

The Ladder

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Glen Carbon's United Methodist Congregation



Are you ready to

ROAR!



New Bethel's VBS 2019
July 8-11, 6-8:15 pm
Life is Wild - God is Good!



Vacation Bible School is in full swing at New Bethel UMC this week! You may have noticed a few additions to the Sanctuary décor on Sunday (LOL!) We have a wonderful group of about 30 volunteers welcoming and ministering to the kids through Bible stories, games, songs, lessons, crafts, and of course- snacks!

Our theme this week is **"Life is wild! God is good!"** We are looking at unfair times in life, scary times, changes in our lives, sad times, and good times. Through it all, God is beside us, helping us get back up and face the challenges before us.

Join us Thursday evening for our closing, and experience the excitement of the kids as they walk in their faith journey. On Sunday, July 14, we will celebrate with some of our favorite songs from the week and highlights of all we have done.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL!

Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. Wear your jumping shoes (and maybe knee pads) for an hour or so of volleyball. We will divide into two teams and have some fun!



New Bethel United Methodist Church, 131 N. Main ST, Glen Carbon IL 62034

www.newbethelumc.org 618-288-5700

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

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are very proud of our newest members - **Taylor Frick**, age 14, **Laura Slater**, age 11, and **Caiden Loyet**, age 11. These three outstanding young people finished confirmation classes and professed their faith in Jesus Christ and joined the New Bethel UMC on Sunday, June 16th at the 10:45 am service. Be sure to welcome them!

Disciple Recognition Sunday - will be August 4. We will recognize the 5 Disciple 1 graduates who took the class September 2018 - June 2019.

Meetings This Month-

United Methodist Men- Saturday, July 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Finance Committee- Tuesday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Administrative Council- Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m.

THANK YOUS

Nathan Sasser, Life Boy Scout, sent thanks for the special collection to help fund the Prayer Garden that he will be creating around our crosses out in the back yard of the church. He is excited to get started on the project! Watch for work days to be scheduled if you want to help him and his fellow Scouts.

From Kathy and Mark Sedlacek- *You never know what mission trip you will be on when you answer God's call to you for someone in need.*

[We] cannot thank you enough each and every one of you who come for our emergency call to our home to get us in shape to move to a safe place, even trying to dodge the raindrops.

New Bethel's church family is amazing. [We] cannot imagine life without you all. I do know that prayers were coming from you who were unable to help and that is very important to help the mission workers to do their appointed duties in God's name.

As you know, Mark has had many major health issues the last several years and we are trying to move to a senior living village for safety sake.

God is Good. Only God could love you all more.

Coming in August, 2019:

C.S. LEWIS' THE GREAT DIVORCE

Open to everyone, this adult 4-week **Hour Between** class, led by Pastor Penny, will begin, Sunday, August 4 and run through August 25. We will be reading a book by C.S. Lewis called **The Great Divorce**. Rather than a book about the breakup of marriages, this is a book about the great divorce or divide between Heaven and Hell. C.S. Lewis believed in a real Heaven and a real Hell and in this book, he explores the possibility that perhaps people have one last chance after death, to choose Jesus.... This fictional work is about a magical bus ride from Hell to a great plain just outside of Heaven, where those who have chosen to take the ride, are approached by different Heavenly beings (some are angels and some are people they have known in life). The Heaven occupants try their best to persuade the bus folks to give up their sins and join God in Heaven. Some of them do, some don't, but it's a fascinating read. 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.



July Birthdays

1- Paige Frick
5- George Glenn, Jenny Mulvihill
10- Diane Frazier
15- Pam Chamberlain
17- Walter Frazier, Jessica Glenn,
Jacqueline Glenn
24- Adam Foster
25- Kathy Jeffries
27- Bob Dunn
29- Sylvia Trebing
31- Joe Abram, Donna Kutz

July Anniversaries

8- Mike & Jo Meikamp

Quote of the Month:

Nothing worth doing can be accomplished
in a single lifetime.

-Reinhold Niebuhr

August Birthdays

5- Rosalie Meckel
6- Laura Slater
7- Jack Bogowith, Gary Cox,
Mardell McDaniel
11- Dave Dodds
12- Tracey Kelsey
14- Briann Beyer
21- Rex Humerickhouse
23- Allen Warren
25- Russ Gilliland
26- Dennis Wilson
27- Maxine Dunn

August Anniversaries

1- John & Donna Kutz
14- Louis & Annette Frick
21- David & Kelly Bogowith
26- Wayne & Judy Horton, Rex & Sharyl Humerickhouse
27- David & Kathy Bryant

VBS Mission Project

A lot happens in 1,000 days. Especially to a baby.

