

VPS is having their 1st fundraiser of the year!

Order forms are available for Kansas

Maid (formerly Butter Braid) Braided Pastry fundraiser. This event helps raise extra money for VPS's toys, instructional materials, field trips and events. Every little bit helps build an environment that encourages and enhances our children's learning.

Order by Dec. 5th. The share of the profits increases the more is sold, so don't forget to ask family, friends, neighbors and co-workers if they'd like to buy some yummy pastries! Delivery is Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. - forms are available in the Narthex.

The Food Pantry needs the following: Paper products, feminine products, condiments, crackers, baking items, juice & cereal. The pantry serves Bethel Families. Their phone number is 203-947-1754



**The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Country Bazaar :** Every year when the Stewardship Campaign rolls around, I remember those years when I didn't have the money I wanted to give. I was so pleased when the pledge card had a space to pledge that I could give time. I checked off that box, and that was the start of my giving time to my church. I reflect on this because I just saw a huge example of Stewardship – our Bazaar!! As chairperson of this year's bazaar, I had a chance to see firsthand how much our congregation gives of their time and talent. **Everyone** contributed according to their ability. I can't begin to tell you all of the different gifts that were given (at least not without writing a book). I asked each of the area chair people to give me a list of their workers and major contributors. Today we recognize and thank the following:

**Publicity:** Maureen Raftery, Bob Prest, Pastor John

**Prize solicitors:** Connie Brescia, Laura Fernandez, Don Olson (elder), Ed Chapman, Ann McLellan, Mary Jane Strasser

**Shelving set up:** Bob Steinard and Peter Philip

**Finance:** Dave Morey, Nancy Howland, Jessica Bardelli, Dave Wachnuik, Fran Bartholomew, Allan McLellan, Rick Kelly

**Santa Claus:** Jim Burghoff, Tabby Burghoff, Pat Deuschle, Tamara Wachnuik

**Book Nook:** Cheryl DePoi, Marty Bishop, Sharon Struth, Caren Rabjohn, Kathy Olson, Alan McLellan

**Theme Baskets:** Nancy O'Halloran, Cheryl DePoi, Alan Brown and Tracy Brown

**Country Store:** Sandy and Ken Bardelli, Brooke Friedman, Willa Philip, Debbie Parks, Chuck and Laura Murad, Polly and Roy Dwinells

**Calico Crafts:** Alice Mayer and Ornah Celeste-Griffin

**Holly Hearth:** Jackie Penyak, Tamara Wachnuik, Nicole Struth, Janette Blackstock, Vicky Wolff, Vera Martin, Jeanne Carlson

**Christmas Attic:** Jackie Penyak, Maria Parille, Laurie Waterman, Maddy Wachnuik, Vicky Wolff, Carol Morey, Claudia Temple, Steve Temple

**Kiss Tree:** Sandra Bonagura, Caidyn Wachnuik, Tamara Wachnuik and Aislyn Wachnuik

**Kid's Crafts:** Audrey Stejskal, Madison Turlis, Lauryl Stejskal and Jillian Paullin

**Plants and Jewelry:** Dawn Tomaino, Angela Bassett, Betty Campbell, Connie Brescia, Sue White, Carol Morey, Laura Murad, Ornah Celeste-Griffin.

**Silent Bid:** Mary Jane Strasser, Krista Mayer, Tim Frawley, Ed Chapman, Ellen Durnin, Marty Bishop

**Floaters:** Maureen Raftery, Lori Mott, Betty Lepus

#### Luncheon

**Kitchen:** Bob Greene, Greg & Dawn Johnston, Alan McLellan, Bill Struth, Jennifer Palmer & Pastor John

**Dining Room:** Judy Serfilippi, Adam Serfilippi, Brooke Brescia, Lily Kovacs, Kayleigh Wood, Collin Barnabo, Alan Durnin, Alberta Wildman

**Music:** Alan Blackstock, Tom Wolfe

**Lunch room Set-up / break-down:** Judy Serfilippi, Fran Bartholomew, Alan McLellan, Adam Serfilippi, Evan Barnabo, Collin Barnabo, Braedan Barnabo, Ann McLellan

And for those whose hearts were with us but got sick or incapacitated: Don Olson, Fred Storms and Dale Negri.

Hello Saints, I wonder what the response might be if I hung a sign on the front door that read "Only well behaved children are allowed in this church." I think most would have a problem with this and would let me know it! Yet, this exact message is sent explicitly through dirty looks, stares or even an unkind word to a parent.

