

# The Ladder

A Publication of

## New Bethel UMC



June 2017

Glen Carbon's United Methodist Congregation



### PEW RENT

For the last three Sundays of June, you will notice little collection pails taped to the ends of each pew. The Administrative Council and Finance Committee are collecting special funds to use for the purchase of a pew for a sister congregation in Liberia. Bethany UMC has been built in Liberia, Africa, but they lack money for pews. Presently, worshipers bring their own chairs or stand for the services. The new church needs 50 pews and our outgoing District Superintendent, Roger Grimmett, has challenged each church in the Mississippi River District to raise enough money for one pew (cost is \$145). So please join us in raising funds and bring some extra change to "rent your pew during June!

### JUNE 18 IS FATHER'S DAY!

During both our morning worship services, New Bethel UMC will be sharing a small gift with each of our fathers (and sons) and Pastor Penny will even have a few additional gifts for a special *Father's Day Give-Away!* Do join us as we worship God, give thanks for our fathers and other important men in our lives.

### Disciple Recognition Sunday - June 25

Thirty-two members of our church family made a covenant to study the Bible and journeyed together for 34 weeks from September 2016 - June 2017! On this Sunday, we will present them with Disciple pins and certificates to honor their commitment and growth, and more importantly, we will hear from several of them about the impact this study has had on their faith. Please don't miss this exciting day of worship and witness. Disciple graduates will be recognized at both services and Pastor Penny will be preaching a sermon entitled, *The Lesson of the Loaves*; at 10:30 a.m. the Praise Team will be providing some great music, including a video of Matthew West's hit song, *Do Something*. If you're in town this week, you don't want to miss this Sunday!

### July 2 - Meet our new Contemporary Worship Song Leader!

On July 2, we will welcome *Jake and Mikayla Hoult* to our Contemporary Worship Praise Team. Jake will be leading the team and Mikayla will be singing, too! Jake and Mikayla were united in Christian marriage on Saturday, June 3, in Olney, IL. The newlyweds have since moved to Greenville, IL and both will be studying music at Greenville College in the Fall. Please begin praying for them now, and we hope you can join us at the 10:30 worship service on July 2 to welcome them to New Bethel UMC!

## PASTOR'S PEN

You've probably noticed that New Bethel UMC is a busy place these days. Even with many of our Wednesday evening groups taking a break for the summer and Disciple classes finishing up, there are still lots of activities, projects, and ministries going on around the church! We moved Vacation Bible School from June to the last full week of July and that gives us lots of space and time to plan an awesome VBS. I hope you will plug in somewhere! June 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be welcoming our new pianist at the Traditional Service - **Donna Hale**. Some of you may remember Donna - she used to be the accompanist here some years ago. It'll be fun to have her back and leading us in music during the 8:30 a.m. service. We have **Father's Day** coming up, June 19<sup>th</sup> and we'll recognize all the fathers with a gift; and we'll even have a few fun categories for extra gifts (like we did for Mother's Day). Then June 25<sup>th</sup> will be our **Disciple Recognition Sunday** and you'll hear from a number of your friends how transforming this Bible Study is! July 2, we will be welcoming **Jake and Mikayla Hout** to our worship team! Jake has been hired by the SPRC as the new Contemporary Worship Song Leader and his wife will also be singing and playing the violin, regularly. (You may have come to Jake's concert here at New Bethel UMC, last November). Our Youth Mission Trip is coming up July 8 - 14<sup>th</sup>! I'm excited to be tagging along with them to Birmingham, Alabama to help paint houses for some folks who could use the blessing! Then the Youth Ice Cream Social where they will all have an opportunity to share their stories with you while you eat ice cream!! Then VBS the week of July 24-28<sup>th</sup>! And then we'll be in August, finishing up family vacations, shopping for school supplies and seeing our kids off to college!

Just writing this makes it seem like summer is almost over! My, how time flies! But I digress. My original point is that the church is not slowing down over summer. We still plan vibrant worship services, EACH week. We still look for you, EVERY Sunday. And we still have ministries to fund, staff salaries to pay, and bills to mail. So whatever you're taking a break from this summer, don't let the NBUMC one of those things! Join us in any of a dozen adventures in faith. And if you don't see one you like, talk to me about it and we'll add something else! I like white-water rafting, myself....

