Dinner on Friday evening and breakfast the next day will be "on your own" – there is a fire pit at the campground and wood will be available for preparing your meals.

On Saturday (June 16) campers and new arrivals will have an opportunity to go on a nature hike and/or travel to the North River Retreat clays range and shoot clay pigeons at "The Matrix," the 5-stand shooting platform at the range.

Lunch will be provided at the clays range. We also hope to have another laser tag battle!

Mark June 15-16 on your calendars now and watch for more details. We hope to see you at North River Retreat in June!

### **Where Is God in All This (WIGIAT)**

*February 18, 12:30 p.m., Panera*

A burgeoning ministry is on tap here at Bethel. WIGIAT (Where is God in All This) is our new ministry for young adults (ages 18-25). This group will seek to be a place for this important age group to grow in faith, share fellowship, and ask the questions that are a part of being at this stage of life. We have a Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/whereisgodinallthis](http://www.facebook.com/whereisgodinallthis)). Please join up as we use this for information sharing, etc. Also, you can email our group leader, **Walter Karlson**, at [wallet00@msn.com](mailto:wallet00@msn.com) to make sure that we have your email address for information purposes as well.

Our hope is that this group will have time for monthly fellowship and sharing, service opportunities together, perhaps a road trip or retreat in the future. We know that this age group is very busy and you won't be able to do it all, so know that you are always welcome whenever and wherever you can make it.

We have our next gathering scheduled for Saturday, February 18 at Panera (12:30 p.m.) for lunch. We will be discussing a schedule and future events. We are also going to discuss if we would like to do a Lenten small group study together. In any event, we hope that we will have a great turnout as we seek to explore and learn and grow together. If you have any questions, please contact Walter or **Pastor Dave** ([pastordave@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:pastordave@bethelwinchester.com)).

# Our Lenten Season: 40 Days with the Lord's Prayer

In keeping with our 2012 congregational emphasis – the Year of Prayer – we will be focusing on the prayer our Lord taught us during our Lenten season.

We will be using the book, "40 Days with the Lord's Prayer" and have made this available in January. If you have not purchased one (they are \$7) for your family or yourself, you may still do so by letting the Bethel office know. We are going to order some more book if we need to in early February so that they are here by Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22). This book will be a wonderful resource for your personal devotions as well as something each small group can use during this season as well.

The theme will ask us to consider each of the different petitions found in the Lord's Prayer over the course of our Lenten season (concluding on Good Friday). Pastor Dave and Pastor Heidi will then use that particular petition as a basis for the sermons during Lent.

Our Lenten schedule will be as follows:

## ***Ash Wednesday (February 22)***

Worship with the Imposition of Ashes / Holy Communion at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

## ***Mid-week Lenten Dinner and Worship***

As usual, we will offer Lenten mid-week soup and sandwich dinners followed by worship with the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. If you are interested in hosting a Lenten dinner please sign up when we make available the sign-up sheet in February.

**Pastor Heidi** will lead the congregation in worship, introducing different prayer methods and styles (though different from the three shared during Adult Forum in February). It will be interactive and offer to the congregation, perhaps, some new ways to encounter the Living God in the midst of - 8 -

your own devotional experiences.

Our mid-week dinners and worship will take place on the following Wednesdays:

Wednesday, February 29  
Wednesday, March 7  
Wednesday, March 21  
Wednesday, March 28

A special note: On Wednesday, March 14 the Northern Valley Conference is invited to gather at Grace Lutheran Church for a dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by a performance by the Lenoir-Rhyne University A Cappella Choir and Brass Ensemble. This event is serving as the mid-week Lenten worship experience for all our conference congregations. We hope you will make an effort to join in this community event.

## ***Holy Week Schedule***

Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday on April 1. We will gather that evening in Discipleship Hall for a potluck dinner and movie night. We will watch the movie *Joshua*. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the movie will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and others at the beginning of our most sacred week.

