

The Ladder



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Glen Carbon's United Methodist Congregation

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

July 16 - The Sin of Pride
July 23 - The Sin of Envy
July 30 - The Sin of Anger
August 13 - The Sin of Sloth
August 20 - The Sin of Greed
August 27 - The Sin of Gluttony
September 3 - The Sin of Lust

The listing of seven deadly or cardinal sins was first compiled by Bishop Gregory I around 600 A.D. They were called "cardinal" sins, from the Latin *cardinalis*, meaning "hinge." These seven sins were hinge points or pivotal sins, because they opened the door to all kinds of other bad things. Without God's help, it was understood to be impossible to overcome them and root them out of one's life. But as God brought a change of heart to the penitent sinner, a compensating virtue was cultivated, through the power and grace of the Holy Spirit. In this series, Pastor Penny will lead us in an examination of both the sins and the virtues! Join us!

*And if you miss any of the sermons and would like a copy of one, just speak with Pastor Penny and she'll get that to you.

Our August UMM Breakfast Meeting is this Saturday Aug. 5 in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be finalizing plans for the August 12 BBQ. Please attend if you can.

If you are planning on attending and are not a usual attendee, please let me know so we can have enough food for all.

We will also discuss plans for the Sept. 16 Bike ride and picnic.

If anyone knows where we can get a big tent, we could use one.

In HIS name,

Rex Humerickhouse

7th ANNUAL NEW BETHEL UMC COMMUNITY BBQ & FAMILY FUN DAY

Sponsored by : New Bethel United Methodist Men

GOOD FOOD, COLD DRINKS MUSIC, FAMILY FUN / KIDS GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BBQ Pork Steaks / Pulled Pork / Hot Dogs / Bratwurst
Grilled pork steaks with no bbq sauce will be available
Plates and / or sandwiches available

Plates include: potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw and a dessert

Prices vary from \$1.00 to \$8.00

Soda, Tea, Bottled Water and extra desserts available!
Eat under the tent or carry-outs available!

(Will be held in Fellowship Hall in case of inclement weather)

PASTOR'S PEN

God is so good! It's hard to believe that our summer vacation is almost over and school is about to begin! I hope you've enjoyed your summer as much as my family and I have enjoyed ours. We've been to the beach, done some family things (most of Howard's siblings live in St. Louis) and had family come visit. Howard has enjoyed his new job, working at the National Archives and Records Center and he's enjoyed living near the city in which he was born and raised (St. Louis); David has enjoyed Ubering and he's taken a few trips with his fraternity brothers (including a recent trip to Nashville to watch the Tottenham Hotspurs); Rachel has had a wonderful summer working on the Wesley Foundation Caravan Team (down in Auburn, AL) and traveling around to other United Methodist churches in Georgia and Alabama to work with the Jr. and Sr. High youth groups; and I've enjoyed bicycling the trails, celebrating the graduation of 32 people through the Disciple Bible Study program, going on the Youth Mission Trip to Birmingham, AL and directing Vacation Bible School! I'm sure your list is filled with similar adventures and reasons to celebrate God's goodness!

The older I get, the quicker seasons seem to pass, but I'm learning to appreciate them and be more fully present in each moment. I find myself enjoying the events more, even as I'm always looking forward to some upcoming adventure. For instance, Howard and I are excited to be traveling down to Auburn this weekend to help Rachel move into her new room for her Sophomore Year at Auburn University (War Eagle!). Some other things I'm looking forward to: the UMM's Community Barbecue coming up on August 12; the total eclipse happening on Monday, August 21; two new classes of DISCIPLE Bible study that will begin in September; our pack-a-pew Sunday and the change in worship times on Sept. 10th; a new fall stewardship drive that I hope everyone will find enlightening; and a sermon series on *The Supernatural*, coming the last three weeks of October!

As we celebrate the goodness of God and count the blessings of family and seasons, to what are you looking forward? Life around us is always changing and while flexibility and adaptability are helpful qualities, we also need to know which things must remain firm - like our commitment to Christ through every season. It is my hope, as your Pastor, that each of you will make an effort to join us in worship every week, unless you're sick or out of town. And invite a friend, family member, or neighbor to join you! I'm not sure of all the details, but I know God has great plans for the New Bethel UMC family. I invite you to be an integral part of it! See you on August 13th!

