

# The Ladder

A Publication of

**New Bethel UMC**



June 2018

**Glen Carbon's United Methodist Congregation**



Join us for a fun-filled week of  
Vacation Bible School!  
July 23-27  
6:00 pm - 8:15 pm  
Ages 5-5th Grade

**JULY SERMON SERIES: 31 Days of Daniel**

**July 1 - The Waiting Rooms of Life, chapter 1**

**July 8 - Daniel's Crazy Love, chapter 2**

**July 15 - Don't Back Down, chapter 3**

**July 22 - Mene, Tekel, and Parsin, chapter 5**

**July 29 - The Execution of Daniel, chapter 6**

In the Old Testament, we meet a very interesting man who was forced to live in a fast changing and godless society. He faced normal fears about the future, urgent concerns for his safety, and the constant discouragement of a world that seemed to be falling apart at warp speed! Sound familiar? **Join us in July as we study Daniel, for 31 days!** Daniel was a faithful Jewish man who originally lived in Jerusalem, but was captured by the Babylonians and carted off to their homeland to be trained and educated so he could serve King Nebuchadnezzar. This happened around 605 B.C. Daniel and his friends suddenly found themselves in a foreign land, being coerced to eat, think, and live very differently from what they had been taught. The Babylonians were trying to change the *thinking* of these Jews by giving them a Babylonian education; their *loyalty* by changing their names to Babylonian names; and their *life-style* by changing their diet.

But Daniel was smart, creative, and very loyal to God. Without compromising his faith, Daniel and his friends found a way to live by God's standards in a culture that did not honor God. And they did this through negotiation, self-discipline, humility, and service. What pointers might we take from Daniel's faithfulness and integrity? Join us in July and find out!

**THRIVING IN  
BABYLON**

**Adult Discipleship Class**  
**Sundays, July 1-July 29**  
(Details inside on page 4)

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Sunday Services at 8:15am (Traditional) and 10:45am (Contemporary)

Office Hours: Monday 9am-4pm, Tuesday 1pm-4pm, Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 9am-4pm

## PASTOR'S PEN

Howard and I had a great little picnic in Forest Park on Sunday afternoon. Nothing fancy, just ham sandwiches, chips, cherries, and bottled water. But the point wasn't the menu - it was the time spent together. We just sat beside each other, talked and laughed...and tried to keep our little dog, Togo, untangled! It was relaxing, and peaceful, and it just felt really good. The weather was perfect - sunny and not too hot. And we certainly weren't the only ones taking advantage of a beautiful Sabbath afternoon - the park was buzzing with activity and laughter and peaceful gatherings all over. I hope you all have the opportunities this summer to spend Sunday afternoons with loved ones....

And of course, on Sunday mornings, I hope you'll spend the time with us at church, worshipping God. Our music is a little different over the summer with the choir taking a break and the praise band reformulating and a few of our members choosing the hymns. We're also doing kind of a **"Casual Summer Sundays"** thing over the summer, too. So if you and the family have plans for some fun adventure on Sunday, come to either service, dressed for your activity, and leave after worship. Like our picnic described above, the point isn't the menu (what music, hymn, or sermon we're having for the day), it's the time spent together - with each other and with God. Weekly corporate worship is important and its authority is from the beginning, as God's 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment: **Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.** As you go about enjoying your summer, please know that you are invited and encouraged to worship with us every Sunday! And if you find yourself out of town on a Sunday, try worshipping at a local congregation in whatever city you're in....

## SUMMER PLANS

And in addition to weekly worship, we have a lot of fun adventures, plans, and ministries coming up! Even with some of our Wednesday evening groups taking a break for the summer and Disciple classes finishing up, there are still lots of activities going on around the church! **John and Donna Kutz**, and my son, **David** and I will be off to Annual Conference in Peoria later this week. This Sunday we will recognize our **29 DISCIPLE students** and we'll baptize one of our new babies - **Grace Bogowith!** Then we will celebrate Father's Day on June 17<sup>th</sup> with a small gift for all the guys, and a few special category gifts for some of the Dads! Our Youth Mission Trip to Grundy, VA is coming up the last week of June and **Ginger Little** will be bringing the morning message on June 24! Then Vacation Bible School - **Shipwrecked** - will be the last full week of July and we are planning for 50 kids and an awesome VBS! And the United Methodist Men's **annual BBQ** is coming up Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, and the **annual picnic and bike ride** is coming up in September. There is so much going on and I hope you will plug in somewhere! The more, the merrier!

Stay safe, reflect the light of Christ wherever you go, and I'll see you in Church this Summer,

In Grace and Peace,

Pastor Penny 🍌



### DISCIPLE RECOGNITION SUNDAY - JUNE 10

Twenty-nine members of our church family made a covenant to study the Bible and journeyed together for 32-34 weeks (taking either Disciple 1 or Disciple 2) from September 2017 – May 2018! Both classes finished on May 31 with a service of worship and on June 10, 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 Role of a Prophet**; at 10:45 a.m. we will also be baptizing **Grace Ann Bogowith!** If you're in town this week, you don't want to miss this Sunday!



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 23-27, 2018

6 - 8:15 p.m.