See you in Church this Summer,

Pastor Penny

## UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEE COMMITTEE:

The church roof has been replaced after the damaging hail storm we had a few months back. There are also repairs to the parsonage roof being done. All of these expenses are being covered by the church's insurance. They have also made some minor repairs at the parsonage and will be replacing the dishwasher there.

## THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS

Pastor Penny is currently leading a 4-week Sunday School class to during the month of June, on one of C.S. Lewis' classics - *The Screwtape Letters*. First published as a book in 1942, this year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this important book. Have you ever read it? Basically, Lewis re-imagines Hell as a gruesome bureaucracy where a senior demon - Screwtape - corresponds with his apprenticing nephew - Wormwood. The younger demon's assignment is to corrupt a newly converted young Christian man, living in London during the tumultuous days of World War II. In the letters Screwtape writes his nephew, Lewis examines Christian morality, temptation, good, and evil. It's a fascinating story and you can get a copy of the book for around \$15 at any local bookstore (or Pastor has a few paperback copies left for \$9 each).

The Sunday School class will meet on Sunday mornings during Sunday School time (9:40-10:20) in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday **June 4 - Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>**! It's never too late to join the discussion!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JULY 24-28, 2017  
6 - 8:15 p.m.  
Theme: *Maker Fun Factory*

*We are all created by God, and built for a purpose!  
For kids ages pre-school - 5<sup>th</sup> grade!*

Registration and helper sign-up is already underway! If you'd like to volunteer, speak with Directors Pastor Penny (217-932-3115) or Sheina Franco (618-971-5199).

Specifically, we are in need of 5 or 6 volunteers to be **Crew Leaders**. The Crew Leaders are in charge of 5-10 of the VBS kids assigned to their "crew." The Crew Leader begins learning the names of the kids in his or her group, and begins building relationship with them, as the Leader guides the kids around to the five or six different stations (i.e. Crafts, Recreation, Snack, Bible Story, etc.). The Crew Leader doesn't have to "teach" any of the stations but does stay with their crew at each one. Actually, the job of Crew Leader would ideal for some of our Senior High Youth! Give it some thought and sign up today, if you are ready to make the commitment. Crew Leaders do have to attend each night and stay with their crew from 6-8:15p.m.

**Snack Factory Leader** - We are also in need of someone to be the leader for the snack station. We have a number of folks who have already volunteered to help, but we need to give the "snack book" to someone who wants to be in charge of planning each night's snacks. If you love kids and snacks and VBS chaos and fun, why not volunteer today?!

**VBS DONATIONS** - A VBS Donation list will be posted in the church lobby by the middle of July. This helps us control our expenses and gives everyone the opportunity to support this important outreach and faith-building ministry. Watch for the list....

Coming in August, 2017:

**C.S. LEWIS' MERE CHRISTIANITY**

Open to everyone, this adult 8 - week Sunday School class, led by Pastor Penny, will begin, Sunday, August 6 and run through Sunday, September 24. 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.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Since every member of our church family is a minister, we always have many opportunities for you to serve our LORD. Some of the ways are fun and visible and bring you recognition and joy. Other ways are kind of "behind-the-scenes" and while they serve the body of Christ, they don't bring a lot of recognition. All of these roles are important, for together, we are the body of Christ. Here are a few of the open roles we need filled at the moment:

**Sunday School Superintendent** - this person will do a weekly count of our Sunday School attendance, collect the Sunday School offerings and deliver to the office; work with Pastor Penny and the Sunday School teachers to plan and build up our Sunday School classes and brainstorm ideas to increase participation.

**Restore Décor Representative** - this person would be the contact person between NBUMC and the Restore Décor ministry in downtown Edwardsville. Restore Décor is looking for church folks to volunteer a couple of hours a week to help them prepare items for resale. Hours are flexible and the representative doesn't have to go every week, but would help find NBUMC folks to fill in the volunteer hour slots.

**Recycling Person** - NBUMC is committed to recycling as one of the many ways we seek to be good stewards of our resources and care for our planet. We need a volunteer to take our weekly collections of recycled paper home and place in their own recycle bin for pickup and recycling. New Bethel doesn't have a contract with the village so we don't have access to a recycling can.

