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Jesus  
Serving All*



Newsletter of Bethel Presbyterian Church

July/August 2013

# The Bethel Beat

## Happy Birthday Bethel!

Wednesday, July 17  
7:00 p.m.

Someone said, "You know, all this birthday talk didn't really click with me until I heard your sermon on the Sunday after the 4th of July. When you said that we had just celebrated the 237th birthday of our independence I thought wow...and this is the 225th birthday of Bethel. That *is* something to celebrate!" And celebrate we will, but first we have to make some plans. There will be a birthday planning meeting on July 17 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested or if you have mentioned some ideas on what we could do please plan to attend this meeting. We need everybody's help to make this a memorable birthday.

## A Note from Terry...

It's summer! Time to kick back and take it easy. Really? So far, this summer has been action packed. Just in our lives here at the church there was the spaghetti dinner and VBS. By the time you get this newsletter the vintage wedding dress & antique show will be a thing of the past and we will be setting our sights on the "UB4Me" Youth in Mission project.

Upcoming will be our 225th birthday celebration and beyond that... well it makes me dizzy to think of what's beyond that. The really crazy thing is that none of that includes anything in our personal lives; No vacations, no picnics, no ballgames, reunions or new babies (you know where my mind is), etc. In all of that busy-ness does it seem as though the days are rushing by? Maybe it's just my age but time is going by much too quickly.

In the NLT, Psalm 39:6 says this: "We are merely moving shadows, and all our busy rushing ends in nothing."

Don't let life pass you by. Make sure that every moment counts Take some time to re-prioritize what is truly important. Take note of what is on your schedule that will ultimately end in nothing and let it go? Sometimes, even letting go of some things that are good helps us make time for what is best; God, husband, children, family, friends and those in need.

As we struggle to meet our deadlines in the days and weeks ahead, let's pray for God's priorities. "Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered – how fleeting my life is." (Psalm 39:4 NLT)

In His Service,  
Pastor Terry

## Celebrations in July

### Happy Birthday!

2 Jim Randolph  
 4 Emily Topeka  
 7 Jim Nehrig  
 9 Taryne Kish  
 12 Matthew Schroth  
 18 Maleia Good  
 26 Garret Greene  
 29 Michael Griffith  
 29 Russ Risinger

### Happy Anniversary!

3 John & Chelsea Steigert  
 5 Mike & Missy Travis  
 9 Randy & Leisa Bruner  
 9 Scott & Mary Douglas

## Congrats!

Belated congratulations go out to Alyssa Taddie who recently graduated from IUP. Her plans are to attend the PA College of Optometry at Salus University in Philadelphia in the fall.

## The Bethel Beat

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## July Schedule of Events

Monday, July 15 – 7:00 p.m.

Session meeting

Wednesday, July 17 – 7:00 p.m.

Church Birthday planning meeting

Sunday, July 21 – 11:00 a.m.

Worship in the Pavilion, Twabumbogo Partnership

Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26

Local Youth in Mission – UB4Me

Sunday, July 28 – 11:00 a.m.

Jessica Risinger Mission Trip Service

Monday, July 29 – 6:30 p.m.

Christian Ed Meeting

## 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	\$7,659.20	\$9,295.83
April	\$8,268.26	\$8,328.09
May	\$7,492.69	\$7,455.00
June	\$8,033.63	
July	\$7,365.75	
August	\$7,822.43	
September	\$8,269.27	
October	\$7,499.43	
November	\$6,197.75	
December	\$9,145.60	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$91,934.72</b>	<b>\$42,217.14</b>
<b>Mon. Avg.</b>	<b>\$7,661.22</b>	<b>\$8,443.43</b>

May Regular Offerings	\$7,455.00
May Regular Expenses	\$5,446.50
Variance	\$2,008.50

2013 Offerings to date	\$42,217.14
2013 Regular Expenses	\$30,739.77
Variance	\$11,477.37

2012 Offerings	\$37,600.86
Variance	\$4,616.28

## Celebrations in August

### Happy Birthday!

1 Logan Barnhart  
 3 Scott Griffith  
 4 Vicki Gibson  
 4 Jan LaMorte  
 7 Jean Shields  
 8 Derek Patterson  
 9 Adam Good  
 13 Wes Bruner  
 15 Abbygail Travis  
 15 Chelsea Steigert  
 15 Casey Carnahan  
 20 Jessica Risinger  
 20 Krystle Rupert  
 29 Angel McCracken  
 30 Sandra Baker

### Happy Anniversary!

8 Eric & Sally Hummell  
 12 Jim & Becky Randolph  
 17 Chip & Bev Capriani  
 22 Rich & Vicki Gibson

## Missionary Society

There is no missionary society meeting in August. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m.

