

# The Spirit of Bethlehem



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## Pastor Randy's Ramblings:

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

At the beginning of July, the national setting of the United Church of Christ held its General Synod in Indianapolis. This gathering takes place every two years, bringing all the conferences of the UCC together. It's a similar concept to our church's annual meeting. This year, two VERY important milestone events occurred. But first, some history...

The United Church of Christ in its present form, was officially created in 1957. However, its roots go back MUCH further in history. The UCC was founded with the union of four denominations: The Reformed Church, The Evangelical Church, The Congregational Church, and the Christian Church. Both the Evangelical and Reformed traditions evolved from different theologies that emerged from the Reformation, that weren't "Lutheran." The Evangelical movement has mainly a German heritage, while the Reformed movement originated with the Swiss, Dutch, and also Germans. Both traditions arrived in North America as immigration grew. In the 1930's the two traditions combined into one denomination which many of you probably remember as the E&R (Evangelical and Reformed Church).

The Congregational tradition goes back to our earliest colonial times. I'm sure you remember learning about the Pilgrims and the Puritans? Well, those were the churches of our Congregational roots. Did you know the Pilgrims were part of your church history? The Christian Church was a combination of multiple denominations and traditions that joined following the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century: Virginia Methodists, New England Baptists, and Kentucky Presbyterians. The Congregational and Christian churches joined to create one denomination in the early 1930's also.

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## **SEPTEMBER SPIRIT DEADLINE:**

**SUN. AUG. 20th**

**@ 5pm**

**Send to Traci at**

**trabefamily5@gmail.com**

## Pastor Randy's Ramblings continued:

It was a long process that almost didn't happen, as churches from the now TWO denominations wrangled over several issues. Surprisingly, theological ideas were largely agreed upon. It was issues over church autonomy and governance that divided the groups. The union was finally approved on June 25, 1957.

So as I mentioned, it has been understood that the UCC came from the four previously mentioned "streams." However, on the Congregational and Christian side, there were a number of independent Black churches that also entered the union. There was also an organized group of churches in Virginia and North Carolina called the Afro-Christian Convention. These churches had strong ties to the heritage of their African homeland. They had unique worship styles, music and rituals that made them distinct from the Reformed, Evangelical, Congregational and Christian traditions.

So here's the first milestone event... because of the unique traditions brought by the Afro-Christian Convention, this year's General Synod voted to formally recognize the Afro-Christian Convention as the FIFTH founding stream of the United Church of Christ. This not only rectifies an overlooked aspect of our church history but is a win for persons whose ancestors endured slavery, racism, and discrimination. If you're interested in this story, I encourage you to read:

Delk, Yvonne V. *The Afro-Christian Convention: The Fifth Stream of the United Church of Christ*, Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2023.

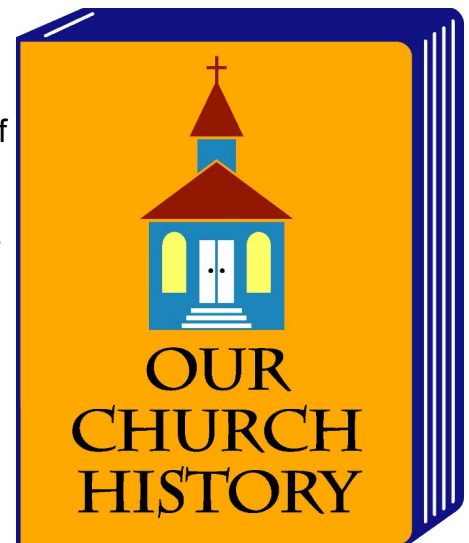
I ordered my copy on Amazon.

The second milestone from General Synod...with the expiring term of John Dorhauer, President and General Minister of the UCC, the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson was elected to the position. Rev. Thompson is the FIRST African-American woman elected to lead the UCC. She's only the third woman nominated for the position. And, as a native of Jamaica, she's also the first immigrant elected to lead the denomination.