Maundy Thursday (April 5) we will have worship with Holy Communion and foot-washing at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 6) we will have worship at 12:00 noon and again at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday (April 8) we will worship at 8:30 and 11:00 as usual. There will be a congregational breakfast (hosted by our youth) that will begin at 7:30 a.m. and go until 10:30 a.m.

## Lenten Food Drive

February 26 - April 1 (Palm Sunday)



Once again, we will be sharing God's abundance to us by sharing with elderly and disabled people in our area who are at risk of going hungry. We'll be collecting food and household items. Please contact **Karen Shipp,**

[shipp.karen@gmail.com](mailto:shipp.karen@gmail.com) or 540-664-6465, for more details or watch next month's Banner for a comprehensive list.

To Our Bethel Family,

Your kind words, both spoken and written, have been a great support after the loss of our father and grandfather, Matthew Brown. My dad really enjoyed attending Bethel, it was his main link to his new Winchester community, and after a lifetime in the Presbyterian Church, it was actually a return to his Lutheran roots. He always felt warmly welcomed at his new church home. We all appreciate the many cards and comments you have shared.

With gratitude,

*Julie, Kevin, Emma, and Clara Shanabrook*

## Wanted: Bethel Member for Camp "Follow the Leader" Board

Camp Follow the Leader, a camp designed for children with special needs, has been held since 2005 in partnership with Bethel and Valley Health. The camp is forming a Board to help steer the program and ensure its ongoing success. The Steering Crew needs a Bethel member willing to attend four meetings a year. Questions? Contact **Bonnie Riley** at 535-5716 or [bonnieruth03@hotmail.com](mailto:bonnieruth03@hotmail.com).

## 'Financial Peace University' Graduates

Following a thirteen-week course accompanied with homework in the form of personal financial planning, thirty-three members and friends of Bethel received their 'Financial Peace University' diplomas.

During the course our FPU class members on average were able to reduce their debt load by more than \$3,000 and increase their savings by more than \$1,000. Those who received their Financial Peace University diplomas in December were: **Pastors Dave and Heidi, Steve and Dana Francis, Doug and Barbara Nichols, Patty White, Kim and Rod Williams, Pat and Charlie Blevins, Ron and Diann Dailey, Angel and Matt DeHaven, Sara and Steve Henry, Betty Hills, Ginger McDaniel, Barbara Austin, Kim and Derek Hannah, Susan and Michael Asmussen, Scott Couchman, Heather Jadot, Greg and Jennifer Morell, Sherry and Tom Newman, Ginny Schuweiler, Barbara Simmons, and Kirsten Thompson.**

## Global Missions

### **What a Gift! Bethel Raises Over \$11,000 for Global Missions**

A Happy New Year to all from the Global Mission Team, and thanks for all the support for our "Bethel's Global Christmas" program. The Congregation raised \$2560 for Bethania Kids orphanages in India, \$2315 for Concordia program for street children in The Philippines, \$4525 for Maa-Sae Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) in Tanzania, and \$2381 for Selian Hospital in Tanzania for a grand total of over \$11,000! As always, we are extremely grateful for continued enthusiastic support for our Mission Partners and the abundant generosity shown by our Bethel family.

**Howard and Earlene Kemnitz, Jack and Jane McAllister, Arlene Gavitt, and Bruce Lothrop** traveled to Tanzania to visit MGLSS, Selian Hospital, and the new Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in late January. By the time this newsletter has been published they will have returned, so expect stories and pictures of their adventures.

Fair Trade Coffee will be on sale in Discipleship Hall before and after Sunday School on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. If you like good coffee, supporting Global Missions, and helping small independent farmers, please stop by and give it a try.

## Women's Ministries

Women's Retreat will be February 3-5 at Priestfield Retreat Center near Inwood, WV. This year's theme is Contemplative Prayer as we enter a "Year of Prayer" at Bethel. It should be a wonderful time of prayer, fellowship and discussion.

