

*Loving God  
Following  
Jesus  
Serving All*



Newsletter of Bethel Presbyterian Church

April 2013

# The Bethel Beat

## Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday, April 27,  
4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Sign-up sheets will be posted for help with the dinner and/or to contribute food items. We appreciate all the help and we welcome any one who can assist. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-12 (under age of 5 eat free). Eat in or carry out is available. Tickets will be available from Missionary Society members or at the door.

## Help Get Out The Word!

Plans are being made to form an outreach committee for Bethel. While we as members know what goes on at Bethel, we would like to become a bigger presence in the community. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please see Pastor Terry or a session member.

## A Note from Terry...

All of us deal with some kind of fear. As I prepared to come here and serve you I have to admit that I dealt with a certain amount of fear...specifically the fear of failure as well as the fear of disappointment. I wasn't so much afraid that I would be disappointed but that you would be disappointed. What if I wasn't good enough, didn't know enough, or wasn't up to the task.

If we let it, fear can stop us dead in our tracks. What do you fear? Is it pain, poor health, financial failure, or maybe the unknown? Fear follows us everywhere we go, and all too often we cling to it like a struggling swimmer hanging on to an inner tube. But God understands our fear and he is very clear about the subject. In Isaiah 41:10 he says, "Don't panic. I'm with you. There's no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, I'll keep a firm grip on you." (the Message) We are commanded not to live in fear because we have everything we need in the person of Jesus Christ. That's why He came as a baby. That's why He died. That's why He defeated death. So we wouldn't have to be afraid.

As Christians we know that. Death is only the beginning. This past Easter... every Easter (every Sunday if you want to be truthful about it) we celebrate Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Christ did not die in vain. Rather, His death secured our fate. Whatever comes our way in this earthly life, we can rest in the assurance that we serve a fair and loving God who cares about the most pressure filled and fearful parts of our day as well as the routine and boring.

Jesus came so that we may have life, and in the midst of that give and take, He gave us freedom... freedom from sin and above all, freedom from fear.

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matt. 6:33-34, NIV).

God promises to give us just enough grace for each day, but we must keep our focus on Jesus and not allow our fears to paralyze us. Never forget that His love for you and I is unconditional, His sacrifice unmatched, His grace, sufficient. Let go of the inner tube and put your faith and trust in Christ and Christ alone.

In His Service,  
Pastor Terry

## Celebrations in April

### Happy Birthdays!

1 Alyssa Taddie  
 4 Don Streams  
 7 Sonya Shamberger  
 10 Josh Jones  
 11 Rebecca George  
 13 John Morgan  
 Risinger  
 14 Jessica Overman  
 14 Hannah Stone  
 18 Sandy Shamberger  
 20 Jane Thompson  
 24 Donna Schroth  
 24 Mary Lou Thompson  
 25 Bonnie Overman  
 26 Tenley Kish  
 26 Megan Topeka  
 26 Tom Bruner  
 27 Janelle Kish  
 28 Phyllis Streams  
 29 George Ream  
 29 Emmy McLaughlin

### Happy Anniversary!

2 Tom & Marge  
 Mikesell  
 24 Harold & Lillian  
 Kinter

## The Bethel Beat

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## Youth Mission & Camp Auction

Our 18th Annual Youth Mission and Camp Auction was an afternoon filled with much success. Together we raised a grand total of \$3,419.00. Our heartfelt thanks to all who gave so generously.

It is time to get registered for this summer's camping season. Camps are open to those from age 9 through 16 with a wide variety of programs depending on your particular interests. There are opportunities available at Ligonier, Lambec and Westminster Highlands. Please help pass along the word about these great summer opportunities

## Financial Report

### Monthly Receipts Financial Study

Reg. Giving	2012	2013
January	\$7,549.11	\$8,057.73
February	\$6,631.60	\$9,080.49
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		

**Total** \$94,933.10 \$17,138.22

**Mon. Avg.** \$7,911.09 \$8,569.11

February Regular Offerings	\$9,080.49
February Regular Expenses	\$6,729.81
Variance	\$2,350.68
2013 Offerings to date	\$17,138.22
2013 Regular Expenses	\$14,810.80
Variance	\$2,327.42
2012 Offerings	\$14,180.71
Variance	\$2,957.51

## Confirmation Class

**Saturday, April 6,  
 13, 20  
 10:00 a.m.**

Confirmation classes are being held for youth ages 13 and older. If you are interested in joining the church or would like to know what being a member is all about please see Pastor Terry.

