

# Bethel Banner

September 2010

## Walking the Steps of Stewardship



The above words reflect our theme for the upcoming Bethel Stewardship Program, which will celebrate its tenth anniversary in 2011. Originally envisioned as a spiritual path for our congregation to follow the Marks of Discipleship (pray daily, worship weekly, read the Bible, serve at Bethel and beyond, connect with other Christians in small group ministry, and give our resources for the building up of God's Kingdom), our Stewardship Program today encompasses more than ninety individual ministry teams and activities.

As we welcome **Pastors Dave and Heidi** into our community and incorporate their thoughts and vision into this very special Bethel tradition, we are blessed by the breadth and scope of our programs. From our local church (Small Groups, Summer Sunday Cookouts and Prayer Chains) to our community (Hoedown, CCAP and Habitat for Humanity) to our world (Tanzania, India and Philippines Missions), the Bethel congrega-

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## Pastor's Page

### “Sheer Madness”

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, visits, and gifts while I was in the hospital and recovering! I am feeling much better and continue to feel better daily. I so appreciate all of your love and support during this difficult time. Your actions made the love of Christ very real for me throughout this ordeal! I know all of your thoughts and prayers helped tremendously in my recovery and continue to sustain me. I especially have to thank all of the Wild Women for their support, particularly for the amazing gift of cleaning our house, doing laundry and stocking the shelves while we were on vacation. What an incredible surprise to come home to! Thank you!

Since I wasn't able to preach on Sunday, August 15, due to my illness, as was originally planned, I thought I'd share here a little of what I would have preached about that Sunday had I been in the pulpit. The gospel text ( Luke 1:46 – 55) was the song Mary sings after she finds out from an angel that she will be the mother of Jesus. Traditionally this song is called “The Magnificat.”

So, here's what I might have said:

God is crazy! We often use much more attractive words when describing God. We are more accustomed to hearing that “God is love”, or “God is hope, God is light, God is life.” All of these are absolutely true ways to describe God. But after reading about how God comes to us through the birth of Jesus, I'm convinced that God is not only hope, light, love and life, but that God is crazy as well.

God is not just a little crazy either. God is waaaaay crazy. Really crazy. Insane. Certifiable. Just look at the evidence. What person, much less divine being, would choose voluntarily, to give up knowledge, wisdom, power, material goods, status, independence, the ability to walk, talk, move, or do anything for oneself, and become a baby again, in your mother's womb, awaiting delivery, awaiting life. Would you?

Would you choose to become a baby, awaiting birth and give up all you have gained, learned, struggled through in this life? There's no way I would go through all of that. There's no way I'd give up what I've learned, what I'm able to do, and become a helpless, vulnerable creature totally dependent on everyone around me for all that I need. That would be sheer madness. Absolutely crazy. Yet that is exactly what our God, a divine being, with unfathomable power, ability, and control, does. God gives up all of his power, omniscience, and control and becomes a baby in a woman's womb awaiting birth into a world where he will be truly dependent and vulnerable on those around him. That is crazy. God *has* to be insane. But God's craziness doesn't stop there. God continues to divest of divine authority and power by submitting to a torturous, shameful death on a cross. God *willingly* suffers and dies. For the one who created the universe and all that is in it, to suffer and die the death of a criminal is unimaginable. There is really no other conclusion to come to than that God must be crazy, even insane.

But the truth about God need not be bad news. God is crazy. God is crazy about you. God is crazy about me. God is so crazy in love with you and me that God goes to any length to show us how much he loves us. God gives up divine power and authority and becomes a baby in Mary's womb *for us*. God gives up all power and control and suffers death on a cross *for us*. God so loves you that God comes up with the most extravagant and crazy ways to show it. God wants you to know, without a doubt, how crazy he is about you.

Yes, God is CRAZY! Insanely, madly, wildly in love with you! Thanks be to God!

Pastor Heidi

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tion continues to demonstrate its caring and love of others who are in spiritual and/or financial need.

This year, we are blending our traditional Ministry (Non-Financial) Stewardship with an exciting new Giving (Financial) Stewardship, which focuses less on Bethel's financial needs and more on what God is calling each of us to give. Watch for a letter in a couple of weeks from Pastors Dave and Heidi about this year's Stewardship Sunday, which will be held on October 17.