This brief history is only a short summary of our church's history. If you'd like to know more, or if you'd like to read and discuss Rev. Delk's book, let me know. Personally, I'm proud to be a part of the UCC.

In Christ,

Pastor Randy



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## Our Spiritual Leader:

**Pastor Randy Koppenhaver**

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- Gather in the sanctuary for worship Sunday mornings. Our service begins at 9:30am.
- Tune your car radio to 101.3FM to listen to the service in the church parking lot at 9:30am.
- View Sunday's service from the comfort of your home through Facebook live stream at 9:30am <http://www.facebook.com/bucckiel/>
- OR watch the recorded worship service on Bethlehem's website at a time that is convenient for you and your family [www.bethlehemkiel.org](http://www.bethlehemkiel.org)



**Pastoral Care:** If you have any pastoral/spiritual care needs please contact Pastor Randy.

## 2023 Bethlehem UCC Leadership Team

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If you are not able to join us in person Sunday mornings, please mail your giving envelope to:

**Bethlehem UCC**  
**c/o Ruthie Rumpff**  
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You can also give electronically! Please contact Ruthie Rumpff for details.

## Bethlehem UCC has added a Donate Button on the Church Website

[www.bethlehemkiel.org](http://www.bethlehemkiel.org)



*Click on the Donate button to make a secure online contribution today!*

**Donate**

Your giving will go directly to offset our day-to-day costs of maintaining the church. This option was added in addition to giving at church, mailing your giving to church or giving electronically.

The On-line giving is secure by using your PayPal account, credit or debit card. (The church is charged a 2.89% plus 49 cents for each transaction. You have the option to add that to your donation.)

Thank you for all your support!

## Lectionary Readings for AUGUST:

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 6, 2023	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 13, 2023	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 2023	Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 27, 2023	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20

## **Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting:** 7/11/2023

Present: Steven Volland, Jane Umland, Ross Westphalen, Ruthie Rumpff, Lee Watson, Traci Rabe

Call to Order: 6:47pm

Opening Prayer by Steven.

### **Monthly Reports**

#### ▫ **Secretary – Kathy**

- The Secretary's monthly meeting minutes were approved as printed in the June Spirit of Bethlehem (motion by Ross and 2nd by Jane).



#### • **Treasurer – Jane**

- Giving received in June to date is \$7,014.44 bringing the checkbook balance to \$59,707.07. The report is approved as presented (motion by Ruthie and 2nd by Lee).

#### • **Financial Secretary – Ruthie**

- Monthly income \$6,656.00 (\$1,090.00 below monthly required collection)  
\$40,573.00 (\$95,902.00 below YTD requirement)

This report is approved as presented (motion by Ross and 2nd by Jane).

#### • **Building and Grounds Checking and Savings**

- Checking = \$981.93

- Saving = \$12,656.73

### **Building and Grounds Updates:**

- Cementing in the front and back of church = complete
- Leak in choir room – caulked by Wusterbarth – need to watch for any new leaks
- Old paint cans – dried and disposed of = complete
- Looking into outside lighting issues – Steve D. - pending
- Getting estimate for canister light replacement – Rick R. - pending
- Clean up saw chips from stump removal and plant grass – Louie is working on it
- Getting 2 estimates for gutter guards on parsonage and garage – clogged several times – Louie is working on it
- Suggestion to put up a “house style” mailbox on right-hand side of church entrance

### **Pastoral Report – Pastor Randy:**

#### **Worship -**

6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9

- Field of Dreams 7/6 (Thanks to Will, Lora and Kathy for helping me)

Upcoming “OFF” Sundays: July 16, Aug. 27, Sept. 3, Oct. 15

### **Confirmation/Youth -**

I have begun dialogue with parents and other pastors about the confirmation program and schedule for this coming year. Will be Wednesdays in the fall, possibly switching to Sundays in January.

