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Newsletter of Bethel Presbyterian Church

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The Bethel Beat

Get Ready!

The annual Bethel Auction to support campers and mission trip folk will be in mid-March, the date is not confirmed yet. There are only about eight weeks to complete your projects to be auctioned off. Jane Thompson is organizing the auction this year.

Bethel Men's Group

**Sunday, February 5
8:00 a.m.**

Our men's group will meet in the church kitchen. All men of the church are welcome. Breakfast is free, donations are accepted.

Plans for the year include working with the youth on projects. Bring your ideas and join us.

The Bethel Beat

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Interim Pastor

The Session is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached to have Reverend William King become our Interim Pastor. Pastor Bill comes to us with extensive experience as an interim pastor, most recently with the West Sunbury Church in Butler County. He will be celebrating his 30th anniversary as an ordained minister on January 31, 2012.

Pastor Bill is no stranger to the area. He served as Interim Associate Pastor at Graystone Church in Indiana from 1998-2001. He resides in Cowansville, Armstrong County, with his wife, Mary, who is Pastor at Cowansville Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Bill will begin his service at Bethel on January 23. Please join us in welcoming him to Bethel at our congregational meeting and luncheon on January 29 following church service.

Bethel Secretary

For anyone who may have missed the announcement from the Personnel Committee of the Session. Bethel's first ever secretary was hired at the December Session meeting. We are happy to welcome Jill Wolford to our church. Jill lives in Torrance with her husband Terry and three children.

She is very familiar with the operation of a church office since she has been the Presbyterian Church of Blairsville's secretary for the past 11 years. Jill has experience working at a church with no minister, an interim minister and a permanent pastor. She definitely will be an asset during our pulpit search period. We are fortunate to be able to share Jill with Blairsville and benefit from her many skills.

Jill will be in the Church office two days per week from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Presently she is working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, though days may change during the year. She asks that you don't hesitate to communicate with her by leaving messages on the church answering machine, depositing bulletin announcements in the file on the office door or stopping by to say hi. Welcome Jill!

Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held Sunday, January 29th following worship. A covered dish luncheon will be served with the meeting to follow. Please bring a covered dish to share and table service; beverages will be provided. Come and hear Bethel's 2011 Year in Review and welcome Interim Pastor Bill King.

Belated Celebrations in January

Happy Birthday!

- 5 Cal Sesock
- 5 Bob Schroth
- 12 Ann Nicholls
- 19 Glenn Travis
- 19 George R. Wardo
- 20 Morgan Cochran
- 23 Louise Bowman
- 23 Justin Horrell
- 24 Amanda McCaulley
- 24 Jane McGee
- 24 Heather Barnhart
- 25 Lindsey Cowoski
- 26 Nathan Good
- 27 Liam Randolph
- 30 Lillian Kinter

Happy Anniversary!

- 2 George & Jo Wardo
- 5 Rick & Shari Topeka
- 16 John & Jan LaMorte

Thank You

Dear Bethel Deacons,
Thank you for thinking of me this holiday. The gift card to Eat n'Park will come in handy some night after a busy day of student teaching. Thank you again.

~Casey Sturiale

Wednesdays in Lent

During Lent friends from Good Shepherd, Crete and Bethel will gather each Wednesday for lunch and a time of study. Check the church bulletin and Sunday announcements for time, dates and location.

Missionary Society

**Saturday, February 11,
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Our February meeting will be held Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All ladies are invited to come and help knot quilts. Bring lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided by hostesses, Marilyn Bruner and Ginny Nehrig.

The sewing committee, Eleanor Winsheimer, Dottie Sesock, Ginny Nehrig and Eulene Risinger will have this year's quilts ready for knotting. Many thanks to the ladies who helped lay them out and to Dottie Sesock for sewing them. We would love to have your help.

Orders will be taken for Stanley products in the morning. Booklets with the products listed are in the coatroom, or check with a member of the society.

Missionary Society Quilts

In 2011 the Ladies Missionary Society made 19 quilts. Four were given to the American Red Cross; three to ICCAP; three to Blacklick Homeless Shelter; two to fire victims. Six were sold for fund raising with the money being used for mission projects. One quilt was given as a gift to Goossens.

We have some in storage so if you know a needy family contact Ginny Nehrig.

Financial Report:

December Regular Offerings	\$7,837.50
December Regular Expenses	\$4,309.66
Variance	\$3,527.84
Year to Date Offerings	\$94,858.10
2011 Regular Expenses	\$85,183.24
Variance	\$9,674.86
2010 Offerings	\$85,846.96
Variance	\$9,011.14

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something."

~ Edward Everett Hale

Celebrations in February

Happy Birthday!

- 2 Judy Henry
- 2 Dave McCracken
- 4 Debbie Risinger
- 6 Tom Mikesell
- 10 Tyler Nehrig
- 12 Heather Greene
- 15 Beth Schroth
- 17 Alysa George
- 24 Michelle Good
- 26 Jessica Jones

Happy Anniversary!

- 18 Fred & Ann Nicholls
- 20 Jason & Cindy Stewart

January 2012 Calendar of Events

- 22: 11:00 a.m. – Worship
- 24: 7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting
- 29: 11:00 a.m. – Worship with Rev. William King
Noon – Congregational Covered Dish Luncheon, Annual Meeting following
- 31: 30th Anniversary of Rev. Bill King's Ordination





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February 2012 Calendar for Bethel Church Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Red Wagon Food Pantry Collection	6	7	8	9	10	11 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Missionary Society
12	13 7:00 p.m. Session	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Community Worship at Good Shepherd	23	24	25
26 11:00 a.m. Communion First Sunday in Lent	27	28	29 Lenten Lunch and Bible Study	We gather on Sundays for Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m.		