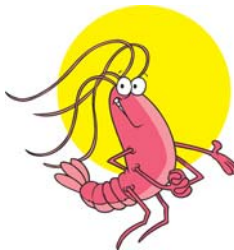
We ask that you walk the Steps of Stewardship. Join us, as we take each small step. *Together.*

### **Yum! It's Time for the Shrimp Boil!**

*September 19, 5:00 p.m.*

Take a lot of shrimp and boil it together with corn, sausage, potatoes, onions and seasonings. Top it off with hush puppies and dump it on the table. No need for plates! That's a Low Country Shrimp Boil!

Join us on Sunday evening, September 19, at 5:00 p.m., for our 13th annual boil. So that we know how much to prepare, please look for sign up sheets in the narthex. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages six through twelve.



We're always looking for new team members, so if you would like to help plan, prepare, cook, or serve please call **Terri Hollingsworth** in the church office at (540) 662-3245.

### **Habitat Work Day: A Great Foundation**

*October 2, 7:45 a.m.*

Nine Bethel volunteers were on the worksite on Tuesday, August 10, to help make a dream come true for **Ada Butler**, the homeowner-to-be for this Habitat build. We had two teams at work; one outside working on the siding and a second inside scrubbing, treating and triple rinsing the specially stained concrete floor (once it is complete it will look like a ceramic tile floor). When we had finished for the day, one side of the house had its siding done and the floors inside were ready for the sealing process. What a productive day of work!

Our grateful thanks for the delicious lunch provided by **Arlene Gavitt**, **Carolyn Moyer** and **Shirlee Tilelli**. We had a surprise guest for lunch. **Jan Lower**, Volunteer Coordinator for Habitat, brought Ada Butler by to meet the work crew and they joined us for lunch. It was wonderful to walk through the house with Ada and hear her share her ideas and dreams for this house once it becomes her home. She is so very grateful to God and all who are making this dream of her own home come true for her.

If you missed this workday, no worries, we have a second workday coming up on Saturday, October 2. Mark your calendars to be on the site at 546 Fremont Street at 7:45 a.m. for orientation and sign-in. Watch for updates in the bulletin, the *Banner* or *This Week at Bethel*.

Habitat is also looking for volunteer Advocates who help guide families as they move through the Habitat process of becoming qualified as a homeowner. If this is something you would be interested in knowing more about please contact **Betsy Pullen**, [betsy.consultant@gmail.com](mailto:betsy.consultant@gmail.com) or (540) 336-2408.

## *Christian Learning*

### **Disciple Bible Study**

Focused on educating, building and empowering current and future church leaders, Disciple Bible Study dives deep into the Holy Bible through daily reading (approximately 30 minutes each day) and weekly small group gatherings (generally two hours in length). Each study begins in September and continues through May.

Consider the following questions:

- Are you hungry and thirsty to know more about God as revealed through the Holy Bible?
- Are you ready to make a significant commitment to your own faith development?
- Do you desire to build your own foundation towards being a solid leader in Christ's church?
- Do you seek the opportunity to be encountered by the Word of God in a way that is sure to be challenging and inspiring?

We are discerning level of interest in these studies:

*Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* (Disciple I) - Surveys both the Old and New Testaments - following the story of the relationship between God and God's children. This will be facilitated by **Pastor Dave** and offered twice on Mondays, in the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and in the evening from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., starting September 20.

*Under the Tree of Life* (Disciple IV) - A study of Old Testament writings (including Ruth, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs) as well as the Gospel of John and Revelation with a focus on what it means to be the family of God and a faithful community. This is offered for any students who

have taken Disciple I and want to continue with the process. It will be facilitated by class members.

There will be an orientation meeting for all Disciple Bible Study classes on Monday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Discipleship Hall. If you are interested in more information and/or details, please contact **Pastor Heidi** ([pastorheidi@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:pastorheidi@bethelwinchester.com)) or (540) 662-3245, ext 104).

### **Book of Faith Classes**

*starts September 13, 6:30 p.m.*

Looking for a Bible study with a shorter time commitment than Disciple? A Book of Faith Bible Study might be for you. We'll begin with an overview of the Bible in a three week course titled, "Rediscovering the Book of Faith". We'll follow that with a 4 week course on the book of 1 John. Classes will begin on Monday, September 13 starting at 6:30 p.m. Please contact **Pastor Heidi** ([pastorheidi@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:pastorheidi@bethelwinchester.com)) or (540) 662-3245, ext. 104) if interested.

