



# NEWS FROM BETHEL

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BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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### **Newsletter Deadline**

***Fridays at 12 noon***

Call: 815-864-2581

E-mail:  
bumc@frontiernet.net

## **GYM & BINGO NIGHT EVENT FOR ALL AGES**

**4:30—5:30 p.m.**

**Fun and Games at the Middle School Gym**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Serving Refreshments at Church**

**Hot Dogs, BBQ, Chips, Drink**

**5:30—6:30 p.m. Bingo**

***EVERYONE WELCOME***

## ***THE \$20 CHALLENGE***

***Use your talents and time***

***just like the parable in the Bible***

***Want to get in on the challenge?***

***More information and ideas in this newsletter***

***Call Deb Foust 815-864-2279***

***Or the Church office 815-864-2581***

**CINNAMON ROLLS ARE SOLD OUT! THANK YOU!**

**If you ordered, pick up your rolls in the narthex on**

**Sunday, Oct. 25th at 10 a.m.**

***Our Mission is to: know, serve & love Christ within my self,  
family, church, community and the world.***

## ***We Remember in our Prayers . . .***

Jim Vallarta (friend of Ron Wagand)	Harold Heeren
Susan Nicol Hilmer	Rena Kampen
Denny Erickson (Bonnie Walker's brother)	Pam Jackson
Carolyn Deininger	Sarah Bunkelmann
Carol Martz	Bill Artman
Maurita Scharman	Ila Dornbush
Shelly Zubler	Barb Woessner
Kim Alexander	Charlene Frey
Bill & Velma Norton	Mary Johnson
Shirlee Alexander	Evelyn Robert
John Heeren	Joe Hammer
Arthur Wilkosz	Kip Elbert
Mike Thede	Ardis Smith
Beverly Kent	Nicole Keckler
Roger Artman	Larry Robinson
David Moll	Lucille Robinson
	Jimmy Wallace
	Jordan Geisler

## ***We also pray for . . .***

- + Persons in the Service—especially in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- + Those in Nursing homes and Care facilities.
- + Family and friends of  
Marion Coon (Sandy Schryver's Sister-in-Law)

### ***Lay Leaders***

**October 25, 2009**

**Ushers:** Paul Meier, Harold Schryver, Al Thede

**Head Usher:** Paul Meier

**Organist:** Barb Woessner

**Reader:** Maurita Scharman

**Greeters:** Don & Judy Mantzke

**Sound:** Naomi Woosnam

**REFRESHMENTS:** Crusaders Class

## ***Events & Meetings . . .***

Wednesday, October 21st

8—10 a.m.	Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m.	UMW Mission Meeting at Darlene Johnson's
7:00 pm	Consecration Sunday Team Meeting

Thursday, October 22nd

6:30 p.m.	Kid's Praise Team
7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Mtg.

Saturday, October 24th

4—7 p.m.	Legion Dinner Chicken & Biscuits
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Sunday, October 25th

9:00 a.m.	Worship
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Blood Pressure Check
11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
4:30 p.m.	GYM & BINGO Night

Monday, October 26th

7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Meeting
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Tuesday, October 27th

9:30 a.m.	Newsletter assembly
1:30 p.m.	Help Center Meeting at St. Wendelin
7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Meeting

Wednesday, October 28th

8—10 a.m.	Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Meeting at Mary Bicker's

### **HAROLD HEEREN MOVED TO BYRON**

Harold Heeren is now at

Neighbors Rehabilitation Center

811 W. 2nd St., Byron 61010

### ***Stewardship Corner***

<u>Oct. 18th</u>	<u>9/11 a.m.</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	102 / ??	\$ 2,919

**MISSION SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 1ST  
BAKED POTATO DINNER**

**11 a.m.—1 p.m.**

**Baked Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes,  
Sandwiches, Salad, Dessert**

**Your Donations will go to the  
Shannon/Lanark Food Pantry**

**MENTORING BEGINS NOVEMBER 10TH**

Could you help our community's children?

Yes, by being a mentor at Shannon Middle School. Children in grades 3—6 are eligible to participate. We meet for one hour a week on Tuesday afternoons. Many children just need that special one-on-one attention. Not so much teaching them, but being a caring friend to them.

If you can find it in your heart to be a child's friend, please sign the sheet by the church office. Program runs from Nov. 10th to Feb. 23rd (3:30—4:30 p.m.). If you can't make all the dates, we'll juggle the schedule accordingly. And, if there's no school, there's no mentoring, such as snow days.

**MENTORING SNACKS**

Can you provide snacks for the children during the mentoring time? Sign up by the church office. *Thank you!*

**FIRST UM FORRESTON HAM DINNER**

**Wednesday, October 28th 5-7:30 p.m.**

**\$7.50 Adults, \$3.50 for ages 4-10**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Bryce David Pehl** was born October 9th  
Great Grandparents are Ron & Nancy Wagand.  
Grandfather is Doug Wagand.



**LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH**

Have you changed your phone number or e-mail address lately? Be sure to keep the church office posted so that we will be able to contact you when needed. *Thank you*

**CHILD CARE DURING  
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**

Our Contemporary service works to be child friendly, but sometimes the youngest ones still get too wiggly. Kathy Aram will be available to tend young ones in the upstairs cry room any time that makes it easier for the parents to relax and worship.

**U M WOMEN THANK YOU**

I'd like to thank everyone who attended the hearty Beef Stew lunch last Sunday, it was a great turn out. Also thanks to the wonderful ladies that helped prepare and serve the lunch, the ladies that participated in the service, the ones that provided the special music and a big thanks to our speaker, Kathy Aram. Everyone did a great job. God Bless you all!

