

Loving God  
Following  
Jesus  
Serving All



Newsletter of Bethel Presbyterian Church

June 2010

# The Bethel Beat

## To the Church Triumphant

**George T. Good**  
May 16, 2010

**Hazel E. McIntire**  
May 22, 2010

**John G. "Jack" Phipps**  
May 30, 2010

## All Church Picnic

**Sunday, June 27**

Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Praising God at the Dox!  
Picnic at the pavilion following.

Bring a covered dish, your own service, and a lawn chair for the afternoon and plenty of energy for games for all ages. No Sunday School on June 27 or July 4.

## Summer Camp

There are still opportunities to attend summer camp at Ligonier, Westminster or Lambec. Contact Pastor Bob for info.

## From the Pastor's Desk

**"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." ~Psalm 127:1**

It was the summer of 2009 when I encouraged the session to engage the congregation in some sort of a focused outreach event. Together we developed plans and hopes and dreams for what we dubbed, "Building the Puzzle." We hoped that the church would be filled on one Sunday in September with friends and visitors and all of the good folk of Bethel. That Sunday arrived and we were ready, but the crowd did not materialize. We were sad to have to ask ourselves, "how was this an excellent failure?" Our conclusion: we weren't in tune with God's time. How could we expect everyone to want to come and join us on our day, rather than at the moment when they wanted, needed to come.

And then the Lord moved, in some special marvelous wondrous way, the Lord moved. Here and there over the Sundays of the remainder of 2009 visitors came, in their own time. Many stayed, now they have joined the church. Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit first stirred the church into a new form with more than 3,000 people responding to the good news. This Pentecost we celebrated with the reception for 8 confirmands and 10 adult new members. Additionally the session restored four inactive folks to the active roll in May. We also said good bye to three members who joined the church triumphant. Our 148 members became 167. Thanks be to God, who does all things good.

Now as we continue to strive to join the Lord in the building of God's house, the Bethel family, we are challenged to find time to spend with all these good folks. Time to share a word or three after church, time to sit a spell and have a good visit, time to invite them to join in with the fun of these summer days, time to invite them into our homes and enjoy the blessings God has in store for us all.

In Christ's Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Goossen'.

Pastor Bob Goossen

## Celebrations in June

### Happy Birthday!

4 Shari Topeka  
9 Hazel Johnston  
10 Ralph Greene  
14 Ed Nehrig  
14 Kristen Taddie  
15 Eleanor Winsheimer  
16 Peggy Phipps  
16 Chuck Sturiale  
18 Connie Wardo  
20 Bob Goossen  
20 Susan Griffith  
22 Cheryl Taddie  
29 Colin Greene  
29 Rick Topeka

### Happy Anniversary!

2 Don & Phyllis  
Streams  
11 Jim & Cindy  
Allison  
12 Burton & Eleanor  
Winsheimer  
15 Russell & Eulene  
Risinger  
22 Nathan & Sarah  
Good  
29 Jim & Judy  
Henry

## In the Mailbox

**Saturday, June 12  
4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Ebenezer Strawberry  
Festival & Bazaar

## Fair Trade Coffee

Packages of regular and decaffeinated coffee are available for purchase in the Glory Room.

## VBS 2010

### Pirates of Praise! People of Praise! Making Praising God FUN!

Ahoy Mateys! Vacation Bible School will soon be setting sail on our great "C" Adventure! Arrgghhhh... Register now! You do not want to miss the boat! Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of the church. Please turn your forms in by June 6th, 2010! Anchors Away! Can't wait to set sail with you!! Get your registrations in now... or walk the plank!

### Calling All Deckhands!!

Time to "swab the decks" and get this VBS ready to set sail! We need your help! We are still looking for deckhands (that means helpers)! We really need help with set-up! Sunday, June 20th at 3:00 p.m. (P.S. There is a rumor that we will be having birthday cake and ice cream for all who come to help!) This VBS adventure is one that you won't want to miss! If you are available, please join us this fun-filled week for a day, or two, or the whole week! We can use your help; let us know you can help soon! We also need a lot of snacks to stock our snack galley! The sign up sheets are in the vestibule! Please help us feed our hungry crew! We are still in need of some decorations too; if you are able to lend any of the following items to our VBS décor, please mark them with your name and place them on the table in the basement marked VBS: any fishing related items such as fishing nets, old fishing poles, etc., parrot toys, treasure chests, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Missy by phone or email. Arrgghhhh... Deckhands!!

How Can You Help Make VBS 2010 a Sailing Success??