Please join us on February 21 at 7:00 p.m. for Wild Women Bible Study. All women are welcome! We will be starting a new study called "Becoming More than a Good Bible Study Girl." The hope is that through this study we will find new ways to use the Bible for our personal devotions as well as find peace, understanding and God's presence in our daily lives. Wild Women Bible Study is hosted at different homes each month, please contact **Terri Hollingsworth** at the Bethel office for location and directions ([office@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:office@bethelwinchester.com)).

Let's Get Together! Wild Women wanted for fun and fellowship! We have so much fun when we are together that we should have more opportunities to hang out and have fun. How about getting together once a month for a fellowship event in addition to the monthly Bible Study? Current ideas include going to Veramar Winery for an afternoon, a "Traditional Tea," a recipe party and hiking. Let **Susan Asmussen** know if you have an idea for an outing. ([Asmussen10910@gmail.com](mailto:Asmussen10910@gmail.com) or 703-615-7289)

Please send any Wild Women prayer requests to [Asmussen10910@gmail.com](mailto:Asmussen10910@gmail.com) for the prayer chain.

## ***“Information, please!”***

### **Meet Pat Shields, Bethel Database Administrator (and Inventor)**



What does a database have to do with your spiritual gifts? What do records have to do with the way people get involved in ministries? When it comes to ministries at Bethel, it turns out, a database has quite a lot to do with it. **Pat Shields** is the creator and the

keeper of the Bethel database that helps ministry teams get organized, that keeps the directory up to date and that allows Bethel to respond to the larger church. A second database tracks all the financial giving of each member or friend of Bethel throughout the year.

Pat Shields created his first database in Texas in the 1980s, when his wife **Donna Shields** began working as a secretary for a small Catholic school which had no computers. “We got an Apple 2e. I built my first database figuring out what Donna needed for the school.”

Then when Donna worked at Bethel as parish administrator, Pat again helped out. “When Donna started working at Bethel in 1999, there were three address lists-- all different--used for mailing labels. So the first database had contact information.

But what if the database could do even more? With Pat at the helm, it could. His favorite part of working on the database is “finding out how to apply some new idea and to answer some new question.”

The biggest part of the database is probably the part that manages ministry response forms and

Stewardship Sunday, as Bethel members and friends consider what ministries they would like to participate in for the coming year. “All those who volunteer are in the database so we can give out ministry team lists. All the worship scheduling is now also run through the database. Our ministry teams and activities -- it handles all the ministries all people are involved in. We are able to take all that data and have the database spit it out any old way – adults, students, females, males, are they team leaders, are they on ministry teams. I love doing it. I love working on the database.”

There are commercial databases available for churches, but when Pat has checked into them periodically they never seemed as flexible as the one he’s been developing. “The most recent piece we’ve added is the youth fundraising accounts – the events, the hours they do and the credits for each family. I honestly don’t think there’s been a time when someone has said, ‘Hey, can you do this,’ that we haven’t found out a way to do it.”

It took the Bethel database creator a while to think of his own work as a Bethel ministry, however. “At the beginning I never thought of it as a ministry, but it has definitely become my ministry in this church. It provides something to other people, whether it be pastors, board chair committees . . . we carry so much information now that almost anything people ask for, we can produce results. It is satisfying to be able to have the ability to provide any information that anyone needs about Bethel, administratively. It’s been at least ten years that I’ve been doing this and we still see change each year. My desire is to have people ask. If you need some information we’ve probably got it – all you have to do is ask, even if you don’t know exactly what you’re asking for.”

## Body, Mind and Spirit

BY BECKY JURICH, FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

### Attention RNs

The Division of Nursing's Faith Community Nurse Center will offer a Basic Preparation Course in Faith Community Nursing at Shenandoah University's Health Professions Building. Part I is March 14-16, 2012, and Part II is May 17-19, 2012. Scholarships are available for Valley Health nurses.