### **Mission -**

- Loads of Love on 7/3 - Gave client \$25 - did not hold actual service at laundromat.
- Guest speaker from NAMI on June 18th.
- Period Pack ongoing - Mission Committee will pay for detergent sheets
- Missionaries on 7/16 - Make checks payable to "John Clements"
- WISE mtg on 7/9
  - \*We are ready to begin educating the congregation, The first thing: WISE will be starting a book study on Blessed are the Crazy. The group will begin meeting on Sunday, Sept. 10 before church. Traci R will lead the discussions
- Sent out cards and \$300 in families in need funds to community members with medical needs. Families in Need fund is basically depleted. Need members to buy scrip or donate directly to the fund.

### **Pastoral care -**

- Phone calls and left messages 5x (I've had a hard time connecting with people. Will begin in earnest when I return from MN)
- Other electronic communication 1x
- Cards 2x
- Visits 1x
- Hospital visits 2x
- Pastor Herda covering for me while in MN from July 10-16

### **Wider Church/MID process -**

- COP (communities of practice) meeting on 6/22
- Work towards ordination:
- Submitted application for CPE placement
- enrolled in course on UCC history and polity (in process)
- Wrote Learning Covenant (Waiting to be approved)

### **Communication and Other -**

- Weekly Blurbs and monthly newsletter articles
- Could we get some sort of mailbox/drop box outside the front door for when people leave things or have to pick things up? (for example, St. Peters wanted to drop off a flyer for VBS but had to put it in the garage)

### **Outdoor worship on 8/6 -**

- Hawaiian or beach theme clothing
- I will use guitar to play simple camp-type songs
- Do communion as normal. (take the elements to the people)
- members to bring chairs

**Member Outreach** – cards sent on behalf of Bethlehem = 1 thank you, 1 healing thoughts, 1 sympathy

## OLD BUSINESS

Pulpit Supply for July:

- 16<sup>th</sup> – Consistory members and Clements family
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Randy will be back and will be leading worship

Pulpit Supply for August:

27<sup>th</sup> – Steven will be contacting supply pastors to fill this Sunday

Summer Church Picnic – Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Beach/Hawaiian themed clothing and decorations
- ◆ The service w/communion and picnic will be outdoors (weather permitting)
- ◆ Grilled hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Members attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share and to sign-up in the Fellowship Hall so we know how many to plan for.
- ◆ Games for all are being planned as well as a *bounce house (weather permitting)*.



Summer Concert Concessions – Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>



- Bethlehem UCC will be providing concessions for the Kiel Concert in the Park. The menu includes hotdogs, chips, and a drink.
- Members are being asked to donate baked goods that can also be sold during the concert. Please sign-up on the sheet provided in the Fellowship Hall.
- We are also in need of 5-6 people willing to work the concessions from 5 – 8/8:30pm. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or contact any consistory member.

## New Business

Youth Volleyball Tournament – Sunday, July 30 – Bethlehem UCC is hosting!

- Baked goods (cookies, bars, cupcakes, sweet treats, trail mix, etc.) are needed for the tournament. A sign-up sheet is provided in the Fellowship Hall. Please package your goodies in single servings and bring them to church Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Volunteers are also needed to sell hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks during the tournament. Any help you can give is much appreciated. Please sign-up in the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



## Mission Fest – Sunday, October 8th

- Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate Mission Fest. This year's outreach activities will include:

1. Assembling Period Packs
2. Making sandwiches for Mission House
3. Highway clean-up
4. Playing BINGO at an assisted living facility

*Lunch will be provided for everyone participating.*

Mailbox discussion – A house type mailbox/drop box was approved by the consistory to be placed outside the front church doors for when people leave things or have to pick things up. Steven will notify Building and Grounds members to go ahead and install.

Families in Need discussion – after a brief discussion a motion was made by Ruthie to designate the August Jingle Change for the Bethlehem Families in Need program. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor.

## HHT A-Cappella

- Special music will be provided during our church service on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Our very own Ross Westphalen is a member of this local barbershop group.



## Next meeting – 6:30pm August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

A motion was made by Ruthie to adjourn the meeting. Jane seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Traci Rabe



## **Bethlehem Ladies:**



The Bethlehem Ladies next meeting is Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.