- Volunteering your time and talents during VBS week
- Donating food for the food gallery
- Decorating VBS with décor and your help on Sunday

If you are able help or have any questions, please contact Missy Travis. Home: 724-463-8477, Cell: 724-840-9127 or Email: emailmiss@yahoo.com

## Summer Sunday School Classes

June 6 will kick off our summer quarter of Sunday school. We will combine our classes into fewer groups for the summer and have lots of fun together. There will be no Sunday School on June 27 and July 4.

## Bethel Missionary Society

**Thursday, June 10  
7:00 p.m.**

Our evening Devotions and Bible Study, Lessons 2 and 3 from Joshua, "A Journey of Faith-A Leader is Called; and Entry Into the Land" will be presented by Dora Predko. Margaret Bruner and Eleanor Winsheimer are hostesses for the evening.

## The Bethel Beat

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## Antique Tractor and Vintage Fashion Show

**Saturday, July 10**

The Missionary Society will hold an antique show of tractors and cars, and a vintage fashion show of fashions from 1890-1960, here at Bethel. Watch for fliers with the complete information for the days activities.

## Summer Servants... "Love Like Crazy"

**July 25-30**

Be a best friend, tell the truth, and overuse I Love You. Go to work, do your best, don't outsmart your common sense.

Never let your praying knees get lazy and "Love like crazy."

Join with youth from Blairsville Presbyterian Church and other friends as we give a week of our summer in local service. Camp out, do home repairs, share great times. Cost is \$100, due June 30 with a \$25 nonrefundable deposit due now, or as soon as you can. Get a form and more info from the church office.

## Westminster Highlands Spiritual Retreat

**Wednesday, June 23**

For those 55 and older who are "Active in the Spirit."

To register call 724-738-0058 by June 18. Cost of \$25 includes lunch and dinner!

## West Virginia Mission Trip

Bethel mission trippers will venture to wild wonderful West Virginia June 6-12. Kopperston (45 minutes west of Beckley) and surrounding areas will be the sight of our labors. We anticipate doing window and porch repairs, building a well house and insulating and skirting a trailer. We'll strive to be open to whatever work Harry asks us to do on behalf of the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps.

Making the venture will be Jane and Dick Thompson, Mike and Glenn Travis, Josh Jones, Emily and Megan Topeka, Jill Overman, Jeremy and John Risinger, Michael, Matt and Ed Griffith, Amanda and Serena McCaulley, Bob Goossen and a group of friends from the United Presbyterian Church of Blairsville.

## Financial Report

**April 2010**

Regular Income	\$6,289.46
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$635.68
Regular Expenses	\$7,914.72
Exceptional Expenses	
Summer Camp and	
Mission Trips	\$3,470.00
Drainage Repairs	\$3,384.85

Our giving has fallen behind our expenses and with some special project work we are thankful to have had some money set aside to cover these expenses. As we head into the summer please keep your stewardship strong so we can meet our regular expenses. Thank you.

## PC (U.S.A.) General Assembly

The General Assembly will meet July 3-10 in Minneapolis, MN. You can follow all the activities at the pcusa.org web site. Please keep our commissioners in your prayers. Rev. Boyd Edmundson from Marienville and Sigel, Rev. Marty Cartmell from St. Paul's and St. Benedict in Northern Cambria, Elders Marilyn Tully of Beechwoods and Betty Grunstra of Brookville.

## Rwanda Visitors

Kiskiminetas Presbytery will host Pastor Eugene and two young people from our Gitarama partner churches in July. Our younger visitors will join with a group of youth from the Presbytery in attending Triennium in Perdue, Indiana. Pastor Eugene will be in the northern part of the Presbytery for the first half of his time here and then in our area. Bethel has been asked to host an evening in the pavilion for area partner church members on July 21. More details as we get closer, but mark your calendars now for a very special evening!



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## June 2010 Calendar for Bethel Church Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 p.m. Presbytery Committee, Punxsy	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:00 a.m. - Mens Group at Eat 'n Park 11:00 a.m. - Baptism of Lily Good, Red Wagon Food Pantry Collection	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 p.m. Missionary Society	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Mission Trip to Kopperston, WV						
<b>13</b> 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Pavillion	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 11:00 a.m. - Twabumbogo Partnership Sunday 3:00 p.m. - VBS Decorating	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
9:00 a.m. - Noon, Vacation Bible School						
<b>27</b> No Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - Celebrating Bible School Noon - All Church Picnic	<b>28</b> 7:00 p.m. Session	<b>29</b> 10:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting, Elderton	<b>30</b>	<b>We gather on Sundays for Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m.</b>		