## SHIPWRECKED

*Rescued by Jesus!*

For kids ages Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

Registration and helper sign-up is already underway! If you'd like to volunteer, speak with leaders **Dennis Wilson** (618-580-7178), **Pastor Penny** (217-932-3115) or **Linda Lawhead** (618-288-5700).

Specifically, we need of 5-6 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. J

**Tropical Treats 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?!

**Ship Rec Games Leader** - This person repeats the Bible Point each day and plays games with the kids that connect with the daily bible Point. Each day there are three fun game options to choose from, i.e. - on Day 3, kids explore through play how struggle isn't necessarily always a bad thing and how God can use it for good in their lives. Jesus can rescue *through* struggle!

**Bible Discovery Leaders** - these leaders help the children experience the daily bible story in a hands-on way. For example, on Day 2, kids will imagine their way back in time to Mary and Martha's house as both sisters anticipate Jesus' arrival.

**KidVid Cinema Leader** - The daily Bible verse is reinforced as children watch and discuss the inspiring true story featured in each day's video segment. The kids also practice using a Bible by finding and reading each day's key Bible verse and this leader gives each child the day's Bible Memory Buddy!

**Castaway Sing and Play Leader** - this leader opens each night of VBS in the Sanctuary by introducing the Bible Point, key Bible verses, and the Bible Memory Buddy. Kids sing the Shipwrecked theme song, "Never Let Go of Me," which connects with the daily Bible Points. In addition to fun praise songs, kids sing at least one song each day that specifically ties to that day's Bible point.

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

There's room for everyone on our tropical island! Come on in- the water's fine!



## JUNE 17 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, and give thanks for our fathers and other godly men in our lives.



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**VBS Planning Meeting** Tuesday, June 5, at 6 pm.

**Finance Committee** will meet Tuesday, June 12, at 6:30pm.

**Administrative Council** will meet on June 19, at 6:30 pm.

## UMM AND UMW MEETINGS

The United Methodist Men will meet Saturday, June 16, at 8am for breakfast and program.

The United Methodist Women are not meeting in June or July. Stay tuned for August details.

## NEW ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITY

A study of Larry Osborne's book, *Thriving in Babylon*. Open to everyone college-aged and older, this 5-week adult discipleship class, led by Pastor Penny, will be offered the Hour Between Services, on Sunday, July 1 through Sunday, July 29. Designed to follow along with the 31 Days of Daniel Sermon Series that Pastor Penny will be preaching, this class will be reading a book by Larry Osborne called *Thriving in Babylon*. Gleaning lessons from the life of Daniel during his time in Babylon, our discussions will deepen faith and build fellowship as we consider how to be a strong witness for Jesus Christ, while living in the midst of a culture that does not know God.

**MISSION UPDATE** We collected **63 packs of crayons** for the Midwest Distribution Center! Thank you to Bob and Maxine Dunn for taking them to Springfield for us.

## TRUSTEES LOOK FOR HELP

Many projects were completed on our workday in May. One project left to finish is installing exit signs in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Mike Chamberlain for details, or to volunteer for this job. 618-550-1203.

We also are looking for caretakers for the **garden beds** beside the shed out back. Talk to Pastor Penny if you are interested.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH



### WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETINGS:

June 6 and 20 at 6pm

### THURSDAY, JUNE 14

Restore Décor 6:30-8:30

### FRIDAY, JUNE 22:

Pack the bus, Time TBA

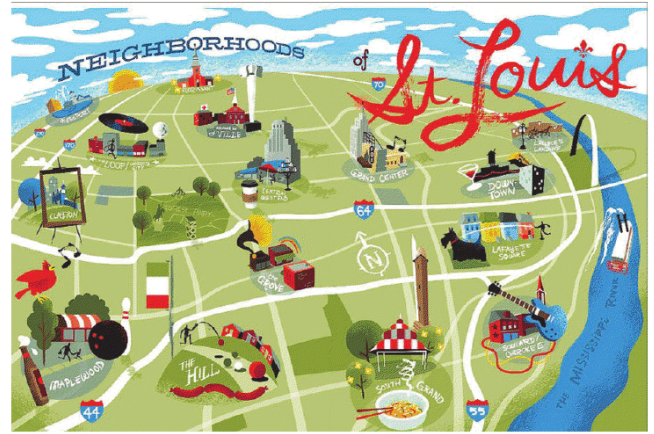
### MISSION TRIP TO GRUNDY VA:

June 23 - 30



## JULY 11 - EXPLORE ST. LOUIS DAY with Pastor Penny

This will be a fun, exploration and fellowship activity for all ages – families, singles, young and old, college-aged, children, and senior adults! We will rent a bus and meet at New Bethel UMC on Wednesday morning, July 11 at 9 a.m. We will start with a drive through Forest Park and a stop at the Art Museum (admission is free) where they have a really neat display called ***Sunken Cities: Egypt's Lost Worlds***. After a couple of hours here, we will reload the bus and head across the street to the Bloom Café for lunch (sandwiches, salads, etc. – around \$10 a person). Then we will take a drive around Washington University followed by a visit to Grant's Farm (admission is ). After the Farm, we will have a little spare time to do whatever the group likes, then we will head back to Glen Carbon and arrive at church by 4 p.m. at the latest. Seating on the bus is limited to 15 people and the cost per person is \$10.00 (plus your lunch), so sign up today in the church office!