*UMW President,  
Darlene Johnson*

**ANDREW CHESNEY FINISHES  
CHICAGO MARATHON**

Andrew (Carolyn Deninger's son) completed the Chicago Marathon. His father and step mother, and friends were there to cheer him on. This is his 4th Marathon, his 1st in Chicago. Way to go, your church family says Congratulations!

**LOOKING FOR DRIVERS**

We could use one or two drivers willing to go to rural areas to bring people to church on Sunday mornings. This would not need to be every week. Call the church office if you can help, 815-864-2581.



For questions regarding health related topics contact Blondena Best, Parish Nurse 815-238-0691.

## OCTOBER IS . . .

**National Pet Wellness Month**

**National Pretzel Month**

**AND**

## **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

National, state, and community organizations across the country observe Domestic Awareness Month every October. We recognize violence prevention and victim services. Any violence taking place within a family or intimate relationship is domestic violence. It includes the abuse of spouses, girlfriends and boyfriends, children and elderly people.

Domestic violence crosses all socioeconomic, ethnic, racial, religious, and age groups. Studies show that children who witness violence at home experience behavioral problems and increased aggression. They tend to have less developed social and conflict resolution skills, and may suffer long-term developmental effects. These youth are at risk of engaging in future violence and of being abused themselves.

## **RESOURCES:**

### **In Harm's Way: Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment**

[www.calib.com/dvcps/facts/harmway.doc](http://www.calib.com/dvcps/facts/harmway.doc)

This National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information report focuses on the effects of domestic violence on children, including those who are witnesses to violence and those who also are being abused or neglected.

### **Stalking and Domestic Violence**

[www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojp/186157.pdf](http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojp/186157.pdf)

This publication gives an overview of the problem of stalking and domestic violence. It also discusses the law and efforts by the Department of Justice to respond to the problems.

## **DVAM**

<http://dvam.vawnet.org/>

The Domestic Violence Awareness Month Web site is coordinated by the national Resource Center on Domestic Violence.

## **SERVICES:**

The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides services in English and Spanish, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you or someone you know is being abused, contact the hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

## **Support \$20 Challenge Projects:**

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Haylee Endress & KaLena Foust will take your Christmas picture, order your cards, and make address labels for mailings. Pictures will be taken on Sunday, November 28th. Call for your reservation. 815-864-2187 or 815-864-2279

### **BAKE SALE AT BANK—NOV. 13TH**

Call Carol Stoner to help. 815-864-2149

### **HAND KNITTED DISH CLOTHS**

\$2 each for these useful, and beautiful dish cloths. See them in the basket at church. Hand made by Nancy Wagand.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER—NOVEMBER 29TH**

After the Hanging of the Greens service. Sponsored by the choir. Enjoy!

### **GIFT THEME BASKETS FOR AUCTION**

Contact Deb Endress 815-864-2187 or Kathy Aram 815-864-2519, or Deb Foust 815-864-2279 if you are interested in helping.

**CALL** Deb 815-864-2279 or the church office 815-864-2581 to get in on the \$20 challenge.

## THE \$20 CHALLENGE

The \$20 challenge is under way. We give you a \$20 bill, and you are challenged to use it for the Lord. Make it grow in any way you'd like. Contact Deb Foust 815-864-2279 or the church office 815-864-2581 to get started!

### Jesus told this story . . .

One day a man was going on a long trip. He needed his servants to take care of his property while he was gone, so he called them to him.

To the first servant he gave five talents of money. (A talent was not a coin, but a weight of a precious metal such as silver, and one talent was worth more than \$1,000. So this servant received money worth more than \$5,000.)

This man went to work at once using his money until he had doubled it. He now had ten talents instead of five.

The master gave the second man two talents. He probably thought the man was capable of managing that amount of money. The second man was successful also, and doubled his money. He began with more than \$2,000 and now he had twice as much.

The third man was not as capable as the other two, but the master gave him one talent with the expectation that he would manage it well. He, too, could have increased his money, but he dug a hole and hid it in the ground.

After a long time the master returned. (Some think the master's trip is a picture of Jesus returning to heaven, and the return from the trip is the judgment of mankind.) He was ready for a report from the servants.

The man who had received five talents brought his money and showed the master that he had doubled it. He was happy to show his master the results.

The master was well pleased. He said, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

The man that had been given two talents showed the master that he had also doubled his money. He received the same words of

praise as the first man who had received five talents.

The man who had received one talent dug up the talent he had buried and brought it to the master. He accused the master of being a hard man to work for, said he had been afraid, so he just buried his talent. He gave it back to the master saying, "See, here is what belongs to you."

The master was very angry with him and called him a wicked, lazy servant. He said the man should at least have put the money with bankers and received some interest. (Now the Jews could not charge nor receive interest from a fellow Jew, but they could get interest from a person who was not a Jew.)

The master took his one talent away from him and gave it to the man who had ten talents, and the one talent man was punished because he had not properly used the talent he had been given.

### What can we learn from this story?

We need to use whatever "talent" God has given us. It might be money or ability. If we use it wisely, He will increase it so that our lives will glorify Him.

### IDEAS FOR THE \$20 CHALLENGE

Bake Sale at Shannon Bank on Friday, November 13th. Contact Carol Stoner if you're interested in helping.

Spaghetti Dinner after Hanging of the Greens sponsored by the Choir.

Host a Community Breakfast—someone to take charge and organize .

Make & sell Emergency Kits for the car—someone to take charge and organize.

Silent Auction for Gift Baskets—Anyone want to organize this?

Service ideas: Advertise your service such as washing windows, yard work, or home repairs.

Make & sell specialty items such as corn hole game, woodworking items, blankets, wallhangings, scrapbooking, cards, artwork.