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September 2008

The Bethel Beat

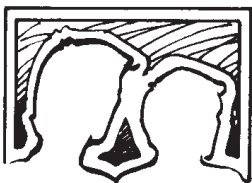
Twabumbogo Partnership

Have you bought all your school supplies?

Are you past those days?

As we start a new school year the children in Twabumbogo continue theirs. Their new school year begins in January, but now is an opportunity to give towards their needs.

Just \$5.00 can provide a uniform, shoes, pencils and a notebook. To join in this special opportunity, place your donation in the pencil box on the vestibule table.



2nd Annual All Sons Picnic Saturday, September 27, 5:00 p.m.

Come to the pavilion for food, fellowship, and lots of fun. There is guaranteed to be lots of guy food. Who will drive the golf ball farthest over the trees this year? We are striving for most of the Bethel guys to be here along with many friends!

From the Pastor's Desk

Its county fair time in Indiana County and for many of us that means evenings walking through the fairgrounds enjoying all the sights and sounds. Some are drawn to the midway, others the food vendors; perhaps your favorites are the animal barns or the homemaker's exhibits. The fair is a great time to bump into folks we don't see too often and to see the fruits of the exhibitor's labors. This summer's VBS was about the county fair and the fruits of the Spirit—those wonderful gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control that Paul lists in Galatians 5:22-23. It's a great time to put those fruits on display in our lives as we go to the fair, for they are a grace gift from God.

Paul offers another list in Ephesians 4:11-12, this time about gifts God gives, "that some would be prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry." This is a short list, just a beginning, for God gives us many grace gifts for the work of ministry. God gifts us with as wide a variety of gifts as there are exhibits at the fair, maybe as there are exhibitors or fair goers. We each have gifts, yes that is plural for we are not limited to one particular gift.

As the fall season moves along the session is planning to circulate a gifts and talents survey among us. There will be lists of gifts for you to self identify and list of opportunities for ways to share your talents within and beyond Bethel church. What is it you'd just love to do for Jesus in this corner of the world? Perhaps you already are, great! Perhaps you're keeping a great grace gift hidden, hide it no longer.

On Sunday evening at the fair Lew Sterritt presented the Sermon the Mount. As he worked to train a passive horse he drew the parallel to church members who do not participate. He challenged each of us to be active people of faith. May we accept that challenge, and share the gifts God has given us, just as the fair exhibitors are sharing the fruits of their talents.

Faithfully Yours,

Pastor Bob Goossen

New Pictorial Directory

On **Friday, September 26** (3:00-9:30 p.m.) and **Saturday, September 27** (10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) we will be having Olan Mills in to take pictures of our Bethel families.

Beginning August 31 we will be having sign-up sheets for all to select the best times for your seating. We are in need of volunteers to be here Friday and Saturday to assist with hosting and information gathering. The photographs, should you choose to purchase them will be available by Christmas. There is no charge to have your picture taken to be included in our directory.

We will also have activity pages, so remember to submit your favorite photos to Elaine Perkovich, Mary Lou Thompson, Jan LaMorte or Susan Griffith.

If you have any questions please contact Elaine at 724-357-9409.

Work Day

**Saturday, September 6,
9:06 a.m.**

Lend a hand as we clean the ceiling and repair the roof of the pavilion.

Celebrations in September

Happy Birthday!

- 2 Tim Schroth
- 2 Jim Workman
- 3 Judy Fancella
- 4 Aliyah Kendall
- 9 Matthew Griffith
Tisha Cochran
- 10 Jared Wardo
- 11 Dick Thompson
- 13 Trisha Allison
- 14 Sally Hummel
- 22 Michelle Taddie
- 24 Amanda Horrell
- 25 Heidi Allison
Ryan Jackson
- 27 Carl George
- 29 Christina Stone

Happy Anniversary!