For more Information:

Visit [www.su.edu/nursing/FCN/](http://www.su.edu/nursing/FCN/) or contact Faculty Coordinator, **Lisa Zerull**, Ph.D., RN, FCN at (540) 678-4374 or email [faithnursing@su.edu](mailto:faithnursing@su.edu).

### The Amazing Grace Race

Ash Wednesday-Good Friday  
February 22-April 6

Everyone can participate in the Amazing Grace Race. Now is the time to find a few Bethel friends and build your team. During this Lenten race, you will exercise, read and study the Bible and build friendships. This race challenges you to get more physically active, to strengthen your faith and support and encourage fellow team members as you journey to the cross together. You will simply record the minutes that you exercise and the minutes that you spend in reading and studying the Bible. Have fun with this. Although the race is a competition, take time to enjoy the run. May you grow in faith and friendship as you grow in strength.

This is how it works:

1. Form a team. Teams must have at least 3 members.
2. Choose a team leader.
3. Name your team.
4. Begin exercising and/or reading on Ash Wednesday. If it is exercise for you, count

it. If you read and study the Bible, count those minutes.

5. Team members will report their total minutes of exercise and Bible study to their team leader.
6. Team leaders will email [nurse@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:nurse@bethelwinchester.com) with their team's total minutes – try to do this weekly.

Week 1: 2/22-3/3	Week 4: 3/18-3/24
Week 2: 3/4-3/10	Week 5: 3/25-3/31
Week 3: 3/11-3/17	Week 6: 4/1-4/6

Total minutes per team will be divided by the number of team members to determine the average number of minutes per team member. With God's grace, we are all winners!

But for the sake of the race, the winning team will have the highest average of minutes turned in per team member from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday.

Blessings,

*Becky*



## Senior Adult Ministries

### Jolly Crowd

The 11 shoe boxes that Jolly Crowd packed for Operation Christmas Child were received by children in Iraq and India. How wonderful it is to know that our small gifts helped to spread the love of Christ to children that have never heard the good news.

Jolly Crowd is still on our winter break during February. We invite all of our "senior members and friends" to join us on Tuesday, March 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bring a covered dish and be ready to join the fun as we learn how to "Blink" and "Farkle"!

### FAB (Fifty and Beyond)

There was a lot of fun and laughter during our January event at **Betsy** and **Tom Pullen's** house. We shared a great lunch together & then learned how to play the game "Farkle." **Ed Lundin** had the most excitement in the game when he rolled a perfect straight!

Mark your calendars for upcoming events:

February 18 (Sat) 2-4 in Discipleship Hall - MOVIE DAY. We will watch the movie "Fireproof". Check the bulletin board for more movie info. Bring your favorite movie snack and drink to share.

March 24 (Sat) 5-8 in Discipleship Hall - MYSTERY DINNER. This was a big hit last year so come join the fun as we solve a "whodunit." More info soon.

April - TBA in Discipleship Hall - BINGO with the "Our Family" group.

**FAB** is Bethel's group for anyone Fifty and Beyond. Check the Senior Ministry bulletin board in the crossroads for upcoming events and news.

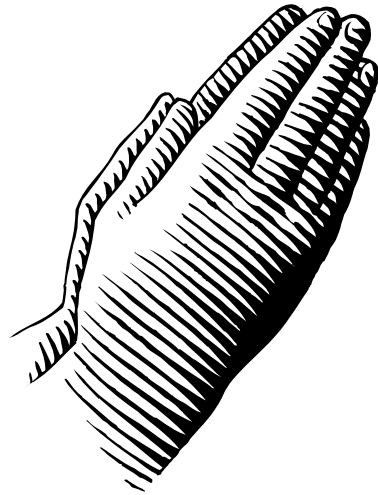
## Christian Learning

### Prayer Lab!

February 5 - 19, 9:45 a.m., Discipleship Hall

After having wonderful discussions about sanctification in Adult Forum using Frank Honeycutt's book, *Sanctification: More than Grace and Forgiveness*, we will be turning our attention in February to our Year of Prayer.