In Grace and Peace,

Pastor Penny

WIDOWS LUNCHEON. This month we will be meeting on August 12th at noon at the BBQ New Bethel United Methodist Men are hosting.

**PROMOTION SUNDAY
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
TEACHER APPRECIATION
Sunday, August 13, at both services**

This will also be Communion Sunday

PRAISE BAND

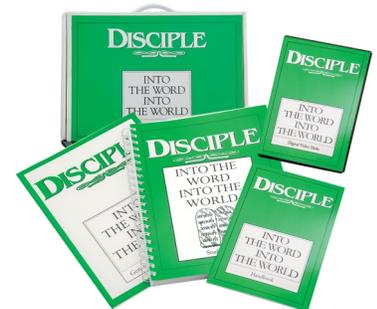
Email Jake Houlton at houltonjake@yahoo.com if you would like to join the team.

MEDICARE EDUCATIONAL HELP. Now is the time many seniors are thinking about re-enrolling for their Medicare options. This informational workshop is also good for those of you who will be turning 65 within 2 month of the enrollment date. Confused about Medicare choices? New Bethel will offer a Medicare educational workshop to help anyone (either for you or a loved one) make the best decision in choosing your own personal best option. This workshop will be on Wednesday, August 16th at 6:30. Do you need help choosing between Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage? Maybe you have made what you think is your best choice but just want to make sure it really is the best choice for you. Come have your questions and your worries about what really fits your needs answered. Bring your Medicare booklet Medicare and You along with you. There will also be time to cover a few topics on other health coverage plans and when is the right time to be thinking about enrolling in that also. RSVP to the church office at office@newbethelumc.org or 288-5700.

DISCIPLE 1 & DISCIPLE 2 Bible studies are beginning in September, 2017. Sign up now on the clipboard at the welcome table in the Church Lobby. Pastor Penny will be leading **Disciple 1** and **Disciple 2** will be team led by two of our couples who just graduated Disciple 1: Ken and Nancy Gaines and Bob and Maxine Dunn. The four of them will work together to lead **Disciple 2**, a wonderful exploration of Genesis and Exodus in the Old Testament, and Luke and Acts in the New Testament. **Disciple 2** will be offered on Sunday afternoons from 1 - 3 p.m. in the double room across of Judy Lee's office. The **Disciple 1** class is being offered either Sundays, from 4-6 p.m. or Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. The students will choose which day at the Orientation meeting, being held in the Fellowship Hall at 4 p.m. on August 27th. This Orientation meeting will be for both groups, and we will have the manuals on hand for students to look at, as the leaders explain the expectations of the classes. If you're still undecided about whether or not to take a class, this meeting would be a good one to attend and ask questions!



DISCIPLE ORIENTATION MEETING
Sunday, August 27th, 2017
4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
(manuals and schedules for both classes will be available)



FALL KICK-OFF AND PACK A PEW SUNDAY = SEPTEMBER 10TH

Pastor Penny challenges all of you to "fill a pew" with your family and friends on Sunday, September 10th! This is also the Sunday our worship schedule changes so remember to give your friends the new times! 8:15 am is the Traditional Worship service and 10:45 am is the Contemporary Worship service. Fun prizes will be awarded at each service, for the person/family who brings the most people!

Needed: Additional Greeters and Ushers

We always need volunteers to serve as Greeters and Ushers at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Greeters serve for about 20 minutes prior to the service, and about 10 minutes after the service staffing the welcome table (and perhaps handing out coffee mugs, newsletters, etc.). Ushers pass out bulletins at the worship entrance, pass the offering plates, and help serve communion on the first Sunday of each month. This is a fun ministry for singles, couples, and families! So sign up with on the clipboard on the Welcome table in the Lobby, and **thank you** for helping make New Bethel UMC a friendly and welcoming church.



OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE IS CHANGING!

Beginning September 10th, our worship times will change to the following:

- 8:15 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Sunday School Classes for all ages, Preschool through adult
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

Why?

