

The Ladder



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New Bethel Church

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Glen Carbon's United Methodist Congregation



GLOW FEST

Our all-church fall fellowship event is a glow-in-the-dark party, bonfire and hayride at the home of Stan and Cheri Towner **Sunday, October 9 at 5:30 pm**. There will be chili, hotdogs, games for the kids and youth, and campfire music for the adults. You will want to bring a lawn chair and a side dish or dessert to share. The Towners live at 6754 West Liberty Prairie Lane north of Edwardsville. Directions are available in the Narthex.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

This year's Charge Conference is on Sunday, November 15, at 7:00 pm at First United Methodist Church at 207 West Church Street in Collinsville. Interested members of the congregation and all elected leaders are invited to be part of this meeting. The Charge Conference will be led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Roger Grimmett.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse have reached over 140 Nations and 113 million children since 1993 with Shoebox gifts.

"Every shoebox offers an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child." Franklin Graham

Last year this Church donated and packed 101 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you so much for all the donations and help last year, this year we hoping to pack as many. It is extremely important this year that we pack as many boxes as possible with so many children around the world dealing with war and being displaced these boxes can give them a glimmer of hope.

Samaritan's Purse puts in each box the story of Jesus in their own language and then each child is able to be a part of a 12 week discipleship class to further their new relationship with Jesus. You can go online to www.samaritanspurse.org and get more information or donate to help with the costs of the discipleship class.

Visit the table in the Church lobby for ideas and lists of items you can donate for the boxes. You can also take a box home and fill it with the items on the list and bring back to Church by Sunday Nov. 13th.

Each shoe box costs \$7.00 to ship, if you would prefer not to donate items you can donate to the shipping of the boxes by putting a check in the offering plate and in the memo put Operation Christmas Child.

Sunday Nov. 6th - All donated items need to be at Church.

Wednesday Nov. 9th - 5:30pm - Everyone is invited to the Pizza & salad dinner and Packing Shoe Box Party!

We can use volunteer's Mon. Nov. 7th - Wed. Nov. 9th

***Sort donated items and set up for Wed. packing party**

***Wed. evening at Packing party to help children pack their boxes.**

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From the Pastor's Pen:

There are times when we downplay the outcry of those around us, whether because of fear, tiredness, or a general apathy toward the plight of others. We know that something is wrong, but it's easier to ignore it or gloss over it, because to stop and give it the attention it needs would inconvenience, challenge or upset us. We prefer to think that a need isn't real or pressing, if it isn't our own.

We are taking a car ride with our family and someone needs to stop for a bathroom break, but we don't feel the need, so we tell them to "hold it."

It's time for dinner but we're not particularly hungry so we don't bother with a meal...even though the rest of the family is hungry.

We witness a friend being mistreated at school, but we walk on by, just relieved nobody is picking on us....

We hear of incidents of racism, sexism, and violence, and cast our eyes down for a moment of prayer, and then on to other, more pressing matters...

It was this kind of attitude that caused the LORD to instruct the prophet Jeremiah to write these words in Jeremiah 6.14:

They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace.

Just because you do not bear the wound, feel its pain or dread its power does not mean that a wound does not exist. As Christians in an aching world, we don't have to take control or solve all the problems or explain the reasons. We don't have to have all the answers or be able to fix everything. But we do need to listen to the cries of those around us, believing them to express real needs, and we need to care enough to do something encouraging, sensitive, helpful. In other words, we need to *be* Christian!

Were ever we see people hurting or crying or struggling, instead of stepping away in self-centered and apathetic bliss, perhaps we should be stepping *toward* the fray...it may get a little sticky, it might even get dangerous. But Christian compassion demands engagement with the people of the world, if we are to truly be the salt of the earth. We are all in this together, my friends. And we need to care about the least, the last, the hurting and the lost.

May Jesus, the Prince of Peace, lead us into the fray...
In Grace and Peace,

Pastor Penny
217-932-3115 (cell) Call or text me anytime!

THANK YOU'S

Thanks to Donna Schroeder and Jane Griffin for their recent painting of the church halls and Narthex.