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- 3 Art & Judy Fancella
- 4 Rusty & Heather
Barnhart
- 10 Jason & Janelle Kish
- 14 Jim & Faith Workman
- 22 George & Connie
Wardo
- 25 David & Donna
Schroth
- 30 Jack & Peggy Phipps

New Addresses

Trisha Allison
2593 Hampshire Rd.
Suite 14
Cleveland Heights, Ohio
44106

Joselyn & Greg Harvey
644 S. 5th St.
Indiana, PA 15701

Free

The trustees would be delighted to pass along our older model stair glide. You may have it for the simple act of removing it. Contact Adam Good

Pray for New 2008-2009 S. S. Teaching Teams

Children's Superintendent: Michelle Good
Assistant Children's Superintendent: Amanda Horrell
Secretary: Cheryl Taddie
Early Childhood: Lesa Kendall, Kathy McGahey & Adam Good
One Big Classroom: Debbie Risinger, Missy Travis, Sue Bernd
Junior Youth: Fran Schroth, Chris Goossen & Donna Schroth,
Senior Youth: Wendy Sturiale, Jessica Risinger & Rick Topeka
Young Adults: Bob Goossen, coordinating
Glory Room Class: Marge Mikesell, Marilyn Cochran & Ted Predko

Away At College

Kristen Taddie, PA College of Optometry, Philadelphia.
Jessica Risinger, IUP
Trisha Allison, Case Western Reserve-Cleveland, Ohio
Emily Allison, Lebanon Valley College
Christa Sturiale, University of Pittsburgh
Casey Sturiale, University of West Virginia
Nick Cowoski, IUP
Michelle Taddie, IUP

Flu Shot Clinic

Wednesday, October 8, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Bethel members and folks from the area are welcome to get a flu shot here at the church on October 8. The clinic will be held in conjunction with the senior's lunch. If you'd like to have lunch please make a reservation by calling 724-349-4500. Due to changes in federal regulations, there will not be any other opportunity to receive flu shots here at Bethel.

Financial Report

Checking Account

July 2008
Income \$ 7,228.00
Expenses \$ 6,829.26

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday-Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Church: 724-479-2465 Pastor's Home: 724-479-8338
Pastor's E-mail: bobg@bethelpc.net
Church Website: www.bethelpc.net
(under construction)

Who is God Calling?

Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 p.m.
The nominating committee will begin the process of calling a new class of officers to serve our church. Is God calling you to serve? Pray for yourself, others and the committee as they prepare for this important work. If you have any suggestions please pass them along to Bob Schroth, Mike Travis, Adam Good, Tom Mikesell, Cheryl Taddie, or Ted Predko.

Custodian Opportunity

Elaine Perkovich has served for several years as our custodian and is ready to pass the job on to the next person. We are deeply grateful for all the energy and loving care Elaine has provided for our property. If you are interested in our custodian's position please contact Mike Travis, Chelsea Steigert or Pastor Bob for details.

The Bethel Beat

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Celebration at the Village

St. Andrew's celebrates Grandparents Day Saturday, September 6 Noon-4:30 p.m.

Antique and Classic Car Show
The Musical Group "American Pie"
A Village and Community wide event!

Bethel Bunch

Saturday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.

We'll gather at for a potluck in order to make plans for our upcoming year's activities. If you can host the evening please speak to Bob. A menu and sign-up sheet are posted on the vestibule bulletin board.

Softball

Once again the Blairsville/Bethel Softball Team had another successful season winning the regular season title with a 22-1 record; then winning the runner-up trophy in the playoffs with a 25-3 ending. Members of the team with the Bethel connection included Dave Orr, Tim Stewart, Adam Stewart, Chris Nehrig, Tyler Nehrig, Nick Goossen, John Steigert, Chelsea Steigert, Tim Allison and Scott Griffith. Other team members were Molly Carr, Adam Carnahan, Scott Sarver, Jason Miloser, Mike Neal, Eric Jasper, Brian Danna, and Adam Doak. Congratulations to all in a great season.

Men's Group Breakfast

Sunday, September 7, 8:30 a.m.