In order to maximize our impact for Christ, the leaders of New Bethel UMC have decided to restore our Sunday School to a full hour of teaching time. This change necessitates a slight shift in our worship times. Beginning September 10th, our Traditional worship service will run from **8:15-9:15 am**; Sunday School will run from **9:30-10:30 am**; and the Contemporary worship service will run **10:45 - 11:45 am**. This change invites everyone to "give a little" for the good of the whole church, so we can strengthen our teaching ministry as we reach more people. Please continue praying for NBUMC, that the Lord will increase our territory as we make faithful plans to carry out the Church's ministry to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

NEXT SERMON SERIES: *IN HIS STEPS*

This 5-part stewardship series will explore our membership vow and the importance of supporting the church with your presence, your prayers, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Pastor Penny will kick the series off on **September 10th**, with a sermon on the importance of attending church regularly (and it's our Fill-A-Pew Sunday)! The series will culminate with a **Commitment Sunday on October 8th**, where every person in the church will be invited to bring their *In His Steps* form to worship and make their pledge of service to the LORD for the 2018 year! The Finance Committee will be explaining this stewardship drive throughout the month of September, so it will all be clearer soon. The title for this series comes from Scripture. 1 Peter 2.21 says: **To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.** So as we work to follow in the footsteps of Christ, we are called to renew our commitment to His Church, and to support it in 2018 with our presence, our prayers, our gifts, our service, and our witness. This will be a neat series and a rewarding stewardship drive that focuses, not on money alone, but on *all* the ways we contribute to the work of Christ! I think you'll like it...

- Sept. 10 - Pastor Penny preaches on Presence - the importance of attending worship regularly;
- Sept. 17 - Dr. Almeda Lahr-Well preaches on Prayer
- Sept. 24 - Pastor Penny preaches on Gifts; and our church accountants will share a rap about tithing!
- Oct. 1 - Pastor Penny preaches on Service
- Oct. 8 - Pastor Penny preaches on Witnessing for Christ; this is also our commitment Sunday so bring your **IN HIS STEPS** forms to worship!

Annual Bike Rally & Picnic

Mark your calendars for the Annual Bike Rally & Picnic on **Saturday, September 16th** at Miner Park. Bike riders will meet at 9:00 at the Pavilion #2 parking area. Short and long bike routes on the MCT Trails are planned. Walkers and joggers are also welcome! Following the bike ride, a picnic lunch featuring hot dogs and hamburgers will be served by the UMM. Participants are asked to bring either a side dish, munchies, or desert. Beverages will be provided. **If you can't make the bike ride, plan to come for the picnic beginning at 11:00!** Also, members are asked to please invite neighbors and friends to join us for this event. A signup sheet will be available at church.



Beginning in September, 2017:

C.S. LEWIS' MERE CHRISTIANITY

This class will begin with our new schedule, on September 10th, from 9:30-10:30 am. Led by Pastor Penny, this is a great class for any adults wanting to explore the basic beliefs of our faith. We will be reading a book by C.S. Lewis called *Mere Christianity*, "mere" meaning basic. His wonderful British humor and his sharp intellect shine brilliantly in this classic presentation of the basic tenets of the Christian faith. Come as often as you can, or just a couple of times, you will still enjoy a good discussion as we deepen faith and build fellowship.

AND COMING IN OCTOBER:

New Bethel UMC's Annual Glow Fest! This is a wonderful fall celebration, usually in the later part of October, involving good food, fun fellowship, games and hay rides! The whole church is invited and friends/neighbors are welcome, too! Just mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

THANK YOU'S

Youth Leaders - Special thanks to our awesome youth director, **Judy Lee** and her husband, **Brian**, for planning, coordinating and leading the youth on an excellent mission trip to Birmingham, AL last month. Judy and Brian work tirelessly for our youth, demonstrating their devotion to both Christ and our young people. Thanks, Judy and Brian, for all you do for our church family!!

Recycling Team - Thank you to **Joann Delaney** and **Alan Warren** for stepping up to help with our recycling efforts at NBUMC.

A big **THANK YOU** to **Dennis Wilson**, **Sarah Paul**, **Steve Spencer** and the rest of their helpers for the amazing transformation and decorating of our church for last week's Vacation Bible School! The students and teachers alike loved the decorations that reminded us all that God is our Maker and has a built each one of us for a purpose!

FEED MY SHEEP. You will find a table in the hallway between rooms 201 and 202 where you can drop off your non-perishable canned or packaged items to be donated to the Glen Ed Pantry. This is an ongoing outreach/mission that will be in place year round. Please consider contributing next time you are doing your grocery shopping.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SUPER CHURCH

There is Sunday School available for all ages this summer at 9:30 every Sunday! We're using the **Dig In** curriculum, incorporating music, videos, games/crafts, and Bible stories.