**Children's Worship Bags** - We are looking for someone to come in once a week (i.e. Friday) and restock our Children's worship bags with coloring pages and puzzles for the next Sunday. We currently utilize 8 bags so the job wouldn't take more than 20-30 minutes a week.

If you'd be willing to step out in faith and try any of these positions, please call the church office (618-288-5700) or speak with Pastor Penny (217-932-3115).

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body - whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many...* 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NIV)

## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

*Will be taking a break for the summer.*

## **BELL CHOIR**

*Will be taking a break for the summer.*

## **PRAISE BAND**

*Check with Eric Freese for days and time of practice.*



## 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.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

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



**Wednesday, June 7 - No meeting**

**Sunday, June 11 No meeting**

**Wednesday, June 14** Probably movie nights or rec/game nights.

**Wednesday, June 21** Probably movie nights or rec/game nights.

**Wednesday, June 28** Probably movie nights or rec/game nights.

**Friday, July 7**—Pack the vans from 7-7:30 pm

**Saturday - Friday, July 8-14** Mission Trip

**Wednesday, July 19 - Ice Cream Social**

## Mother's Day Special Gift Winners:

8:30 a.m.

<b>Oldest Mom Present:</b>	<b>Wanda Lovett</b>
<b>Newest Mom Present:</b>	<b>Kelli Bogowith</b>
<b>Gardening Mom:</b>	<b>Kathy Sedlacek</b>
<b>Story-Reading Mom:</b>	<b>Jennifer Kosten</b>
<b>Soccer Mom:</b>	<b>Nancy Slater</b>
<b>Dishwashing Mom:</b>	<b>Rita Makler</b>

10:30 a.m.

<b>Norma Abram</b>
<b>Jennifer Garrison (Jill Oertle's sister)</b>
<b>Sarah Paul</b>
<b>Linda Lawhead</b>
<b>Joanna Nuoffer</b>
<b>A guest....</b>



### **BIRTHDAYS ...**

1 Beverly Clayton  
4 Jenny Hayden  
13 Heba Freese & Charles Witzke  
14 Jane Griffin  
15 Dorothy Norfleet  
16 Mike Rogier  
19 Lucas Beshears & Karen Cox  
20 Naciye Landin  
24 Larry Lawhead & Ken Gaines  
29 Stan Towner

### **ANNIVERSARIES ...**

2 Gary & Karen Cox  
9 Brian & Judy Lee  
10 Dan & Linda Black  
12 Mike & Bridget Beyer  
15 John & Jenny Mulvihill  
20 Robert & Tracey Kelsey  
24 Bob & Maxine Dunn

### **Quote of the month:**

*If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month.*

Theodore Roosevelt

### **RECURRING EVENTS AT NEW BETHEL...**

#### **SUNDAYS:**

**Worship.** 8:30 & 10:30 AM

**Nursery.** 9:30 AM-12 PM

**Super Church.** Taking a break for the summer

**Sunday School.** 9:30 AM

#### **SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES—SUNDAYS 9:40 AM:**

Son Catchers—Room 204

Embracing Grace—Meets offsite

The Screw Tape Letters—Fellowship Hall

#### **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 Eric Freese on days and times

#### **MONTHLY:**

**United Methodist Men.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 8 AM breakfast and meeting

**United Methodist Women.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 9:30 AM

# June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Praise Band 7 pm	2	3
4 Final Disciple Bible Study 4 pm	5 AA Bible Study 6 pm	6 Quilters 9:15 am  SPRC 6:30 pm	7 Final Disciple Bible Study 6-8 pm	8 Praise Band 7 pm	9	10 UMM 8 am UMW 9:30 am
				Annual Conference in Peoria		
11	12 AA Bible Study 6 pm	13 Quilters 9:15 am  Finance Meet- ing 6:30 pm	14 Youth group 6-7:30 pm	15 Nominating Committee 6 pm Administrative Council 6:30 pm Praise Band 7 pm	16	17
18	19 AA Bible Study 6 pm	20 Quilters 9:15 am	21 Youth group 6-7:30 pm  Medicare infor- mation meet- ing 6:30 pm	22 Praise Band 7 pm	23	24
25	26 AA Bible Study 6 pm	27 Quilters 9:15 am	28 Youth group 6-7:30 pm	29 Praise Band 7 pm	30	