From conception to about age 2, a child's body isn't the only thing growing like crazy. This is also the fastest period of key brain development, including parts of the brain that impact language processing, attention, and even vision and hearing. All that growth requires plenty of nutrients such as iron, protein, and vitamins.

In developing countries, many new moms simply don't have access to the proper nutrition that fuels such growth for their babies. Oftentimes, they lack the education and medical guidance that will give their babies the best start possible. And when a baby begins life malnourished or unhealthy, it's an uphill battle to catch up through infancy, childhood, and even adulthood.

However, kids who thrive before they're born, and who receive adequate nutrition and health care as babies, are better prepared to stay healthy, fight infection, grow strong bodies, succeed in school, get jobs as adults, and contribute to the prosperity of their communities!

You can see that the first 1,000 days are like building blocks that have lifelong impact on children...families...communities.

That's why we are excited to partner with Group and World Vision. Our VBS kids, and you, can provide funds to help moms and babies get the brightest beginning they can! A \$10 donation will help women and children in communities throughout Zambia.

These donations provide community health worker visits, monitoring of growth and nutrition, Vitamin A to prevent blindness and reduce risk of illness or death from common infections, and education for parents on the food and nutrients their children need, where to find them, and how to prepare them.

If you would like to help in this VBS project, please drop your donation in the offering plate during the month of July. Use the giving envelopes in the pews and mark "VBS Offering" on it. Checks can be made payable to New Bethel UMC, with "VBS Offering" on the memo line.



CONGRATULATIONS to our Mothers and Fathers!

We love to celebrate at New Bethel, and Mother's Day and Father's Day were fun times to recognize our members. Pastor Penny had prizes for various special categories on both days.

Mother's Day:

Mother with the Youngest Child Present- Tracey Kelsey, Vickie Biggs

Oldest Mom, who's NOT a Grandmother- Kathy Sedlacek, Ann Parrish

Candle Mom (most recently lit a candle)- Jo Meikamp, Linda Talley

Garden Mom (most recently worked in the garden, mowed, etc)- Bev Wann, Joanna Nuoffer

Studious Mom (working on a degree or taking a class)- Jenny Mulvihill, Bridget Beyer

Caregiver Mom (most recently took care of a physical problem with their child or other family member)- Kathy Bryant, Pam Evans

All the ladies of the church received a bookmark and a flower.

Father's Day:

Fishing Dad (been fishing most recently)- Wayne Horton, Rev. Louis Frick

Bookworm Dad (most recently finished reading a book)- Howard Bell, Ken Gaines

Grilling Dad (most recently grilled out or cooked dinner)- Jim Jeffries, Steve Spencer

Oldest Dad Present- Glen Burlingame, John Kutz

Blues Dad (attended a Finals game or the Parade, or been a fan the longest)- Bill Wann, Steve Paul

Oldest Dad who's NOT a Grandfather- Bob Parrish, Brian Lee

All the men of the church received a *very bright* LED flashlight!

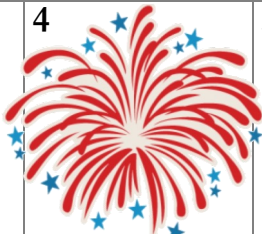

**Faith in Action
needs Volunteers!
618-692-0480**

Give back this summer by helping with-

- ☆ Driving Edwardsville seniors to their medical appointments
- ☆ Helping seniors shop for groceries
- ☆ Providing companionship
- ☆ And more!

July 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 pm - volleyball at New Bethel	2 NB Youth Ice Cream Social & Mission Trip Report	3 AA- 7am	4  Office Closed	5	6 Habitat for Humanity build - 8am-Noon VBS Setup- all day
7 VBS setup- after 10:45 service until done	8 6:30 pm - volleyball at New Bethel	9	10 AA- 7am	11 Agape Fellowship- 9:30a	12 VBS tear down and clean up- 9:30a	13 UMM- 9:30a Habitat for Humanity build - 8am-Noon
Roar! VBS 6p-8:15p						
14  VBS Celebration	15 6:30 pm - volleyball at New Bethel	16 Finance Comm. meeting- 6:00p Admin. Council meeting- 6:30p	17 AA- 7am	18 Agape Fellowship- 9:30a	19	20 Habitat for Humanity build - 8am-Noon
21	22 6:30 pm - volleyball at New Bethel	23	24 AA- 7am	25 Agape Fellowship- 9:30a	26	27 Habitat for Humanity build - 8am-Noon
28 Worship at Eden Village- 7pm	29 6:30 pm - volleyball at New Bethel	30	31	