### **Inquirers' Class**

*Starts September 12, 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 fall class will begin to meet on Sunday morning, September 12 during the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.) in the conference room and continue through November. For those interested in membership, we are planning a "New Members' Sunday" on November 21. If you are interested, please contact **Pastor Heidi** ([pastorheidi@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:pastorheidi@bethelwinchester.com)) or (540) 662-3245, ext 104) for more details.

## How Do Lutherans Interpret the Bible?

*Starts September 12, 9:45 a.m.*

Beginning Sunday, September 12, the Adult Forum class will explore the interpretation of Scripture from our unique Lutheran perspective. **Pastor Dave** and will offer leadership during this seven session video series, featuring Dr. Mark Allen Powell. Dr. Powell is a Lutheran pastor and Bible professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

In this series, Dr. Powell invites viewers to explore seven important questions about Lutherans and the Bible. With content that encourages rich discussion, participants will discover answers to questions they have always had about the Bible. Please join us for this time of study and conversation.

## **NEW! Join The Sermon Fun Bunch**

*Dates, times to be announced*

Have you ever wondered how a pastor goes about preparing a sermon? **Pastor Dave** and **Pastor Heidi** invite you to partner with them as they prepare and reflect upon their sermons. This new learning ministry will begin this fall and will be repeated throughout the year.

The sermon fun bunch will consider how the sermons might be developed by reading and discussing the lessons for that particular Sunday, and after the sermons are delivered, will reflect upon their impact. This will be repeated over 2-3 weeks with one group of around eight people. The "sermon fun bunch" will then be offered again so that others may participate.

You need only bring your Bible and an openness to lively conversation and the working of the Holy Spirit in your midst. If you would like to be involved and/or would like more information please contact Pastor Dave ([pastordave@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:pastordave@bethelwinchester.com)) or Pastor Heidi ([pastorheidi@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:pastorheidi@bethelwinchester.com)) or just call the Bethel office at (540) 662-3245.

## First Communion Instruction Begins

*Starts September 19, 9:45 a.m.*



First Communion Orientation meeting for communicants and parents will be September 19 during Sunday School in the library.

If you have any questions please contact **Mark** or **Cristyn Everly** or **Pastor Dave** (540) 662-3245 or [pastordave@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:pastordave@bethelwinchester.com).

## Sunday School Classes Return!

*September 12, 9:45 a.m.*

Mark your calendars! Rally Day for Sunday School for all ages starts Sunday September 12th! All of our Sunday School teachers are gearing up for an exciting year using the "Buzz" curriculum, with "Godly Play" being offered again for the 3 and 4 year old class.

Classes are available for children ages 3 through high school with adult classes offered as well. Sunday school is from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

For Rally Day on September 12, children will be introduced to their teachers at the end of 8:30 a.m. worship and go with their teacher to class from there. We're looking forward to an exciting year of learning more about God's love for us and the world around us!

## ***Student Ministries***

Are you in 6th - 12th grade? Come join us for our Underground Ministry youth meetings held in the Underground at Bethel at 6:30 p.m. most Sunday nights.

Please contact **Diane Milburn** at (540) 665-3870 or [tdmilburn@comcast.net](mailto:tdmilburn@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

### ***Underground Ministry for September***

*September 5, 6:30 p.m.*

No Underground. Happy Labor Day!

*September 12, 12:15 p.m.*

Pizza planning meeting after the second worship service. Let's plan for the upcoming year! Youth, parents, and all adults interested in helping with the youth are invited to this meeting. Bring your ideas for Underground, including suggestions for topics of discussion, service events, fun activities away from church, and fundraising. Hope to see you there!

*September 19, 6:30 p.m.*

Student ministries kick-off, right after the Shrimp Boil! Get ready for an exciting new year of friends, faith and fellowship!

*September 26, 6:30 p.m.*

Pastor Dave will be leading youth in the Underground. Bring a friend!

### **Upcoming Events**

***Lost and Found  
Retreat for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
November 21-23***

This Virginia Synod youth event is open to all 7th and 8th graders. About 600 youth and adults from congregations throughout Virginia gather at Eagle Eyrie retreat center for a weekend full of fellowship, worship, and faith building.

