

# The Ladder

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**New Bethel UMC**



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**Glen Carbon's United Methodist Congregation**

Next Sermon Series begins July 16, 2017:

## **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!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JULY 24-28, 2017**  
**6 - 8:15 p.m.**  
**For kids ages K - 6<sup>th</sup> grade!**



Registration and helper sign-up is already underway and I'm sure you've noticed the different decorations and Bible Buddies appearing weekly in the lobby! VBS is going to be a great adventure this year and our Bible Stories include: God's creation of people; Rahab's protection of the Israelite spies; the judge Gideon; the resurrection of Jesus Christ; and David's wife Abigail bringing peace. Children going into grades 1 - 6<sup>th</sup> will learn that God always loves them, is always with them, and God always has a plan for each one of us! Please share our VBS adventure with children you know and invite them to join us for this wonderful week of fun, exploration, new friendship:, and growth in faith! Parents will be invited to join us in the sanctuary each evening at 8 p.m. to hear our closing songs for the evening. It's going to be a blast!

## PASTOR'S PEN

Deuteronomy 6.4-9 is known as the Shema, the name coming from the first word in the Hebrew: "Shema Yisrael," which means "Hear, O Israel..." It's a great passage in the Old Testament which stresses the importance of parents teaching the commandments of the LORD to their children and passing on the faith. Today, one of the ways that the Church helps parents in this transmission of the faith, is through a strong and vibrant Sunday School. In hopes of maximizing 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 will necessitate a slight shift in our worship times. Beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>, our Traditional worship service will run from 8:15-9:15 a.m.; Sunday School will run from 9:30-10:30a.m. and the Contemporary worship service will run 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. 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 begin praying with us, 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.

See you in Church this Summer,

Pastor Penny

## PEW RENT

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 Grimmatt, has challenged each church in the Mississippi River District to raise enough money for one pew (cost is \$145). Through your generous "pew rent" contributions, the New Bethel UMC has collected \$ 306.30!



Join the mission trip participants on Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30 pm as they recap their week in Nashville with an ice cream social. All youth, New Bethel congregation and their guests are all welcome to hear their stories as they share how they were touched through Urban Ministries in Birmingham, AL.

**WIDOWS LUNCHEON.** This month we will be meeting on July 22nd at Cracker Barrel in Troy at noon. If you need a ride or to RSVP call JoAnn Delaney at 288-9228.

**The BBQ IS COMING IN AUGUST.** The UMM will be cooking and serving up barbecued pork steaks, pulled pork, hot dogs and brats on August 12th. Sign up sheets will be passed during both services. If you are a leader of a small group or committee we would like the Ministry boards displayed again this year. Please see Cheri to retrieve your board from previous years so it can be updated.

## 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.

## THE \$5 CLUB: NO MEETINGS. JUST MINISTRY.

All recipients are screened through the Glen Ed Pantry & help is given throughout the nearby communities in the Edwardsville School District. If you would like to donate, please mark your giving envelope on Sunday morning.

From January – June of this year, with your generosity, we have helped 34 families and made a donation to the Glen Ed Pantry to buy shoes for school age children for a total of \$1,216.93

### 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.

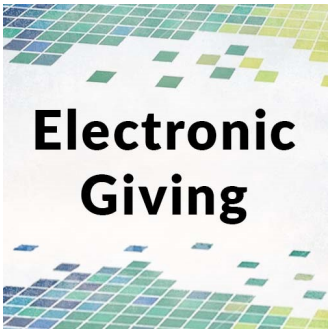
## THANK YOU'S

Dear Friends at New Bethel, Thank you so much for your gift of \$1,192.50 to Community Hope Center. Your support allows us to do what God has called us to do— help people with food and clothes who are experiencing financial hardship. We really appreciate your partnership. Yours in Christ—Paul Militzer, Executive Director

Dear New Bethel UMC, Thank you so much for allowing us to use your parking lot and narthex for the Glen Carbon homecoming parade. We are so thankful for your generosity. Sincerely, Becki Blankenship, Chair of Community Events Committee

We would like to thank our New Bethel family for their prayers and presence in our lives, especially in the past months as we prepared for and experienced Charlie's open-heart surgery. We are blessed to report that he is healing and gaining strength everyday. Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl and the prayers that covered it. Your friends in Him, Charlie and Kathy Witzke

## ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING.



New Bethel wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers conveniences for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

## PRAISE BAND

*The Praise Team rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Email Jake Hoult at [houlthoult@yahoo.com](mailto:houlthoult@yahoo.com) if you would like to join the team.*

## THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS

*We have several copies of this book available for purchase at \$9 a copy. Pick one up in the Church lobby.*

## 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.

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)

## 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.

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

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

**Sunday, July 16**—No meeting

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

**Sunday, July 23**—set up VBS decorations

**Monday-Friday, July 24-28**—VBS 6-8:15 pm

**Sunday, July 30**—Help tear down VBS

## Father's Day Special Gift Winners:

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

<b>Most Fun Dad Present:</b>	<b>Tim Nuoffer</b>
<b>Grilling Dad Present:</b>	<b>David Bryant</b>
<b>Car Care Dad:</b>	<b>Bill Wann</b>
<b>Fix-it-Dad:</b>	<b>John Kutz</b>
<b>Oldest Dad:</b>	<b>Glen Burlingame</b>
<b>Youngest Dad:</b>	<b>David Bogowith</b>

<b>Steve Oertle</b>
<b>Mike Chamberlain</b>
<b>Greg Stamer</b>
<b>Eric Freese</b>
<b>Allen Warren</b>
<b>Larry Lawhead</b>



### **BIRTHDAYS ...**

1 Paige Frick  
5 Jenny Mulvihill & George Glenn  
6 Larry Metter  
7 Jim Dodds  
10 Diane Frazier  
12 Chelsea Larson  
15 Pam Chamberlain  
17 Walter Frazier, Jessica & Jacqueline Glenn  
24 Adam Foster & Jennifer Kosten  
25 Kathy Jeffries  
26 George Abram  
27 Bob Dunn  
29 Sylvia Trebing  
31 Donna Kutz

### **ANNIVERSARIES ...**

7 Mike & Dynette Rogier  
8 Mike & Jo Meikamp  
9 George & Norma Abram  
28 Karl & Amber Larson

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

*The most important persuasion tool you have in your entire arsenal is integrity.*

*Zig Ziglar*

## **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 7 pm**

### **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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 AA Bible Study 6 pm	4 Quilters 9:15 am	5 Youth group 6-7:30 pm	6 7 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	7	8 UMM 8 am UMW 9:30 am  MISSION TRIP
9	10 AA Bible Study 6 pm	11 Quilters 9:15 am  Finance Meet- ing 6:30 pm	12	13 7 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	14	15
SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM, AL						
16	17 AA Bible Study 6 pm	18 Quilters 9:15 am	19 6:30 pm Ice Cream Social	20 7 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	21	22
23	24 AA Bible Study 6 pm	25 Quilters 9:15 am	26	27	28	29
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6-8:15 PM						
30	31 AA Bible Study 6 pm					