I fully understand that people want to focus their attention on the liturgy and not be distracted by noises in the church, however, let's consider what Jesus had to say on the subject of children when adults began to push them away so that the "adult" interactions could take place:

"And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, 'Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.' And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them." – Mark 10:13-16

This account was so important that it is included in Matthew's, Mark's and Luke's Gospels. Turning toward someone with a noisy baby or child and giving them an angry glare might successfully convince them to take the child out of the church, but it also might mean that family won't want to return for a long time, if at all. Is that really the message we want to send? Friends, we have no idea what is going on in peoples' lives, and this short period of time in church may just be the difference in their life that will help them to believe that God is at work and that there is hope. As the church continue to grow and impact new lives, let us all be mindful of the words of Jesus. We know that children are a gift to the church, so we should do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless all. Pastor John

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three things  
God can use to  
**GROW**  
your faith

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***Our Mission is all about Knowing Jesus &  
Making Jesus Known in the Heart of Bethel and Beyond***

**Prelude** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (8:30am) *arr. L. Shackley*  
 We Gather Together (10:00am) *arr. J. Carter*  
**Introit** Immortal, Invisible...*arr. P. Drennan* (10:00am) Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship:**

L: Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.

**P: God has blessed us with God's great love.**

L: Let us come to this time, letting go of our worries.

**P: Let us come to this time praising God.**

L: Come, now is the time to worship.

**P: We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us. AMEN.**

**Hymns of Praise:** #2176 Make Me A Servant  
 #2172 We Are Called

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Children dismissed to their classrooms (10:00am only)*

**Pastoral Prayer**

*a time to share our joys and concerns as a church family*

**The Offertory** We Gather Together (8:30am) *arr. J. Carter*  
 Like A River In My Soul *arr. Tim Osiek* (10:00am) Chancel Choir

# 94 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Chronicles 16:31-35 (NIV)

\* **Hymn of Preparation** #2036 Give Thanks

\* **Passing of Greetings & Peace**

**Sermon:** Thanksgiving 2018 **Pastor John Parille**

**Holy Communion** *All are Welcome!*

Communion is served at the altar. Please come down from balcony.

**Lamb of God** (sung in unison)

*Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.*

# 617 I Come With Joy

\* **Hymn of Response** #3186 Days Of Elijah

**Choral Benediction** Benediction Of Hope J. Hoelscher (10:00am only) Chancel Choir

• **Benediction & Closing Prayer**

\* Please stand if able. *Large print hymnals are available— please ask an usher.*

# Bethel United Methodist Church



## Heartbeat News from the Pews

**New to the church? Here is some helpful information!**

**Restrooms:** The restrooms are located through the side door on the right of the sanctuary, go through both doors and make a left then a quick right. They are towards the end of the hallway on the right. Each restroom is equipped with a com-mode.

**Nursery Care & Children's Church: 10:00 am.** Children go to Sunday School directly after announcements. Nursery is available for ages 2 and under.

**Information Center:** Here you will find lost and found, upcoming event information as well as brochures and other pieces of information about our church. It is located just outside Fellowship Hall which is located on the lower level.

**Safety:** For the convenience of those who wish to cleanse their hands after exchanging signs of peace and before handling the communion elements, there are alcohol gel pumps available.

Office Hours: Monday office closed. Regular office hours are Tuesday through Friday 10:00am-2:00pm



*We want to thank Krista Mayer for all that she does behind the scenes of the church. She ushers, serves*

*on SPRC, and the Nominating Committee just to name a few things. Thank you!*

**This Week's BUMC Calendar:**

<b>Sun.</b>	11/25	<b>South Campus Bethel</b> 8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School
		<b>North Campus Gaylordsville</b> 10:00am Worship
<b>Mon.</b>	11/26	7:00pm Brotherhood in Christ 7:00pm Sisterhood in Christ
<b>Tues.</b>	11/27	7:00pm Trustees
<b>Wed.</b>	11/28	9:30am CT District Prayer in Sanctuary 7:00pm Wednesday Night Recharge 7:00pm Prayer Shawl
<b>Thurs.</b>	11/29	6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Choir
<b>Fri.</b>	11/30	
<b>Sat.</b>	12/01	10:00am Off the Streets
<b>Sun.</b>	12/02	<b>South Campus Bethel</b> UMW Soup Sale 8:30am & 10:00am Worship Sunday School 4:00pm Hanging of the Greens <b>North Campus &amp; South Campus</b> 10:00am Worship

**Coming Events: Save the Date:**  
 Children's Christmas Pageant—December 16th  
 Christmas Eve Services— 5:00pm & 9:00pm



*"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual."  
 -Henry David Thoreau*

**Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am:** Paul Young & Marty Bishop

**Readers & Communion Stewards:** Diane Meldon & Tom Wolff

**Counters:** Bill Struth & Tom Wolff

**Ushers:** Team B: Alan Brown, Art Langer, Don Olson

**Greeters 8:30am:** Maureen Raftery

**Greeters 10:00am:** Marty Bishop

**Coffee Hosts:** Patty & Steve Deuschle

UMW Christmas Dinner will be held on **December 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm at Whitlock's. Bring warm winter socks for men and women homeless as our Christmas present.