## **Seeking Hands for the Harvest**

Literally tons of food remain in orchards and fields after growers harvest their best saleable produce. Then the gleaners of the [Society of Saint Andrew](#) get to work in the spirit of the second chapter of Ruth. Gleaners collect the leftover beans, corn, potatoes, peaches, and apples. At least a dozen service agencies receive family-sized mesh bags or box units of this abundance to distribute it to their clients. Gleaning goes on from spring through fall.

Also, the end-of-season celebration happens on November 6 (rain/mud date is November 13) at Marker Miller Orchards. It's a Turnip Harvest Festival, and **Isabel H.** surely remembers being crowned the Turnip Queen last fall! You don't have to love turnips to enjoy this festival celebrating gleaning and harvests.

Contact **Carolyn** or **Charlie Moyer** at (540) 542-0114 or [cmoyer179@comcast.net](mailto:cmoyer179@comcast.net) to learn more about gleaning or the Turnip Harvest Festival.



Bethel member **Isabel H.**, right, was crowned Turnip Queen at last year's Turnip Harvest Festival

## WATTS Update

# WATTS Seeks Overnight Volunteers, Meal Coordinators

Bethel's turn to host the Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter (WATTS) during the week of February 28 – March 7, 2011 will be upon us before we know it. There is much to be done over these next five months so that we, as a congregation, can effectively meet the needs of this important ministry.

Many Bethel members and friends have already signed on to show support and offer assistance. We are now asking for volunteers to commit to the following key positions:

- **Overnight Volunteers** – a male and female volunteer is required to spend the night each night (7 nights total). If possible, a commitment of two nights in a row would help with consistency but that is not required. A paid Professional Night Manager, who will remain awake, will be on duty every night. Volunteers will support this trained professional. Volunteers are asked to report for duty no later than 10:00 p.m. and remain until 7:00 a.m.; you are not required to remain awake. A training program will be provided for volunteers in January or February.
- **Meal Coordinator** – one or two individuals who will coordinate breakfasts and dinners for the week. We will have meal information and suggestions available from the 2009-2010 WATTS hosts to help with planning.

If you feel called to make a commitment to fill any of these please let **Judy McKiernan** ([mckiernan.judy@wps.k12.va.us](mailto:mckiernan.judy@wps.k12.va.us), or (540) 722-6530 or (540) 533-9845) or **Marion Schottekorb** ([mfs@ofiinc.com](mailto:mfs@ofiinc.com) – cell (best contact) (202) 257-8459), know at your earliest convenience.

There will be many opportunities to serve as we continue to move forward to hosting WATTS at Bethel. Please look forward, check your calendars, and plan/mark the dates you may be available to serve.

**WATTS Grace & Gratitude Celebration** will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on September 19 at First Presbyterian Church – all are welcome to attend and hear and learn more about WATTS.

Please pray that God will watch over, guide and grant wisdom to the personnel who are leading and coordinating this wonderful community ministry. Thank you!



**“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.”**

**-- Martin Luther King, Jr.**

# Following Bach's Footsteps: Bethel Music Director Makes Music, Memories Abroad

BY AARON SHOWS

*Well I am, of course, back from my recent vacation to Germany and Austria, and nearly a month later I am still excited about it. Thank you to everyone who helped me out and supported me in raising the funds for this trip, and I owe you all a great deal for your generosity and kindness. I am truly blessed to be a part of the Bethel family.*

*While in Europe, I did keep a journal, writing every day in it, as well as taking videos and over 1100 pictures in an attempt to preserve, as best as I could, all of those incredible memories. I will admit, getting back to the states was somewhat depressing, and when I got off the plane at Dulles the first thing I wanted to do was hop on another flight back there, but that will have to wait for another time. I could only humor myself by misquoting the Terminator, saying, "I'll be Bach."*

*For now, though, I have copied an excerpt from the last few pages of my journal. It's only a small part of the nearly five hours of writing I did on the return flight, but I think it will give you a small idea of how much I deeply enjoyed this trip. Again, thank you so much for all of your love and support.*

**5:30 p.m., July 20, 2010**

"The plane's engine hums in the background as we fly over the Atlantic. The window shade has been pulled down the whole flight, except those few moments when I curiously open it just a little to see the view every few hours. The sunlight is so hot against the window, and it's even too hot to touch the window shade now...