**Pastor Heidi** will lead a three-week "prayer lab" that will introduce us to three different types of prayer and praying. On February 5 she will lead a discussion and sharing on Centering Prayer. On February 19, she will introduce Body Prayer, how we can engage prayer and bodies. She will conclude on February 26 by helping you learn different methods that can help you when you are invited to pray in public.



## *February Birthdays*

- 1 - Will Sigler  
Sierra Miller  
Dayton Miller
- 2 - Pat Clevenger
- 3 - Mack Cain  
Micah Young
- 4 - Maddie Brooks
- 5 - Jim Ramey
- 6 - Matthew Dietz  
Dalton Clark  
Bill Hall
- 7 - Sophia McAllister  
Matthew Hale  
Adrienne Salvatore
- 8 - Dario Savarese II
- 9 - Jason Whitacre
- 10 - Clare Milburn  
Andrew Collins
- 11 - Linda Morrison
- 14 - Marge Vorous
- 15 - Ryan Sheehan
- 16 - Eva Shifflett
- 17 - Lexi Dixon
- 18 - Cara Rathel
- 19 - Georgia Boswell  
Chuck White  
Kathie See
- 20 - Kaylie Riggelman
- 23 - George Donovan, Jr.
- 24 - Daniel Milam  
William Bottom
- 25 - Randy Hodgson
- 26 - Connor Mahan-Lothrop  
Micah Carlson
- 27 - John Adair  
Suzanne Gregory  
Jane McAllister  
Heidi David-Young
- 28 - Ron Lauck  
Tyler Powell  
Patti Collins
- 29 - Mia Hudson

## *February Anniversaries*

- 13 - Mark and Cristyn Everly
- 19 - Reneau and Laura Van Landingham
- 26 - David and Alice Matvay — 35 years

*Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow*

When weather conditions warrant a change or cancellation of worship services and/or Sunday School, all necessary information will be available by 7:30 a.m., in three (3) different ways:

- 1) broadcast on WINC FM at 92.5 and on WINC's website: <http://winc.fm>, on "Closings and Delays" page
- 2) Bethel's phone message, (540) 662-3245; and
- 3) Bethel's website ([bethelwinchester.com](http://bethelwinchester.com)).



## Facts & Figures

**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!**

...for your generosity, support, and partnership in ministries here at Bethel, to our community, and to God's world.

*"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us." (2 Corinthians 9:11)*

<b>Average Worship Attendance November</b>
294

<b>Average Worship Attendance December</b>
330

Ministry Spending Plan Update as of December 31, 2011:

	<b>Actual Year-to-Date</b>
<b>Actual Received</b>	\$449,633
<b>Actual Expenses</b>	\$449,399
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$234</b>

### **Think of Others 1st**

**Collecting donations to help others in need on the FIRST Sunday of every month**

*February 5: Souper Bowl of Caring*

Help tackle hunger with the Souper Bowl of Caring. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. On February 5, you can vote for your favorite team in the Super Bowl by donating canned soup or other canned goods. We will donate our collection to CCAP. Last year we collected 328 cans as a community. Our goal this year is to collect 400 cans. So vote often and make a positive difference to those in need.

*Ash Wednesday  
Worship Services*

*Wednesday, February 22  
12:00 p.m. (noon)  
and  
7:00 p.m.*

**Semi-Annual  
Congregational  
Meeting**

*Sunday  
February 12*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Discipleship Hall*

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Pastor: The Rev. Heidi David-Young

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Director of Children's Choirs: Darline DeMott

Director of Communications Ministries: Anna Havron

Director of Finance: Tricia Dietz

Facilities Manager: Ron Lauck

Database Administrator: Pat Shields

Director of Custodial Services: Patty White

Faith Community Nurse: Rebecca Jurch, MBA, BSN, RN, FCN

Nursery Supervisor: Gretchen Meade

Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

MAILING LABEL