## NEW BETHEL MINISTRIES AND UNITED CONGREGATIONS OF METRO EAST

On May 22, 2018, our Administrative Council voted to become a member of the United Congregations of Metro East (UCM) for the 2018 year. United Congregations of Metro East is a group of 35 congregations in Madison and St. Clair counties, of varying faith traditions, economic and racial communities, including the Belleville Mosque. UCM's core value is Micah 6:8, "do justice, love mercy and walk humbly before God." We are dedicated to developing relationships with people in order to solve problems, inviting people to church, witnessing to others, and working to effect just policies and just changes in our communities. As our church embraces this ministry, we might well consider what the Book of Discipline has to say about who Methodists are in relation to the larger social community. If any of this piques your interest, please contact me by email at [evans.larry9@gmail.com](mailto:evans.larry9@gmail.com)

-Larry Evans    Peace of Christ.

*The Hour Between...something for everyone!*

**Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30am**

**Small Groups - Conversations - Bible Study Classes**

**The Seekers - *All In* by Mark Battison.** Led by Lucile Aerne.  
This 4-week (or maybe a couple more!) discussion **begins on June 3rd.**  
Books are available in the Lobby and office.

**Women of Faith - *Jesus Calling***

**Son Catchers Class**

**Children's and Youth Classes-** Middle/High School class *will* meet throughout summer.  
Elementary Class will participate in **SuperChurch** during 10:45 Worship Service.

***Embracing Grace* group**





# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS...**

- 1-** Bev Clayton
- 13-** Brian Erdmann, Charlie Witzke
- 15-** Dorothy Norfleet
- 19-** Karen Cox, Angie Erdmann
- 20-** Naciye Landin
- 23-** Cindy Glenn
- 24-** Ken Gaines, Larry Lawhead

## **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES...**

- 2-** Gary & Karen Cox
- 3-** Jake & Mikayla Hoult
- 9-** Brian & Judy Lee
- 10-** Dan & Linda Black
- 12-** Mike & Bridget Beyer
- 15-** John & Jenny Mulvihill
- 20-** Robert & Tracey Kelsey
- 24-** Bob & Maxine Dunn
- 27-** Brian & Angie Erdmann

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS (first week of...)**

- 1-** Paige Frick
- 5-** George Glenn, Jenny Mulvihill
- 6-** Larry Metter
- 7-** Jim Dodds

## **JULY ANNIVERSARIES (first week of...)**

- 8-** Mike & Jo Meikamp

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

*I am not afraid that the people called Methodist should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out.* -John Wesley

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

### **SUNDAYS:**

**Worship.** 8:15 & 10:45 AM

**Nursery.** 8:00 AM-Noon

**Sunday School and Small Groups.** 9:30 AM

### **WEEKLY:**

#### **Tuesday Daytime**

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

#### **Tuesday Evening**

**Praise Band Practice.** 7pm

#### **Wednesday Evening**

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

**Bible Study, Prayer Shawl Ministry:** (Taking a summer break- resumes in September)

**Chancel Choir:** (Taking a summer break- resumes in September)

#### **Thursday Daytime**

**Fellowship Group:** 9:30 AM

#### **Thursday Evening**

**Bell Choir.** (Taking a summer break- resumes in September)

### **MONTHLY:**

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

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

### **THE HOUR BETWEEN SERVICES - SUNDAYS 9:30 AM:**

**Room 102 - The Seekers, All In**  
with Lucile Aerne

**Room 202 - Women of Faith Class on *Jesus Calling***

**Room 204 - Son Catchers, led by Norma Abram**

**Room 203 - *Embracing Grace*, led by**  
Sherri Luttrell

# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Fellowship Group- 9:30a	1	2
3	4 Bible Study- 6pm	5 Quilters- 9:15a VBS meeting- 6:00pm Praise Team - 7p	6 AA- 7am  Youth Group- 6pm	7 Fellowship Group- 9:30a	8	9 UMW - 9:30am
				IGRC Annual Conference		
10  Disciple Bible Study Recognition Sunday (both services)	11 Bible Study- 6pm	12 Quilters- 9:15a Finance Comm. meeting 6:30p Praise Team - 7p	13 AA- 7am	14 Fellowship Group- 9:30a  Youth Group- 6:30 at Restore Decor	15	16 UMM - 8am
					Glen Carbon Homecoming	
17  Father's Day	18 Bible Study- 6pm	19 Quilters- 9:15a Admin. Board meeting 6:30p Praise Team - 7p	20 AA- 7am  Youth Group- 6pm	21 Fellowship Group- 9:30a	22  NB Youth pack the bus: Time TBA	23  NB Youth Leave on Mission Trip
24	25 Bible Study- 6pm	26 Praise Team - 7p	27 AA- 7am	29 Fellowship Group- 9:30a	29	30
NB Youth Mission Trip to Grundy VA						