

BETHEL MESSENGER

July 2018



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and congregations that makes this broader mission possible.

From the President:

We will have a small change in our Worship schedule as we move into our 2nd month of summer. Our Communion Service will be on the 2nd Sunday of July (July 8) and our guest preacher will be Rev. Keith Weiland of Howards Grove. Rev. Weiland and his wife, Diane, are members of Schwarzwald (St. John's UCC). Let us make them welcome to our church. On the other Sundays of July our lay people will be preaching as we continue our search for a new pastor.

Occasionally, there are questions about our Special Offerings each year. At times I forget just what these offerings are all about and when these special offerings are collected during the church calendar year. Here is an explanation of each offering:

Our Church's Wider Mission

UCC congregations are involved with mission in many ways. In the United Church of Christ, we affirm that, although the congregation is the fundamental unit of mission, mission is not just local. We are connected to one another, across boundaries of neighborhood, class, race, and national border.

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) is the name we use to describe the work we do as the United Church of Christ beyond the local church – through our Conferences, national ministries, and UCC related institutions. OCWM is also the name we give the financial support given by UCC members

Congregations are central to the ability of The United Church of Christ to do mission in local communities within the United State and internationally. As a congregation works in its own community, it is a representative of the entire denomination and embodies the UCC in that place. And when a congregation determines it's giving to OCWM, there is a direct impact on levels of funding for the Conference and national ministries. Every local congregation has a responsibility to be aware of opportunities for local mission and to be knowledgeable about the work underway by its own Conference and by the national ministries.

Our Church's Wider Mission, has two parts: OCWM Basic Support and OCWM Special Support

Basic Support

OCWM Basic Support provides funding for the work of UCC Conferences and for the work of the UCC's national ministries. Each congregation decides how much of its members' financial support it will contribute to OCWM Basic Support. Congregations send their OCWM gifts to the Conference. Each Conference decides what percentage of those gifts to keep for the work of that particular Conference, and what percentage it will send to the national setting of the UCC. Some of the National Basic Support money is used for ministries to Conferences, local church and members, as well as for ecumenical, prophetic and missionary ministries on behalf of the UCC,. Contributions from individuals to their congregations comprise the fund from which

OCWM Basic Support is given to the Conferences and national ministries. Local churches can help individuals understand the mission and work of the denomination.

Special Support

OCWM Special Support comprises gifts to the four Special Mission Offerings in the United Church of Christ, per capita dues, and gifts that are specially designated for the Conference, national setting or UCC related institutions. By mandate of the General Synod, each local church receives promotional material for the four Special Mission Offerings:

One Great Hour of Sharing: Giving Help, Hope and Life

Supports partners in more than 70 countries with ministries that fund development projects, feed the victims of famine, provide services for displaced people, and respond to natural disasters. These ministries are the responsibility of Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources. Received annually on the fourth Sunday in Lent.

Strengthen the Church: Faithfully Building the Body of Christ

Supports church growth and leadership development in the conferences and through the national offices of Local Church Ministries. Received annually on Pentecost Sunday.

Neighbors in Need: Justice and Compassion Like a Mighty Stream

Supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States including ministry carried out by the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM) and by the national offices of Justice and Witness Ministries. Received annually on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of October.

The Christmas Fund: Remembering Those Who Serve Our Church

Provides financial aid to retired and active ministers and their surviving spouses and children who face overwhelming financial demands, a ministry carried out by the Pension Boards. Received annually on the Sunday before Christmas.

Thank you for your patience and continuing support of Bethel as we move forward and continue our search for our new pastor.
President - Dennis Roethel

Worship Leaders for July

July 1 – Cary Johannes
July 8 - Communion - Rev. Keith Weiland
July 15 – Bonnie Ziegler
July 22 – Dana Dunton
July 29 - VBS Program – Cary Johannes

COMING SOON.....POLAR BLAST

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Here at Bethel U.C.C.

July 23-26th from 9:00-11:30a.m.

All youth 4 years of age through 5th grade.

We could use some help from the congregation. As our youth are always hungry, we were hoping we could get some food donations for the week. Please contact me if interested.