Bethlehem Ladies Annual Guest Night, Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Guest Speaker will be from Harbor House. Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs provides safe shelter and support services to survivors of domestic abuse in

Northeast Wisconsin. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a light lunch and speaker to follow. Please invite your friends and family to attend.

For the next couple weeks, we will be collecting items needed for the Harbor House Abuse Shelter. These items can be brought to church and placed in the basket at the entrance until Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Here is a list of their current needs. Thank you for your generosity!!**

Standard size bed pillows

Hair brushes

Summer pajama sets (pants & short-sleeved top)- women's M, L and 3X; men's all sizes

Snack size Ziploc bags

Liquid hand soap (small bottles)

Short athletic socks for women

Women's underwear packs- all sizes

Magic Eraser sponges

Bleach

Multi-purpose cleaner with bleach

Paper towels

Full-sized laundry baskets

Textured Hair Care Products

*(shampoo, leave in conditioner, oil, cream, bristle/boar brushes, tail combs, edge gel, do-rags)*

New twin-sized sheet sets

Twin-size bed bug covers

Gift Cards

*(Target, Walmart, VISA, Woodman's, Pick-n-Save, local restaurants)*

**Please no travel size/sample items**

**NOTE: They are only able to accept new/unused items.**

On to wash communion glasses on August 6<sup>th</sup> are Ginny and Jeanette.

Polly Jeanty  
Secretary

**Reminders:**

*Just a reminder that the Ladies have a wonderful selection of greeting cards and napkins for sale. The display is located in the Fellowship Hall by the sound room. All cards are marked with a price. Take a look and if you find something you like, simply drop your money in the box found on the display.*

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One of the Bethlehem Ladies' mission projects is recycling greeting cards. You can help them out by saving all your old greeting cards throughout the year and placing them in one of the Ladies mailboxes at church or giving them to a Consistory member Sunday morning. The cards are given to Project Angel Hugs (children with cancer) and to four assisted living homes in Kiel and New Holstein. Thank you for your help!

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**Bethlehem Scrip:**

Summer is flying by! "Back to School" flyers are starting to appear. Consider buying scrip cards to support your back to school needs. I carry Walmart, Meijer, and Kohls cards on a weekly basis. Stop at the Scrip table and check it out. Thank you for your continued support of the scrip program!

Linda Rabe

**STATS:**

6/25/2023	\$ 2,035.00	\$ 60.70
7/04/2023	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 113.45
7/17/2023	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 41.84



**\*\*CAP COLLECTION:** I received an email from the lady that receives the caps that we collect. We have collected 20.7 pounds so far and will be used to make a park bench. She thanks us for collecting, very proud of our efforts!

Again, they are collected under the mailboxes at church. Thank you everyone!

## August Rummage Sale

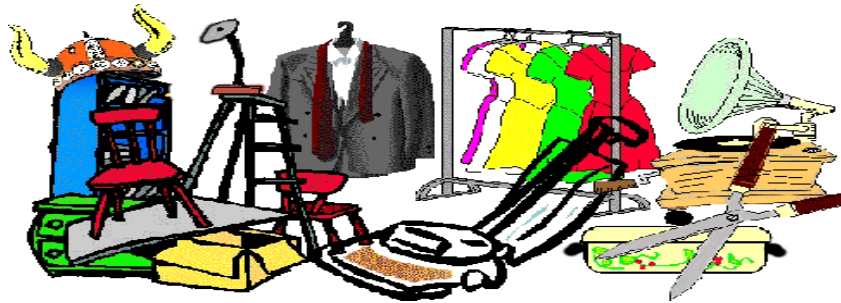
There are plans underway for a church rummage sale in August. If you have items that other households might find useful, please save them for the sale. If you don't have room to store until then, please contact Merry Christians members who can arrange storage.

**Your Help will be needed.** Keep these dates in mind; they may be subject to change. Sign up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall, or email to schedule a time (kayerad@hotmail.com).