## Men's Group

**Sunday, April 7  
 8:00 a.m.**

The men's group will meet in the church kitchen. All men of the church are welcome to join us for breakfast.

## Missionary Society

**Thursday, April 11  
 7:00 p.m.**

The Bethel Missionary Society will meet at the church. Peggy Phipps and Hazel Edna Johnston are the hostesses for the evening. Lesson Three, "A Spiritual House and Household Matters", will be led by Ginny Nehrig.

## Don't Forget!

The following groups are reminded to check their mailboxes in the office: session, deacons, cemetery board, trustees, missionary society and Christian ed.

## Bethel Youth Group

**Sunday, April 7  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Meet at the church for mission trip and summer planning

**Sunday, April 21  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Meet at the church

**Sunday, May 5**

Cinco de Mayo party at the Travis home

**Sunday, May 19  
6:00 p.m.**

Campfire at the church pavillion

## Spring Cleaning

**Saturday, April 13,  
9:00 a.m.**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us to clean God's house. Lunch will be provided by the trustees!

## PW Spring Gathering

**Saturday, April 20  
10:00 a.m.**

The Presbyterian Women will hold their Spring Gathering at the Apollo Presbyterian Church.

## Roadside Cleanup

Plans are being made to hold a roadside cleanup along Bethel Church Road. If you would like to help or have questions, see Tim Allison.

## With Thanks

The Missionary Society would like to thank all the workers who met at the church on February 9. Due all the hard work that day, 13 quilts were knotted and 20 lap robes were recently taken to Indian Haven. The society acknowledges with gratitude all the work that Dottie Sesock does sewing our projects and to Ginny Nehrig for all the binding of the quilts.

We wish to thank Harry Stewart and his family for all the beautiful fabric that has been donated to the society to make many more quilts and lap robes for those in need.

We feel very blessed that we are able have our own little storage corner in the church basement for our many totes of fabric. Thanks to Ed & Ginny Nehrig for donating 50% of the cost of building us a closet.



Thank you to all the volunteers and parents who helped make the Easter party such a joyful afternoon. The Easter egg hunt was held outside and the Easter bunny even stopped by to join in the fun. Thanks again.

## Batter Up!

Calling all ballplayers! If you are interested in joining the Bethel Presbyterian Church softball team, please contact John Steigert at 724-422-1085. The league is open to players 13 and older. Games will begin April 29.

## Local Church Service

The purpose of this committee is to help serve the church and local community by loving God, Following Jesus, and Serving All. Funeral dinners are a local church activity of love provided by the Bethel Missionary Society to families of the Bethel Church community who request it. There is no set charge for these dinners. Donations are welcome, but not required. Contact a Bethel Missionary Society member for arrangements or more information.

## Exploring Membership for Adults

If you have been worshipping with us for awhile and would like to make Bethel your church home, contact Pastor Terry about joining the new member's class. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour.

## Prayer Chain

Do you have a prayer request? Most of the emergencies in life for which we'd like prayers don't happen just before Sunday worship. If you or someone you love needs our prayers contact Louise Bowman at 724-726-9091. If you sense God calling you to join our prayer chain please make the same contact.

## Vacation Bible School

**June 17-21  
5:30 p.m.**

Mark you calendars. This year Vacation Bible School will begin at 5:30 p.m., please note the change in time, with a quick, kid friendly meal, followed by lots of learning, games and fun. Thank you to Michelle Good who will serve as the director this year. Stay tuned for more information.



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## April 2013 Calendar for Bethel Church Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
<b>7</b> 8:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast 11:00 a.m. – Red Wagon Food Pantry Collection, Patterson & Horrell Baptisms 6:00 p.m. – Youth Group	<b>8</b> 7:00 p.m. Session	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 p.m. Missionary Society	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00 a.m. Spring Cleanup 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class, PW Spring Gathering
<b>21</b> 11:00 a.m. – Twabumbogo Partnership Sunday 6:00 p.m. – Youth Group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 4:00-7:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p><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></p> </div>			