As I sit here listening to the Brahms Requiem on my iPod, breathing the airplane's re-circulated air, and putting the pen to paper, I think back on my trip.



**Aaron Shows in Salzburg, Austria**

I have truly loved every place, sight, taste, sound, and experience of this adventure. I've played in one of Bach's churches, eaten dinner in a castle, and climbed a mountain up to "Eagle's Nest." I've seen Edelweiss growing amidst the rocks, had my breath taken away multiple times in complete awe of seeing the mountain peaks, and marveled in the depth of history that this remarkable place has to offer. Exploring Leipzig, visiting Luther's house in Eisenach, riding the cable car over the vineyards in Rudesheim, and walking across the Porta Nigra gate to the ancient Roman city of Trier, it has been a blast.

Every church I've been to amazed me. There really is nothing quite like it, and nothing as beautiful in any church back in the states. The intricate designs along the walls and ceilings draw my eyes upward every time, toward the heavens. They are places older than anywhere I've ever been, and they've stood the test of time, preserved so well. The organs are magnificent, and when played resonate almost into the eternity of time and

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space. I'm sure if you listened long enough you could almost hear the monks chanting there centuries ago. There are tombs of ancient bishops and priests, whose message of Christianity echoes over the ages to all who view their places of rest. The crypts down underground reflect this as well. These places of worship take my breath away, if only for a moment, and I felt a sense of comfort to see the statues of angels and knights with their eyes fixed in a gaze over the sanctuary, as if to watch over and protect all who came to visit.

And the villages are so full of life; a life strong in their beliefs and customs for generations. They are, however, a calm people who do not rush life, for they have learned to take their time to make it worth living. Amongst these villages, the houses, churches, and other buildings have stood through times of peace and unrest, yet still have a unique resilience to them. To be able to sit and eat in a place where some of the world's greatest composers have been is so empowering, as if to be in their midst. The feeling is one of awe and immense admiration.

And finally, there is the natural beauty. I hadn't ever been moved to tears by any part of nature before, but this place changed that for me. It even took a few days before I could believe it was real. The countryside is full of the richest natural colors I've ever seen, and the pines and birch trees look as if a skilled artist had painted shades of white and green against the forests' edges. Then there are the mountains, towering giants over all the land. The clouds are unable to soar above them, but I often imagined what it would be like to fly over that landscape. Their magnificence is something that has touched my heart every time I've seen them. The natural beauty is so remarkable that I completely understand how the great composers have never run out of inspiration. Yeah yeah, I guess I may seem like a hopeless romantic getting all emotional when it comes to these things, but I just don't see it possible to not be in

some way. Also, how can one see these unbelievable creations, and not believe that there truly is a higher power so far beyond us? God affects me greatly when I am standing before these awesome mountains, and I am sure of it.

Lastly, I will say that this journey has changed my whole outlook on life. It is and always will be something I won't ever forget. Even though I have had but a small taste of the world beyond the U.S., it is still one that shall last in my memory and in my heart forever. I look forward to seeing this place again somewhere along my life's journey, hopefully as soon as it possibly can happen.

Auf wiedersehen, Deutschland!"



St. Nicholas Church (Nikolaikirche) in Leipzig -- both J. S. Bach and A. C. Shows played the organ here

## Senior Adult Ministries

### **Jolly Crowd**

The "Jolly Crowd" is Bethel's ministry for Senior Adults. We meet at Bethel in Discipleship Hall on the second Tuesday of the month from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., with breaks during the winter and summer. We enjoy a covered dish luncheon and programs on all kinds of topics. It is a time of learning, fun and fellowship for our mature members. We have an exciting array of programs lined up this year:

*September:* A Trip to Germany with **Aaron Shows**

*October:* Meet **Pastor Dave**

*November:* **Pastor Heidi** on Prayer

*December:* Holiday Games and Surprises

### **Winter Break – January and February**

*March:* Movement with **Karla King**

*April:* Game Day

*May:* Animal Therapy with **Betsy Pullen** and **Lance** the Therapy Dog

*June:* Cook-out and Fun

### **Summer Break – July and August**

As team leader I would like to appeal for volunteers to help us out in some small but important ways. It doesn't have to be a monthly commitment. If you could cook and bring in a meat dish for our luncheon one month or give someone a ride to our gathering, that would make a big difference for us. Most of all I would like your help in praying for our senior members, encouraging them to attend Jolly Crowd, and keeping **Betsy Pullen** and me (**Cindy Britton**) aware of any needs our seniors might have.