Thanks to Stan Towner and Tim Schroeder for their recent work on some plumbing issues at the church.

Thank you to Mike Chamberlain for mounting the new television and blue ray player in the church nursery.

Thank you to Larry Metter who did some repairs to the Pastor's office door.

Thank you to David Bryant who spent many hours on the church property clearing out underbrush from the trees and sawing up some dead trees in the back.

New Computer for the Pastor's Office

Thank you to the Quilters for their generous donation to buy a new computer for Pastor Penny's use in her office! The new computer will be a great aid to me in my ministry. To each of you wonderful ladies: I really appreciate your friendship and your generosity!

- Pastor Penny

TRUNK OR TREAT.

Buy your candy and meet us on the parking lot for New Bethel's Trunk or Treat! Hot dogs, chili, chips, and drinks will be served. There will be a costume contest and a Trunk Decorating Contest. fun and games for all ages! We need your help to make this a fun evening for the little ones. Help is needed to decorate trunks, lead games & supervise the bounce house & the obstacle course. Trunk decorating Theme: Stories from the Bible Contact Brittaney at bnw1015@gmail.com or 815-944-2123 for more info!

FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Our stewardship campaign for 2017 is beginning. Most people associated with New Bethel will be receiving a pledge card in the mail. If you do not receive one or have misplaced yours, they can be found in the church office. We will be collecting the pledge cards on October 23. If you are unable to be in church that Sunday or wish to deliver it at a more convenient time, simply mail the card to the church or drop it in the stewardship box at the church by that date.

2017 is going to be an exciting year for New Bethel! As we grow, so do our ministries and the cost of doing those ministries. The cost of paying our bills, church and parsonage upkeep, and capital improvements seem to increase for the church each year just as they do for us as individuals.

If you are not yet tithing, we ask that you pray about it before filling out your card and at least try taking a step up in that direction. Remember what the Lord has done for you!

DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NOVEMBER 5TH COUNTRY MARKET.

Have you created hand-made items, love to bake, or have extra decorations? If so, the Country Market is the perfect place to donate. Several nights have been planned to fellowship and prepare items for the tables. Stop by, it would be nice to see you. Please drop off baked goods Friday 11/4 or Saturday morning 11/5. Any questions contact Sarah Paul @ sfpaul63@charter.net or Cheri Towner @ cheri@newbethelumc.org

STOP BY ONE OR ALL OF THE DATES BELOW:

Tues. 10/11 @ 6:30 p.m.

Tues. 10/18 @ 10 a.m.

Fri. 11/4 @ 6:30 p.m. (final prep/setup)

Sat. 11/5 @ 9 a.m. (setup)



This is an all-church night of food, fellowship, and learning with electives for all ages. Dinner is from 5:30-6:30 with the Disciple Bible Study starting at 6 pm and the remaining small groups starting at 6:30 PM. Kids Connection and the Youth will start at 6 pm this fall in order to get the children and youth home a little earlier.

As usual, dinner is provided for a nominal cost.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OFFERINGS

Nursery - the nursery is available for infant—4 years of age on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm.

Pre-K – 5th grade - The Wednesday night ministry is a gathering for children from kindergarten through fifth grade. We provide kids with a safe, loving, fun-filled environment where they can connect with other kids and learn about God and Jesus in a meaningful, relevant way. Kids Connection meets in room 102 from 6-7 pm.

Middle School & Senior High Youth - Wow, what a bunch of active youth! The middle & senior high youth meet with Judy Lee in a truly fun night with scripture and bible study. 6-7 pm. This is a great bunch of kids and everyone should spend some time with them and get to know them better

Prayer Shawl Ministry - The New Bethel UMC Prayer Shawl Ministry invites anyone who would like to knit with the group join them on Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 8:00 starting September 7th. Come and join in some fellowship, fun, great discussion to solve all the problems of the world or just come by for a friendly "time out" from the worries of the day. We meet in room 101 in the lower level. For information contact Kathy Sedlacek 346-0051/ kathleensedlacek@att.net.

