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# *The Bethel Beacon*

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Living our faith, sharing God's love.*



## Pastoral Column — May 2023

Have you noticed anything different these days when you come to church? You may first encounter our parking lot attendants who guide you to an open spot and then at the door our Holy Hosts welcomes you with a smile. But it doesn't end there, we have our Ushers who reconnect with you to feel welcomed for the third time. You may also notice some people standing beside me as I greet everyone at the end of the Sunday service. These volunteers have identified the visitors that morning and guide our visitors to the Pavilion room for a meet and greet time with me.

Where did this all come from? It is the collaborative work of our Nurture Committee and members of our Worship Committee that organized Bethel's radical hospitality program. The next time you see any of these volunteers, please be sure to thank them for their love and service.

## Pastor's Column—continued



As you know, this year we had five Sundays in April. On April 30, our youth group took the lead in organizing a wonderful Youth Sunday.

Although some might say our youth group is small, God has blessed us with so many gifted students who can sing, play instruments, and share from their hearts about what God is doing in their lives.

If you haven't seen the service yet, be sure to go online and search for our Sunday April 30th service and be blessed. I am so proud to be the pastor of Bethel because we have so many wonderful parents and youth ministry volunteers that pave the way for our young people to be disciples for Jesus.



## Pastor's Column—continued

### Children's Sunday School

One of the most important ways to answer the question “Why are we doing this?” should include the phrase, “So that...” Why are we starting a Sunday School program for our elementary school children at Bethel? Bethel United Methodist Church believes that living our faith and sharing God's love is our mission “so that” God can help us disciple all our members. We are restarting our Children's Sunday School ministry on May 7th so that our children can also become disciples of Jesus Christ.

You all know that being a disciple is not easy but if we are not committed to planting, nurturing, and leading our next generation to know and love Jesus, then why bother doing “church?” It is our hope that families that join Bethel will see a committed group of adult volunteers pour their knowledge and love of Jesus to their children so that they can know and believe in Jesus as the Son of God who forgives us our sins and gives us eternal life.

Do you know of a family looking for a church to attend? Do you have grandchildren that need a program to grow in the knowledge of Jesus? Then personally invite them to come to our Open House on Sunday, May 7 at 9 AM in the Social Hall so they can learn about our Children's Sunday School and meet our wonderful teachers and volunteers.



### Ted and Betty Zyla's Wedding

On Saturday April 29, Ted Zyla and Betty Pilcher were united in marriage. It was a beautiful service with many of their family and friends witnessing a match made in heaven. The next time you see them, introduce yourselves to them and congratulated them.



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**Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School

9:00 am: Children's Sunday School

10:00 am: Worship in Sanctuary & Online

1st & 3rd Sundays: Communion Sundays

2nd Sunday: Youth Group Meeting—12:00 pm at the Church

4th Sunday: Youth Motel Ministries—12:00 pm

*Join our Sunday morning ministry team. To volunteer:*

◆ *to read scripture, contact Jane Brewer at 540-428-0038*

◆ *to usher, contact Tom Ferrell at 540-439-9043*

◆ *to help before and after communion, contact Cathy Carayas at 540-219-2575*

◆ *to assist with tech, contact Sarah Hundley at 540-589-5564*

◆ *to assist with the Youth, contact Sandra Colvin at 540-347-2375 or Karla Yocum at 540-514-6070*

*We appreciate all of our volunteers and can always use more!*

**May Worship**

May 7 — Fifth Sunday of Easter — Communion

1 Peter 2:2-10 — "Like Living Stones"

May 14 — Sixth Sunday of Easter — Mother's Day

1 Peter 3:13-22 — "Always Be Ready"

May 21 — Seventh Sunday of Easter — Communion

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 — "Casting Your Cares"

May 28 — Pentecost Sunday — Tenebrae Service

Acts 2:16-21 — "He Breathed on Them"

**Upcoming Events**

Wednesdays, 1:00 pm: Pastor's Bible Study—Parish House

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Thursdays, 9:30 am—11:00 am: Women's Bible Study—Social Hall

Thursdays, 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal—Bell Room

Thursdays, 6:45 pm: Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 pm: Trustees Meeting

Saturday, May 6, 9:30 am: United Women in Faith Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 7:00 pm: Admin Council Meeting

**Lay Leadership:**

Lay Leader: Brett Hahn

Administrative Council Chair:  
Nancy PinsonVice Council Chair:  
Carlton HaydenStaff-Parish Relations:  
Rosanne WilliamsonFinance Committee Chair:  
Lewis LeeTrustees Chair:  
Ava LeeChurch Treasurer:  
Donna BroadbentFinance Secretary  
Christine WintersRecording Secretary:  
Gary PinsonWorship Committee Chair:  
Cathy CarayasSunday School Superintendent:  
Linda HaydenNurture/Fellowship Committee  
Chair:  
Charlene HahneMission & Outreach Committee  
Chairs:  
Sandra Colvin,  
Karla YocumUnited Methodist Women  
President: Dolores GoffLay Member to Annual  
Conference: Brett HahneDistrict Conference  
Representative & Steward:  
Murray Edwards**Music Notes****Don't Stop the Music!**

Did you know that singing in a choir can improve your health? And improve your already good looks? According to sources, "The UK paper *The Telegraph's* resident medical expert and regular columnist, Dr. James Le Fanu, is the latest to sing the praises of music's benefits. Specifically, its ability to increase lung capacity, improve posture, clear the sinuses, boost mental alertness and exercise facial muscles, thereby helping to maintain youthful good looks. Singing involves virtually every muscle group," says Dr Le Fanu, "vibrating the whole system like a tonic massage."