### **Fun Adult Bunch**

The Fun Adult Bunch is open to any adult member of Bethel. We gather approximately once a month for adult fun and fellowship. We ask that

people volunteer and plan an activity they think others would enjoy. The "activity planner" picks the day, the time, etc.

We have come up with a tentative list of activities which will begin in September. Some of these activities have a volunteer coordinator already. Others do not. If there is something you feel like coordinating or if you have another idea, don't hesitate to let Betsy or Cindy know. As of this writing, these are our plans:

*September 18:* Saturday Brunch with our pastors at **Carolyn and Charlie Moyer's** home

*October 18:* Trip to the Harrisonburg Mennonite Community (cost is \$25), hosted by **Carolyn and Charlie Moyer**

*November:* Trip to the Paw Paw Tunnel and lunch hosted by **Jimmy Strosnider**

*December 5:* Clearbrook Light Show with cider and hot chocolate after.

*January:* Games and Lunch hosted by **Betsy and Tom Pullen**

*February:* Shenandoah Valley Museum

*March:* Mystery Dinner hosted by **Cindy Britton**

*April:* Movie Time

*May:* Miniature Golf

*June:* Charlestown Race track

What great opportunities to gather in Christian fellowship! We hope to see you there!

*Cindy Britton*

## **Global Missions**

This week we learned of the passing of the **Rev. David Simonson**, Lutheran missionary, at his home in Arusha, Tanzania. A handful of Bethel members have met the Reverend Simonson, and we all have been deeply touched by him. His mission in Tanzania began in 1956, and included the founding of Operation Boot Strap Africa and the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School. His work is recounted in the book "The Cross Under the Acacia Tree" (available in Bethel's Martin Luther library). The *Minnesota Post* also published a profile on his remarkable life of adventure and Christian service, available here:

<http://tiny.cc/49we3>

The ELCA published a tribute to Rev. Simonson, available here:

<http://www.elca.org/News/Releases.asp?a=4610>

Because of Reverend Simonson's work, remote villages throughout the Maasai lands of Tanzania now have churches and primary schools. In addition he was instrumental in the expansion of a tiny clinic into Selian Lutheran Hospital and Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre, now among of the finest medical facilities in Africa. Those of us who aspire to continue his work will feel the loss of his leadership.

In order to support the work of David Simonson and his successors, and similar leaders in other parts of the world, the Global Missions Team at Bethel will be holding an Auction in November and we will also begin selling Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate this fall. Please consider making donations of new goods or services or helping out with the auction.

## **Harvest Sunday Raises Over \$1,000**

Thanks to all the people who set up, contributed baked goods, produce and craft items, and created a petting zoo for our farmer's market held in August.

And thanks to all the generous shoppers who went home with delicious food and beautiful craft items. As of this writing, Harvest Sunday raised \$1,281.41 to help feed the hungry. Thank you for your contributions.

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

**Collecting donations to help others in need**

***Sunday, Sep. 5 and Sep 12: Small items for children (especially with Christian themes!) such as pencils, pens, bracelets, puzzles, stickers, notepads, etc.***

When children in Bethel's Sunday School classes memorize a Bible verse, help out, or do a good deed, they earn "Bible Bucks" which they can spend at the "Bethel Bible Bucks Store." The store visits the classrooms about every other month, and it is a great motivator for our younger Sunday School students.

But we need your help to stock the shelves! We're looking for small, fun items for children, especially with Christian themes. Popular items include: pencils, pens, necklaces, bracelets, CDs, stuffed animals or dolls, t-shirts, hats, stamps, bags, puzzles, stickers, notepads, etc.

We've found the children really enjoy earning "Bible Bucks" and choosing items from the store. Thank you so much for your support!

## Women's Ministries

Wild Women's Bible study will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21 at the home of **Rose Pierce**. **Donna Turrill** will facilitate the first study of our fall Bible study series, which is called Chocolate Boutique: Grace. "What better metaphor for grace than chocolate?"

Mmmmmm . . . sounds like a delicious curriculum. Wild Women Bible Study schedule for the rest of the fall is below:

October 19 at **Judy McKiernan's** home

November 16 at **Lisa McKee's** home

Oh, and save these dates!