- Thursday, August 10: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm pricing and set up
- Thursday, August 10: 3:00pm to 7 pm Sales Staff
- Friday, August 11: 8:00am to 5:00 pm Sales Staff
- Saturday, August 12, 8:00am to noon Sales Staff
- Friday, August 18: 8:00am to 5:00 pm Sales Staff
- Saturday, August 19: 8:00am to noon Sales Staff
- Saturday, August 19: 12:00 to 1:00pm Clean Up Crew

If you have items to donate, these can be dropped off in the new garage, next to the church starting Sunday, August 6. If you would like us to pick up your items, do not hesitate to contact members of the Merry Christians. We will be happy to make arrangements.

**Please no TVs or other electronics. These have not been selling and require a disposal fee.**



**Loads of Love:** Once a month, recipients meet Bethlehem's Loads of Love team at the laundry mat and are supplied detergent and dryer sheets to wash and dry their clothing, towels, and bedding. Loads of Love also generously provides the quarters for the washers and dryers. With your help Bethlehem will continue to do God's work through this important mission. Your donations can be placed in the "Laundry Detergent" container located near the entrance to the sanctuary.



***Thank you for sharing God's love through your generosity!***

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these upcoming BETHLEHEM EVENTS:

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\*Volunteers are also needed to sell hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks during the tournament. Any help you can give is much appreciated. Please sign-up in the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



### **Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship – Sunday, August 6**



*We will be having an outdoor beach themed Church service w/communion so, feel free to wear your Hawaiian shirts, shorts and flip-flops.*

*What's a picnic without food??? Grilled hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Members attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share and to sign-up in the Fellowship Hall so we know how many to plan for.*

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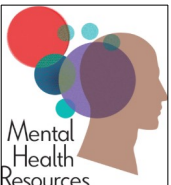
**Bethlehem Annual Rummage Sale – Th. Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 3-7pm, Fri. Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 8-5, Sat. Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> 8-noon, AND Fri. Aug. 18 8-5, Sat. Aug. 19 8-noon**

### **HHT A-Cappella – Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**



Special music will be provided during our church service on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Our very own Ross Westphalen is a member of this local barbershop group.

*The WISE Committee has been studying the topic of mental health since February. Now it's time to get the congregation involved! The first activity is going to be a book study of Blessed are the Crazy by Rev. Sarah Lund. (The WISE team studied this book in the spring.) The book study will be led by Traci Rabe and will begin on Sept. 10 before church (8:30am). At that time the group will decide the schedule going forward. Please sign up in the fellowship hall. The book will be provided for you.*



### **Bethlehem Ladies Harbor House Collection:**

The Bethlehem Ladies Annual Guest Night, Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Guest Speaker will be from Harbor House. Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs provides safe shelter and support services to survivors of domestic abuse in Northeast Wisconsin. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a light lunch and speaker to follow.

For the next few weeks, the Bethlehem Ladies will be collecting items needed for the Harbor House Abuse Shelter. These items can be brought to church and placed in the basket at the entrance until Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. To see the full list of items they are collecting, please see page 9 of this month's Spirit of Bethlehem.

### **MISSION PROJECT:**



In many parts of the world, women and girls live in period poverty – lacking access to necessary feminine care supplies. During the menstrual cycle, these hygiene materials are especially important to healthy practices. Not having supplies like sanitary napkins, tampons, soap and disposable plastic bags can create challenges that lead to unsafe and unsanitary conditions. During the months of June, July, and August our Bethlehem family will be collecting menstrual hygiene supplies and will then assemble these kits as part of our Mission Fest Sunday. Supplies can be brought to church during these months. Please see page 15 for the list of needed supplies.