Ladies Bible Study. Women of Faith will meet at 6:30 pm in Room 102. They are beginning a new study using the book "Living above Worry and Stress". They are available for purchase in the church office. It is a 12 week study and the cost of the book is \$10

Men's Bible Study. Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The group is using "Dare to be Uncommon" by former NFL player and coach, Tony Dungy. Tony has spent his life shaping the men around him. In this Bible study, he shares truths he wants every man to understand, live by and pass on to others. This is a 7-session class that we are taking at an informal, leisurely pace. The cost of the book is \$10.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR NEW LOOK?

We are testing out an electronic newsletter for the next 6 months...

Why?

- It will save the New Bethel UMC approximately \$ 65 a month in postage;
- It will be easier to produce and more efficient to send out;
- It can be more widely disseminated via email addresses;
- It can be more visually appealing since we can enlarge font sizes and add all kinds of color and graphics to our articles, at no charge!
- It's fun to try new things!

How will this work?

All you need to do is let the church office know how you'd like to receive your monthly New Bethel UMC newsletter. There are three options:

Verify that we have your email address and we'll email it to you;

Speak to Cheri in the church office and ask to have a printed copy mailed to your home address;

Or you may pick up a printed copy outside the church office in the Welcome Area.

If I have comments and ideas, how do I share them?

Just speak with Pastor Penny about it - she'd love to hear from you. Come by the church or text her anytime at 217-932-3115.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact Breann at bltowner@gmail.com or 618-444-5870 if you would be interested in volunteering in the nursery on Sundays from 8:15am-12:00pm. We are currently seeking volunteers for Sundays in November and December. You may volunteer for as few or as many weeks as you would like, and for the early service, late service, or both. Thank you!

MONTHLY LUNCHEON.

The widow's group will be meeting Saturday, October 22 @ 12:00 noon at Cracker Barrel in Troy.



HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE

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The United Methodist Men's group is organizing a list of people that would be available to help seniors or disabled members with simple home repair projects. Volunteers would be available to provide labor to take care of items like fixing leaky faucets, changing hard to reach light bulbs or cleaning gutters. If you have a need for this service, please call the church office (Cheri) and give her a description of the problem. Cheri will forward the request to the UMM. Also, if anyone is willing to be a volunteer repair person (men & women welcomed!), please notify John Kutz and let him know what skills you would be willing to help with.

Schnucks Community Card

If you ever shop at Schnucks, you could be helping raise money for New Bethel UMC! Through their EScript community card, Schnucks contributes back to the church every time you make a purchase and slide your community card. I just signed up for a card today! If you'd like to join me in helping raise funds for New Bethel UMC, just get a Schnucks Community card from the church office or from our Mission/Outreach Chairperson, Mike Chamberlain and start buying those groceries!

- Pastor Penny J

NOTABLE QUOTABLE:

No man is an Island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee.

*John Donne, Meditation XVII
English clergyman & poet (1572 - 1631)*

THE NURSERY IS OPEN!

The nursery is located on the entrance level of the church, in Room 101 (or southeast corner of the church); is open from 8:15 a.m. - Noon, weekly; and is staffed by our new hire - **Breann Towner**. The nursery is designed specifically for children aged **birth - 4 years** (although 4 year olds may go to Super Church at the 10:30 a.m. service, after the Children's Moment). Parents please stop by anytime to check it out!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY.

Join us in Pre-K and elementary Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:30 as we learn about the Fruits of the Spirit! Pre-school class meets in room 102; Elementary class meets in room 101

In Children's Church, we've been learning about Kids of the Bible! Remember to get your costumes ready for the Trunk or Treat on October 26th! Invite your friends!



Kids Connection meet on Wednesday nights in room 102 (6-6:30 supervised play time, 6:30-7:30 lesson)

MIDDLE SCHOOL & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH UPDATE.

Our Middle School Youth Group is coming off an activity-filled summer and is making plans for a great fall of fun and faith. Under the direction of Judy Lee the youth have the following dates scheduled for September:

Every Wednesday evening 6 pm

Sunday, Oct 9— 5:30 pm - Glow Fest at the Towner's home

Sunday, Oct 16—6 pm - No Youth

Sunday, Oct. 23—5 pm - Salsa contest and Taco/chili dinner

Sunday, Oct 30—No youth

Sunday, Oct 31— Halloween Parade, Jerry's Tire Sales (please come after 5:30 - 5:45 PM) bring a dish to share

SALSA CONTEST FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 23 - SALSA contest and taco night

Enter your homemade salsa for everybody to taste in the salsa judging contest!