**Women's Christmas Banquet** at Bethel:  
December 12

**Women's Retreat** at Priestfield:  
February 4 – 6, 2011

Remember, if you are a woman at Bethel, you are a Wild Woman. Don't be shy! And invite your friends and family. . . ALL women are warmly welcomed to Wild Women events.

*"Thank you, Bethel Lutheran Church, for your donation received in June, 2010. Your generous support of our ministry in Mexico is deeply appreciated. We also enjoyed having Charlie and Carolyn Moyer working with us on the medical caravan."*

*Dr. Joel Smith  
Erica Smith*

Dr. Joel Smith and Nurse Erica Smith are Medical Missionaries in Puebla, Mexico. They receive support through Missions International, Inc, in Lavonia, Georgia.



### **Prayer Shawl Donated to Hospital Chapel**

Members of Bethel's prayer shawl ministry create beautiful hand-knitted or crocheted shawls which are given to people going through times of transition or difficulty to help them know they are wrapped in prayer.

Recently a prayer shawl was donated to Winchester Medical Center's new chapel, with this note of invitation for anyone who might like to use it while in the hospital chapel:

*"As you sit, wrapped in this Prayer Shawl, may you feel the loving prayers of all those whose hands have worked the yarns and those who have come before you and prayed for your peace, comfort, and strength during this time of trial for you and your loved ones.*

*Please, before you leave to join your family and loved ones, we ask that you say a short prayer for those who are to follow you here in the Chapel, that they too may be comforted when wrapped in the Prayer Shawl."*

If you'd like to learn more about our prayer shawl ministry, please contact **Betsy Pullen**, [betsy.consultant@gmail.com](mailto:betsy.consultant@gmail.com) or (540) 336-2408.

## ***Body, Mind and Spirit***

BY REBECCA JURICH, MBA, BSN RN, FCN

### **Spotlight on: Concern Hotline**

Do you know about Concern Hotline?

Over the next year, I am going to use this column to inform you about various non-profit organizations in the Winchester community. You may know someone in need of these organizations, or you may find a great opportunity to volunteer. This month I am lifting up Concern Hotline, Inc.

Concern Hotline is an amazing organization. Established in 1968, Concern Hotline, Inc. is a volunteer-operated telephone hotline providing crisis intervention, suicide prevention, and information and referral services to anyone in need, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Concern Hotline, a United Way agency, serves the city of Winchester and the counties of Frederick, Clarke, Warren, Shenandoah and Page.

The hotline is answered 24/7 by trained and caring volunteers, who take over 12,000 calls a year for help. They provide crisis intervention through their relationship with Northwestern Community Services Board, suicide prevention to anyone who finds themselves at a desperate point, and information and referral services to anyone who needs information about taking the next step for help. They also take a lot of calls from individuals who just need to talk to an anonymous, non-judgmental listener.

Volunteer Listeners are the lifeblood of Concern and more are always needed. Training is both required and provided. Volunteers can take calls from the office, their home or their cell phone. To learn more about volunteering, call Concern Hotline's administrative office at (540) 536-1630.

If you or someone you know needs the help of a caring, non-judgmental listener who is well informed about resources, please don't hesitate to call Concern Hotline. **The hotline number for Winchester, Frederick and Clarke counties is (540) 667-0145.**

How blessed we are to have Concern Hotline serving our community.

Blessings,

*Becky*

### **Men's Ministries**

#### **Men's Retreat**

*September 11, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
North River Retreat*

Men of Bethel, you're invited to a cook-out and afternoon of Christian fellowship and relaxation at beautiful North River Retreat in Hampshire County, West Virginia (about an hour from Winchester).

Sign up in the narthex or email **John Gavitt** at [gavitt@live.com](mailto:gavitt@live.com) to register. We hope to see you there!

### ***Around the Congregation***

We rejoice at the birth of Alayne Catherine Riley, born on August 12. Her parents are Bryne and Bonnie Riley and her sister is Amelia Riley.