### **Mission Fest – Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate Mission Fest. This year's greater community outreach activities will include:

1. Assembling Period Packs
2. Making sandwiches for Mission House
3. Highway clean-up
4. Playing BINGO at an assisted living facility

***As always, a yummy lunch and fellowship will be provided!***

# Those in our thoughts and prayers:

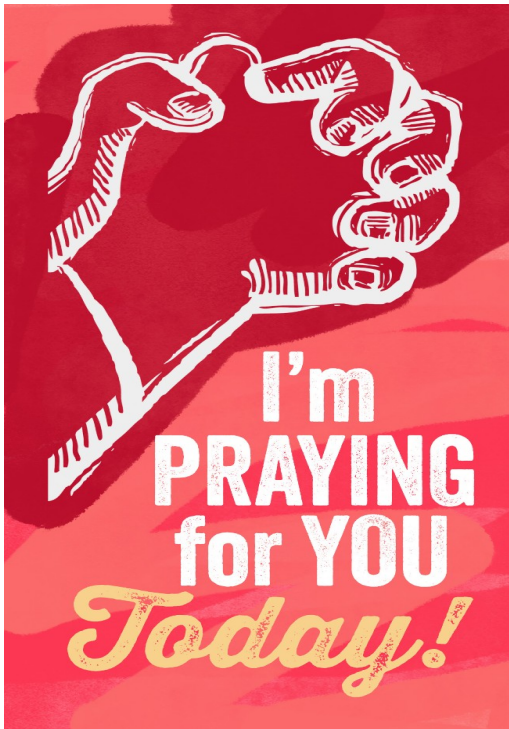
## **Joys:**

### ***Families who have lost loved ones:***

Scott Hartenberger



### ***Those struggling with health issues:***



Marie Rietbrock

Brenda Voland

Heidi Konen

Gary Steinhardt

Sandra Tesch

Bob Radder

Doreen Schmidt

Tom Lefebvre

Helen Henning

Hattie Lucille

Darlene Horneck

Dawson Horneck

Jessica Horneck

Crystal (Friend of Koppenhavers)

Molly (Friend of Koppenhavers)

### **Those unable to worship with us:**

Merlin & Doris Mae Ninmer

#### **Other concerns:**

Those affected by gun violence

Those affected by the war in Ukraine

Those affected by violence and oppression in other places of the world

Those affected by wildfires or other natural disasters

## Period Pack – Menstrual Hygiene Kit Collection:



In many parts of the world, women and girls live in period poverty – lacking access to necessary feminine care supplies. During the menstrual cycle, these hygiene materials are especially important to healthy practices. Not having supplies like sanitary napkins, tampons, soap and disposable plastic bags can create challenges that lead to unsafe and unsanitary conditions.

Now you can help women and girls around the world living in period poverty. The CWS (Church World Services) Period Pack gives women and girls the essentials they need to feel clean, be healthy and live with dignity during the menstrual cycle.

*During the months of May, June, July, August and September our Bethlehem family will be collecting menstrual hygiene supplies and will then assemble these kits as part of our Mission Fest Sunday. Supplies can be brought to church during these months.*

### Supplies Needed:

- One 1 gallon Ziploc bag
- Two 2 oz bottle hand sanitizer
- Three 4 – gallon bathroom trash bags
- One travel pack of Wet Ones
- Ten unscented tampons (5 regular, 5 super absorbency)
- One bath-size bar of soap in the original package (3oz bar or larger. No Ivory or Jergen's soap)
- One pack of flushable wipes (Unscented. 42 count)
- Six laundry detergent sheets (place sheets in small Ziploc bag.)
  
- *Monetary donations will also be accepted to put towards completing kits and shipping/processing fees*

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### Save your Christmas Lights:

Do you have Christmas lights that no longer work? DON'T THROW THEM OUT! Please bring them to church and place them in the basket under the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

### Save your Aluminum Cans:

Sunday School continues to collect aluminum cans. Place your bags in the old garage next to the cemetery.



## Community Outreach and Events:

**POLKA and Potluck!** Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 2pm Sponsored by St. Marks/St. James – see flyer and signup sheet in fellowship hall.

## Just for Fun:



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

### What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

### What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Mix at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!



## Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

*Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.*

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)

○ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)

\_ \_ \_ \_ ○ \_ \_ \_ \_

What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)

\_ \_ \_ \_ ○ \_ \_ \_ \_

God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)

○ \_ \_ \_ \_ ○ \_ \_ \_ \_

God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ○ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ○ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)

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The heave\_\_s declare the \_\_lory \_\_f \_\_od;  
the ski\_\_s \_\_roc\_\_aim the wo\_\_k of his ha\_\_ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

Answer: number, fingers, host, govern, offspring, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV



## AUGUST VINNIE'S PANTRY ITEMS - Please bring a jar of Peanut Butter or Jelly



AUGUST Jingle Change supports:  
Bethlehem's Families in Need program

## AUGUST 2023 – BETHLEHEM EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> <b>9:30am Worship</b> <b>w/Pastor Randy</b>  Noon Youth Volleyball Tournament hosted at Bethlehem UCC	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>9:30am Outdoor</b> <b>Communion Service/Picnic</b> <b>with food and games for</b> <b>all</b>	<b>7</b> Loads of Love	<b>8</b> 6:30pm Consistory mtg.	<b>9</b> 5-8:30pm Bethlehem serving food at Kiel Summer Concert	<b>10</b> 3-7pm Bethlehem Rummage Sale	<b>11</b> 8-5 Bethlehem Rummage Sale	<b>12</b> 8-Noon Bethlehem Rummage Sale
<b>13</b> 8:30am WISE mtg. <b>9:30am Worship</b> <b>w/Pastor Randy</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8-5 Bethlehem Rummage Sale	<b>19</b> 8-Noon Bethlehem Rummage Sale
<b>20</b> 8:30am Bethlehem Ladies mtg. <b>9:30am Worship</b> <b>w/Pastor Randy</b> August Spirit Articles due to Traci by 5pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>9:30am Worship</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## BIRTHDAYS

*August 3 – Logan Tesch  
- Jaden Witkowski*

*August 4 – Lillie Brockway*

*August 5 – Donna Truttmann-Retlich*

*August 7- Tony Bowe*

*August 8 – David Meyer*

*August 9 – David Radder*

*August 12 – Maxwell Volland*

*August 13 – Polly Jeanty  
- Linda Rabe*

*August 17 – Cooper Tesch*

*August 19 – Ian Schmidt*

*August 20 – Rachel Muehlbauer  
- Tess Rabe*

*August 27 – Tasha Rabe*

*August 30 – Lee Watson*

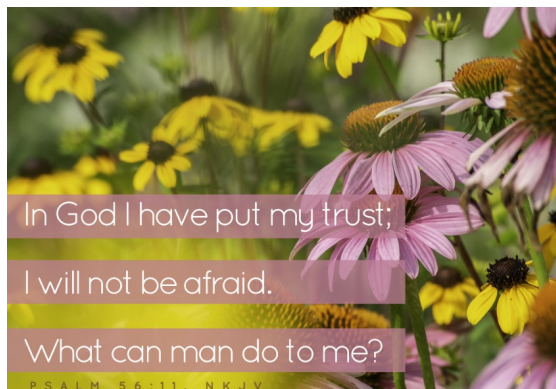
## Anniversaries

*July 30 ~ Steven & Jackie Volland (2022)*

*August 10 ~ Ryan & Molly Rabe (2019)*

*August 20 ~ David & Julie Meyer (1988)*

*August 29 ~ Rich & Lori Schmitt (1987)*



# Church Rummage Sale

## **Bethlehem UCC**

11608 Lax Chapel Road  
Kiel, WI 53042

Thursday, August 10 - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Friday, August 11 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, August 12 – 8:00 am to noon

Friday, August 18 – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm


Saturday, August 19 – 8:00 am to noon

Something for everyone

Lots of Miscellaneous

Any clothing only 50¢





**THESE SUMMER DAYS,  
SHEPHERD LORD,  
YOU LEAD US AMID  
GREEN GRASSES AND  
PEACEFUL WATERS TO  
RESTORE OUR SOULS.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
GOODNESS AND MERCY!**