Mardell Blohm



Bethel UCC Consistory Minutes

June 12, 2018

Members Present: Dennis Roethel, Mark Zimmerman, Beverly Voss, Rich Lange, and Lenora Stuckmann

Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Reports: The secretary's report did have one change to be made. In the special reports, the cemetery committee was not looking at three different models for a gravedigger, so the line was omitted. After this change, it was moved (Bev/Mark) to approve the secretary minutes. The motion carried unanimously. The treasurer's reports had a variance of \$24 due to a payment that was returned because the mailed address was wrong. This will need to be an adjustment made back in the month of April. After this note, it was moved (Rich/Mark) to approve all treasurer reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Reports: Ken Matzdorf attended on behalf of the Building and Grounds committee. Ken brought a list of all items that needed to be repaired in each part of the church, looking for approval of the items and some direction on which project has priority. Dennis added that the handicap signs do need to be repainted as they have faded. The building and grounds committee will be working on some of the smaller projects, getting quotes on some of the larger projects, and getting back to us.

Old Business:

- We reviewed how payments or donations to the church affect membership.
- It was noted that we had not received May's Penny Pail monies at the time of our meeting.
- The search committee did not have very much to report. There are no new profiles at this time. They will be meeting to determine if we need to update our profile this month.



New Business:

- Betty Liddle requested a membership transfer from Bethel UCC to St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Sheboygan Falls.
- The Cemetery by-laws were reviewed, and a motion (Mark/Bev) was made to approve the changes. The motion carried unanimously.
- Ross insurance has been charging us \$18.65 a month for insurance on the copier. We are sending them our insurance contract to hopefully have that amount removed from our bill each month.
- Dennis and Carol Roethel visited Audrey Ertel in Random Lake. They are also hoping to visit Violet Raquet and Marilyn Spindler this month as well. In July, all three of these ladies will be visited by Dennis and a minister that will be able to give them communion.

There was a motion (Rich/Bev) to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. The meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lenora Stuckmann

From the Pastoral Relations Committee: If you have a congregational concern your PRC (Dana Dutton, Carol Matzdorf and Fred Kraemer) welcomes your sharing it with any, or all of us. Harmony, although not easily attained, is a worthy goal. If we are, indeed, a church family, then you are never alone.



Family Adventure Passport-Starting July 1st, you can start your family summer adventure with a passport. This passport can be found at church or downloaded on our church website, bethelucc-ada.org, Adventure ideas for your family (families with or without children, or grandparents with grandchildren) will be found on each page of the passport. When you complete the adventure sign each person's name and date, come to church on Sunday and a worship team member (Karen L, Joyce, Jodi, Patte) will stamp the page. Hopefully by September 16 you would have **all** the adventures completed and stamped, or even extra ones that you thought of. A surprise prize will be given to everyone that has participated in the 'Family Adventure Passport' on Rally Sunday.

Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange-Do you like to make puzzles and would like to exchange them with others for something different? The Elkhart Lake and New Holstein Library, and the Kiel Community Center are the places for you! Bring in your jigsaw puzzles and exchange it for a different one. So instead of those puzzles sitting on your shelves, let's circulate them into the community. Puzzle donations are always welcome, preferable not over 1000 pieces. If you don't have a puzzle to exchange, you are still welcome to take one home to make and then bring it back when you are finished. You are welcome to add to the Puzzles Journey Sheet and watch where the puzzle goes. The puzzles will be rotating to the different locations. Contact Karen Lisowe if you have any questions-920-418-2947.

Strong Women/Strong Bodies program is available at the Kiel Community Center lower level on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 (women only), 10:30, and 6:00. This is a great program to start you moving with strength training and exercises to improve your balance, with a great instructor. Exercises can be modified for those individuals that may have some difficulties. Check the City of Kiel website for more info or the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex. The cost is \$10-15 for a 7-12 week course. The classes last about one hour and 10 min. Come and check it out and see if you would like to join the group.



Summer Volleyball Schedule

All games begin at 6:30pm

July 8, 2018

Immanuel/Bethel @ St. Marks/St. James

July 15, 2018

Saron @ Immanuel/Bethel

July 22, 2018

Bethlehem @ Immanuel/Bethel

JULY 29, 2018: TOURNAMENT AT BETHLEHEM UCC AT NOON