## *September Birthdays*

- 01 - Clark Jackson
- 02 - Bud Lyon
  - Scot Marsh
  - Kathleen Griffin
  - Pam Cooper
- 03 - Ruth Brown
  - Sandra Papson
- 05 - Glenn Combs
- 06 - Danny Aldstadt
  - Leslie Bowman
  - Jeff Foltz
  - Karen Musser
- 07 - Susan Marsh
  - Jane Pierce
- 08 - Bob DeMott
  - Stephen Francis
- 09 - Myles Morisak
- 10 - Forrest Grooms
  - Addison Rathel
- 11 - Kayla Hammond
- 12 - Susanne Mauck
  - Reilly O'Connor
- 13 - Kristin Sayers
- 15 - Lee Braithwaite
  - Ray Meeker
  - Pam Walker
  - Michael Barnes
- 19 - Esther Albright
- 20 - Greg Frye
  - Jack Justice
- 21 - Danny Hollingsworth
- 22 - Phyllis Alban
  - Sharon Stanfield
- 23 - LaDonna Bott
  - Michael McKiernan
- 24 - Joe Dietz
  - Curtis Power
  - Mark Everly
- 25 - George Hoenig
- 27 - Ellen Hollingsworth
  - Hillary Miller
- 28 - Edna Lewis
  - Ashley Miller
- 29 - Urve Crowder
  - Michael Dietz
- 30 - Debi Martin



## *September Anniversaries*

- 03 - Brian & Leslie Brooks
- 04 - Clay & Heather Hale
  - Paul & Glenna Shifflett
- 05 - Tom & Susie Beyer
- 10 - Rex & Helen Ritchie
- 12 - Matt & Ruth Brown
- 14 - Bud & Debbie Powell
- 16 - Shawn & Beth Garner - 15
  - Nick & Gail Lauderdale
- 17 - David & Tonya Harp
  - Tim & Mary Duvall
  - George & Marion Schottelkorb
- 19 - Mike & Phyllis Alban
  - Bill & Jane Pierce - 65
- 20 - John & Brenda Adair
- 24 - Dario & Cindy Savarese
- 30 - Chris & Hilary Greene - 10

## Facts & Figures

### Last Month's Attendance and Offerings\*

Sunday	Church Attendance	Operating Budget Offerings *	Mortgage Offerings **
Aug 1	257	\$6,413.00	\$1,363.00
Aug 8	266	\$5,088.89	\$1,593.00
Aug 15	238	\$8,210.06	\$3,123.06
Aug 22	205	\$4,776.27	\$515.00

### Year-to-Date Needs and Offerings

	Needs	Offerings	Difference Over (Under) Needs
Operating Budget (includes Regular Offering, Synod Benevolence, Facility Maintenance, Flowers and Sunday School)	\$199,342.00	\$200,801.88	
Mortgage (Mission Expansion)	\$53,822.00	\$50,799.86	
<b>Year-to-Date Total</b>	<b>\$253,164.00</b>	<b>\$251,601.74</b>	<b>(\$1,562.26)</b>

### Goals and Year-to-Date Offerings beyond Operating Budget and Mortgage

	Goals	Offerings
World Hunger Appeal	\$5,000.00	\$2,229.00
Global Missions	\$8,000.00	\$2,139.00
India Mission		\$0.00
Philippines Mission		\$6,035.00
Tanzania Mission		\$1,790.00
CCAP		\$5,000.00
Jones Music Fund	\$2,000.00	\$1,602.00
Student Missions		\$255.00
Memorial		\$7,625.00
Other		\$4,199.47

*\*Note: Monthly electronic deposits are credited to the closest Sunday*

Worship Services, September 5:

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

**Regular Worship Service Schedule  
and Sunday School  
Resume September 12**

Worship Services:

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

Sunday School:

9:45 a.m.



***Please Pick Up Your Newsletter at Church***

In the interest of better stewardship, we are working to reduce postage costs. Starting in October with next month's issue of the *Bethel Banner*, **we will no longer routinely mail our newsletter out.** Instead we're asking Bethel members who subscribe to the paper *Banner* to pick up a copy at the church.

If you are homebound or would otherwise have difficulty picking up the *Banner*, please contact the church office -- we'll be more than happy to mail your copy.

And of course, the latest issue of the *Banner* is always available on our website, right here:

<http://bethelwinchester.com/pdf/BethelBanner.pdf>

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Director of Communications Ministries: Anna Havron  
Director of Finance: Tricia Dietz  
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Nursery Supervisor: Mollie Farris  
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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