## Don't Forget!

Church groups are reminded to check their mailboxes located in the church office.

<p><b>Softball Schedule</b>  <b>Friday, July 19</b>  <b>6:00 &amp; 7:15 p.m.</b>  Come on out to the ballgame and cheer on the Bethel Presbyterian Church softball team. The team will play a doubleheader on Friday with both games at Summit Church. Playoffs are scheduled to begin the week of July 22. Check the schedule at <a href="http://www.scorebook.com/churchsoftball">www.scorebook.com/churchsoftball</a> for playoff dates and times.</p>	<p><b>Youth Mission Project</b>  <b>Monday, July 22 – Friday, July 26</b>  Next week marks the beginning of our summer Youth in Mission project. The theme for this year is UB4me and things are all beginning to come together. We've got the work lined up, we've got a place to stay, and we haven't forgot about the food and the fun. Hope you are ready to get out there and "git r done!" Applications and information are available at the church or by email or snail mail.  We are looking for more campers as well as willing adults, who like to laugh and serve, to give us guidance and friendship as we put the needs of others before our own... but time is running out. If you need more info please see Pastor Terry as soon as possible. We'll be looking for you.</p>	<p><b>Sunday School Launch</b>  <b>Sunday, September 8</b>  <b>9:30 a.m.</b>  Sunday school will kick off for the Fall the Sunday after Labor Day. Please note that this means there will be no Sunday school on September 1. We will kick off with a back to Sunday School Breakfast to which the entire congregation is invited. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite breakfast casserole, coffee cake, or other breakfast item to share. During this time we hope to let everyone know about the classes that are available and who will be teaching as well as the curriculum each class will be studying. Breakfast will begin at 9:30. If you haven't been to Sunday school for a long time...come back and see what you are missing.</p>
<p><b>Pavilion Worship</b>  We will be worshipping in the pavilion on Sunday, July 21 and Sunday, August 11.</p>	<p><b>Bethel Church Yard Sale</b>  <b>Saturday, Aug. 10, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Setup begins at 6:30 a.m.</b>  The Bethel Men's Group is sponsoring a congregational yard sale so mark your calendar for this one day buy, sell or trade event! If you are interested in participating you can reserve a space for \$10 on the grass. There will be limited spaces available under the pavilion for \$15, and tables are available to rent for \$5. Call 724-479-4146 or see Rich or Vicki Gibson to reserve your space. Please see any men's group member for the rules and regulations.  The men's group will provide concessions and advertising.</p>	<p><b>Office Hours</b>  Monday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m., Thursday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Terry can be reached at 724-840-9770 or 724-479-2465, or <a href="mailto:pastor@bethelpc.net">pastor@bethelpc.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>Men's Group</b>  <b>Sunday, August 4</b>  <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  The men's group will meet in the church kitchen. All men of the church are invited to join us for breakfast.</p>	<p><b>Harvest Home Festival</b>  <b>Sunday, August 25, 7:30 p.m.</b>  The Harvest Home Festival at the Indiana County Fair will feature 2BTrue; a vocal ensemble based in Punxsutawney. From traditional hymns to contemporary praise and worship selections, you'll enjoy the rich harmonies and uplifting message of each song they sing. We hope to see you there.</p>	
<p><b>Bethel Youth Group</b>  <b>August 8-10</b>  Kibbie Island canoe and camping trip hosted by Sue Bernd and Carl George.</p>		



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## August 2013 Calendar for Bethel Church Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <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>				1	2	3
4 8:00 a.m. – Men's Group 11:00 a.m. – Red Wagon Food Pantry Collection	5	6	7	8	9	10 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Church Yard Sale
11 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Pavilion	12 7:00 p.m. Combined Session & Deacon Meeting	13	14	15	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Youth Group Camping Trip</p> </div>	
18 11:00 a.m. Twabumbogo Partnership Sunday	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 7:30 p.m. Harvest Home Festival	26	27	28	29	30	31