*Now ... who doesn't want a tonic massage; and the resulting improved health, mood lift, and increased brain power?*

I'm offering a six-week class that meets on Thursdays evenings at 6:45 – 8:00, starting this Thursday. We currently have 11 students in the class who can attest to the fun and the benefits of this course. It's called the Choir.

*Don't delay another day.*

Join a wonderful group of people in this fascinating course. Seriously, will you consider joining with us to learn new music and sing together for Sunday morning worship services? Reading music is not required. Just a willing heart to work together to become a part of something larger than yourself. Contact me to reserve your spot in this new class! Or just drop in on Thursday at 6:45 pm.

**Summer Special Music**

Summer is coming and during the months of July and August we would love to have folks offer special music during worship services. Do you play the piano, an instrument? Would you like to sing a solo? Would you like to sing in a small group? I'd love to help you prepare something special to share with the congregation. Just let me know.

Pat Martin, Music Director



**May Birthdays:**

02 Mae Nelson  
 07 Tom Ferrell  
 13 Earl Kemper  
 19 Pat Adams  
 Joann Ros  
 21 Natalie Bayliff  
 23 Alex Goff  
 24 Margaux Miller  
 Karla Yocum  
 27 Roy Pool  
 28 Joe Florence  
 Sarah Janickey  
 31 Roger Broadbent

**May Anniversaries:**

04 Dave & Eleanor Wilcox  
 14 Alberto & Kim Aguilar  
 17 Roger & Donna  
 Broadbent  
 22 Allen & Dotty Crane

**What Are Meditation Hymns?**

Occasionally, during worship, we will sing what I like to call a "Meditation Hymn". It's a nice opportunity to just stay seated and prayerfully sing a hymn which can help us prepare our hearts to hear the word read and preached. The hymn may or may not be familiar to you, but it's one that will have the same theme as the scripture or sermon. We don't sing them because the choir needs a break, but we will sing them if Joan or I, or several choir members are absent. Feel free to just listen, but the intent is to try new meaningful songs as we worship, and to include everyone in bringing music to the service.

Pat Martin, Music Director



The Hymndingers blessed the congregation with their bell ringing on Palm Sunday.

**Meeting With Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson**

On Tuesday April 25 I had the opportunity to attend a gathering of clergy to meet with our new Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson.



It was a wonderful meeting being reassured that our denomination will grow and move forward as United Methodists.

**Bethel Breakthrough Prayer**

God of grace and power, thank you for loving us and for hearing our prayers. Break through into Bethel Church, into our lives, our families, our community, and our world, with healing power and visible signs of your grace. Guide us in the ways of Jesus. Send the Holy Spirit to lead us into the future you desire for us; even when the present is full of uncertainty and anxiety. Lord, we are asking, seeking, and knocking. Open doors that will lead us on paths of faithful discipleship; and give us the courage to walk through those doors as we live our faith and share God's love. Amen.

**Missions & Outreach**

We appreciate all donations made by our Bethel family to the "Lenten Food Drive." Donations of food and toiletries are appreciated since we continue to have "Motel Ministry" each month. Our Bethel family is always so generous as we "Share God's Love and Live Our Faith."

Thanks so much for your continued support.

Sandra Colvin and Karla Yocum  
Co-Chairs for Mission/Outreach Committee

**United Methodist Men**



On Saturday April 15th, we had Rev. Chris Reidel join us for breakfast with some of our men at the Parish House. It was a wonderful way to restart our United Methodist Men's group.



### Ink Cartridges

Donating used ink cartridges to the church helps us to get rewards at Staples that we use to purchase copy paper and other office supplies.

Thank you to all who donate!

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## Finance & Worship Attendance

### Income & Expenses\*

April Income: \$21,314.00      April Expenses: \$24,520.24  
 YTD 2023 Income: \$97,425.00      YTD 2023 Expenses: \$108,899.27

\*Because the Beacon is published monthly, finances for the prior month will be reported.

### Attendance & Giving

Date	Views	In-Person Adults/ Kids	Average	Giving
April 2	39	85	119.77	\$5,826.00
April 9	58	95	122.14	\$5,927.00
April 16	46	76	122.13	\$3,173.00
April 23	32	89	122.06	\$3,312.00
April 30	56	71	122.35	\$3,076.00

## Worship Update

We recently changed our mask mandate for worship and all other events at Bethel. If you feel safer or want to protect family members at home, please feel free to wear a mask. If you want to come without a mask, you are welcome to do so. We continue to meet in the Sanctuary. Air purifiers are running in the sanctuary before, during, and after worship service.

Communion will be served by intinction on the first and third Sundays of the month. Those who prefer the self-serve elements or the gluten-free elements can ask the server when they come up.

## New Church Directory Coming Soon!



Starting in May, we will be taking new pictures for our 2023-2024 Bethel Directory.

Please plan ahead to have your picture taken as individuals or as a couple and family each Sunday after service in May.