Join us for breakfast as we kick-off the fall season. We'll make our game plan for the "All Son's Picnic" This is a prime opportunity to become a part of this fun loving, spirit filled, fellowship group. Men of all ages are welcome!

PW Mission Trip

September 23, 24, 25

On September 23, seven ladies from Bethel's Missionary Society will leave on a mission trip to New Windsor, Maryland to help fold clothing and pack projects to send overseas. They will take with them 20 health kits and a donation of postage money to help with the New Windsor mission projects. The ladies going this year are: Carol Allison, Charlotte Overman, Dora Predko, Eulene Risinger, Sara Shankle, Jean Walker and Eleanor Winsheimer. This is always a great trip as we join with other ladies of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery and do some sight seeing and shopping on our way to Maryland.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped make our quilt and antique tractor shows a great success. There were 170 quilts and 35 tractors and equipment on display. The Ladies Missionary Society earned a profit of \$870 thanks to all of you. We appreciate your help and participation. Would you like to see a similar show next year?

On behalf of the Missionary Society,
Hazel Johnston and Eleanor Winsheimer

Thanks to everyone who donated food and drinks for our concession stand at the Quilt/Tractor show. We made approximately \$500 which will be put to good use. Thanks again.

The Bethel Bunch

Bethel Golf Outing

This years outing was again a great time with 25 golfers (hackers) enjoying a beautiful day on the links. Skilled shot winners for the day were Scott Sarver (twice), Ted Allison, Adam Stewart, and Jason Miloser. The third place team included Mike Neal, Scott Sarver, Tara Sarver and Chelsea Steigert. Followed by the second place team of Eric Jasper, Tyler Jasper, Jason Miloser, and Lauren Ruddock. With the team of Tom Allison, Ted Allison, Tim Allison and Tom Stormer finishing first at 3 under par. Thanks again for the nice turnout.

Youth Group

Sunday, September 14, 6:30 p.m.

Bethel Youth Group will launch the new year with a mystery supper. Everyone should meet at the church. You absolutely positively will want to be present for this amazing evening! Guaranteed!!
Chelsea Steigert,
BYG Coordinator

Missionary Society

Thursday, September 11 7:00 p.m.

Dora Predko will lead our devotions. Our program "Making a Difference" will feature George Hnatko, Jr. from the Eastern Orthodox Foundation. We will be gathering needed paper products, kitchen supplies of baggies, trash bags, and also light bulbs, to help serve the residents. Hostesses are Jean Walker and Betty Stewart. Come join us.

Bibles for Your Home

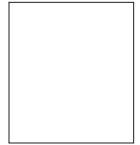
We have copies of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, in the same format as our pew Bible. They are available for \$12.00 in the church office.

Congratulations

... to Sally Cowoski and Eric Hummel who were married on August 8. They are at home at: 16134 Magnolia Hill St. Clermont, FL 34714 352-432-5061 hummelfla@yahoo.com



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September 2008 Calendar for Bethel Church Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy Labor Day	2	3 7:00 p.m. - Nominating Committee	4 Presbytery's Rwanda team departs	5	6 9:06 a.m. - Work Day
7 8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast 11:00 a.m. - Food Pantry Collection	8	9 7:00 p.m. - Presbytery at Worthington	10 8:30 a.m. - Ministerium, Pastor Bob @ a conference	11 7:00 p.m. - Missionary Society	12	13 6:00 p.m. - Bethel Bunch, Pot Luck Supper
14 Worship in the Pavilion 6:30 p.m. - BYG	15 7:00 p.m. - Session/Trustees Meeting	16	17 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20
		Pastor Bob-Reading Week				
21	22	23	24 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal	25	26 3:00 -9:30 p.m. - Directory Pictures	27 10:00 a.m-5:00 p.m. - Directory Pictures 5:00 p.m. - All Son's Picnic @ the pavilion
		PW Mission Trip to New Windsor				
28	29 7:30 p.m. - Cemetery Board	30	We gather on Sundays for Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m.			