Super Church is taking the summer off and will resume in September. Children's Worship activity bags are available during each service for your little ones.

PROMOTION SUNDAY. ON AUGUST 13 AT THE 10:30 SERVICE NEW BETHEL WILL BE CELEBRATING AND RECOGNIZING THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WHO WILL BE PROMOTED FROM THE 3RD GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TO THE 4TH GRADE.

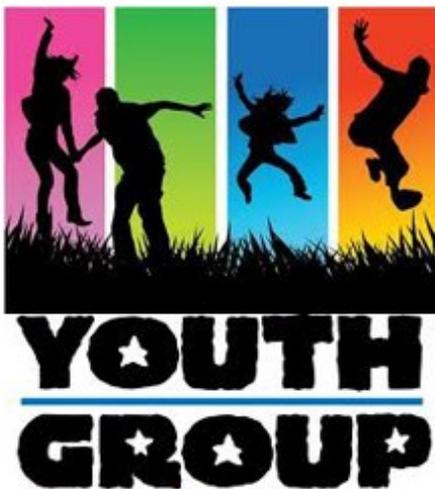
GRACE OERTLE

ADRIAN GARES

ADAMS MOYER

If you have a child that is not listed here but should be, please contact Jenny Mulvihill at jmulvihill4@hotmail.com. The kids will be receiving their Bible and we don't want to inadvertently miss anyone.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH



Our Middle School and Senior High Youth Group is under the direction of Judy Lee.

Wednesday, August 9th—Movie night—6:30 pm—The Shack

Other Wednesdays in August - check with Judy

Saturday, August 12— BBQ and Family Fun Day at NB

Sunday, August 13— Blessing of the Book Bags

Sunday, August 20— Back to school party

Sunday, August 27— check with Judy



BIRTHDAYS ...

- August 4, Sherri Schafer
- August 5, Rosalie Meckel
- August 6, Laura Slater
- August 7, Mardell McDaniel
- August 11, Dave Dodds
- August 12, Tracey Kelsey
- August 13, Miles Hayden
- August 14, Briann Beyer
- August 17, Michael Thompson
- August 21, Rex Humerickhouse
- August 25, Russ Gilliland
- August 26, Dennis Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES ...

- August 1, John & Donna Kutz
- August 21, Dave & Kelly Bogowith
- August 26, Wayne & Judy Horton and Rex & Sharyl Humerickhouse

Quote of the month:

Sloth eats away at the soul, extinguishes the faithful fire, and thus takes its toll, wearing down the soul by slow degrees.

William H. Willimon, in his book, *Sinning Like a Christian* (page 82)

RECURRING EVENTS AT NEW BETHEL...

SUNDAYS:

- Worship (through August)** 8:30 & 10:30 AM
- Nursery.** 8:00 AM-Noon
- Super Church.** Taking a break for the summer
- Sunday School.** 9:30 AM

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES—SUNDAYS 9:30 AM:

- Son Catchers—Room 204
- Embracing Grace—Meets offsite

WEEKLY:

Tuesday Evening

Quilters. Tuesdays 9:15 AM. Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Wednesday Evening

Middle & Senior High School. Lively learning and fun with Ms. Judy Lee. 6-7:30 PM, Room 103/104.

Thursday Evening

- Bell Choir.** Breaking for summer
- Chancel Choir.** Breaking for summer
- Praise Band Practice**—check with Jake Hoult

MONTHLY:

- United Methodist Men.** 2nd Saturdays, 8 AM breakfast and meeting (**Meeting Aug. 5th to discuss the BBQ**)
- United Methodist Women.** 2nd Saturdays, 9:30 AM

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Quilters 9:15 am	2 Youth group - check with Judy	3	4	5
6	7 AA Bible Study 6 pm	8 Quilters 9:15 am Finance Meet- ing 6:30 pm	9 Youth group - movie Night—6:30 pm SPRC Meeting 6:30 pm	10	11	12 Community BBQ 11-3 pm Widow's lunch- eon at noon at the BBQ
13	14 AA Bible Study 6 pm	15 Quilters 9:15 am	16 Youth group - check with Judy	17 Ad Board Council 6:30 pm	18	19
20	21 AA Bible Study 6 pm	22 Quilters 9:15 am	23 Youth group - check with Judy	24	25	26
27	28 AA Bible Study 6 pm	29 Quilters 9:15 am	30 Youth group - check with Judy	31		