Time: 5:00-7:00pm \$5 per person or \$15 a family.

If you don't want to enter a Salsa please come eat Tacos and Chili.

Taco meal, tableware and drinks will be furnished.

Location: downstairs in fellowship hall.

Fundraiser is for the adult mission trip to Juarez Jan 7-13, 2017

ADULT CHOIR.

Our music is under the direction of Mike Rogier. If you are interested speak with him at anytime. Practice times are listed on the Calendar.

BELL CHOIR.

Bells will practice Thursday, October 6th and September 20th at 6 p.m. for 30 minutes. All are welcome.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MEETING.

The UMW will meet at 9:30 on Saturday, October 8th. We encourage all women to join us.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MEETING.

The UMM will meet at 8 am on Saturday, October 8th in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and a meeting.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS ...

- October 1. Ron Foster
- October 2. Rachel Bell & Mike Beyer
- October 3. Linda Hellenga, Kaleb Kosten & Cathy McMillan
- October 4. Sharyl Humerickhouse
- October 9. Lindsey Hohlt
- October 11. Almeda Lahr-Well
- October 12. Mason Morfey
- October 13. David Bell
- October 15. Evelyn Kosten & Brittaney LaBarge
- October 19. Christine Airey & Landin Azotea
- October 20. Addison Hohlt and Betsy Dodds
- October 26. Anna Lehman
- October 27. Dan Black
- October 28. Elena Brown
- October 30. Kathy Sedlacek and Charles Witzke Jr.
- October 31. Denise Wilson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES ...

- October 2. Mark & Kathy Sedlacek and Alan & Pat Voigt
- October 11. Eric & Rita Freese
- October 17. Dan and Erin Phillips
- October 19. Ralph Well & Almeda Lahr-Well

October 2016

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2 Breakfast Buffet 9:30 am	3 AA Bible Study 6 pm	4 Quilters 9:15 am Trustee meeting 6:30 pm	5 NO MEAL	6 Bell Choir 6 pm Choir Practice 6:45 pm Praise Band 7:45 pm	7	8 United Methodist Men, 8am United Methodist Women 9:30
9 Communion Sunday Choir Practice 9:30 am Disciple Bible Study 4 pm Glow Fest 5:30	10 AA Bible Study 6 pm Leadership Team meeting 6:30 pm	11 Quilters 9:15 am	12 Mid-Week meals and activities 5:30	13 Choir Practice 6:45 pm Praise Band 7:45 pm	14	15
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RECURRING EVENTS AT NEW BETHEL...

SUNDAYS:

Worship. 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Nursery. 8:15-12 PM

Super Church. 10:30 AM

Sunday School. 9:30 AM

Teens. 6:30 PM.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:

Son Catchers—Room 204 9:30 am

Embracing Grace—Rome 203 9:30 am

Women's Bible Study—Room 202 9:30 am

Pastor's office—College –aged class: Experiencing God - 9:30 am

WEEKLY:

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

Mid-Week @ New Bethel.

Meals. Have a great meal and fellowship with your friends on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM.

Kids Connection. An evening of stories, games, and crafts. 6-7 PM, Room 102

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

Prayer Shawls. Creating prayer shawls, praying over them, and giving them to those with needs. Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Room 101

Disciple Bible Study. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in room 203

Men's Bible Study. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Women's bible Study. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in room 202

Thursdays - Choir. Practice is held every Thursday at 6:45 PM all are welcome to join New Bethel Choir

Bell Choir. Bell Choir Practice will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6 PM. Newcomers are always welcome.

Praise Team Rehearsal. Practice is held every Thursday at 7:45 PM. All are welcome to join.

Sunday evening—Disciple Bible Study. 4-6 pm

MONTHLY:

United Methodist Men. 2nd Saturdays, 8 AM b-fast.

United Methodist Women. 2nd Saturdays, 9:30 AM