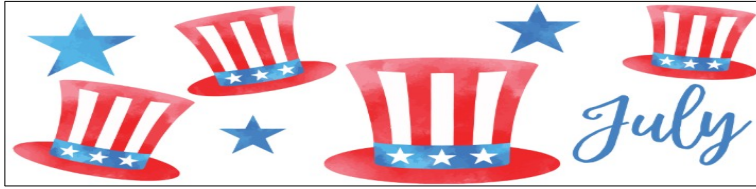


The Spirit of Bethlehem



BETHLEHEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Pastor Randy's Ramblings:

Greetings people of Bethlehem!

EB White, author of the famed children's classic, *Charlotte's Web*, once wrote, *"I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day."*

In our society, we are driven. Not only do we maintain fast-paced schedules of work, social obligations, and children's activities, but there's an unwritten expectation in our culture to make a "contribution"... to leave our marks and to do something positive for the good of our fellow citizens. And don't get me wrong, these are worthy goals! But often, we sustain this breakneck way of life at the expense of self-care. We are moving from one thing to the next so quickly, that we fail to slow down, and as EB White puts it, "enjoy the world."

There are many scriptural references to creation and nature, but perhaps the most significant passage comes from the creation story, Genesis 1:9-12

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

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AUGUST SPIRIT DEADLINE:

MONDAY, July 15th

@ 5pm

Send to Traci at

trabefamily5@gmail.com

Pastor Randy's Ramblings (continued):

Indeed, it IS good, and we should find ways to purposefully connect with God as we take in God's creation.

Wisconsin author, Holly Whitcomb, authored a short book titled, The Practice of Finding. In the book she writes about what she calls, "learning to savor." Savoring is the intentional practice of noticing small things that create wonder and peace in your heart. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be alone... specifically attuned and appreciative of things that stimulated your senses? The gentle call of the oriole or cardinal, the beauty of the sunlight as it filters through the leaves, the scent of lilacs as it wafts in the breeze, the coolness of the grass on the soles of your bare feet.



Whitcomb offers the following spiritual practice to help us learn to savor: *"Choose a particular day on which you will make yourself aware of beauty three times: in the morning, in the afternoon, and in the evening. Notice the impact this has on your perspective. Do you feel more joyful? More grateful? If so, you might want to make this practice a daily one."*

An old Jewish saying can remind us of the importance of savoring in this way. It goes, "On the day of Judgment, God will ask only one question: Did you enjoy my world?"

I hope that as summer unfolds, you can find time to slow down and savor the beauty of God's creation.

Peace be with you!

Pastor Randy

Sunday, June 30 ~ New Member Sunday

A coffee hour celebration will follow.

Sunday, July 14 ~ Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic

Our theme will be "Old Hat/Crazy Hat" so please look through your closet and wear one proudly to worship and picnic.

The picnic will feature a broasted chicken lunch, outdoor games and a good time for all. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to sign up for a dish to pass

We will also be collecting a bag of candy or package of cookies to donate to the Immanuel Food Pantry and the Kiel Community Food Pantry. This collection will run thru Aug 18th.

August 8 – August 10 ~ Bethlehem's Annual Rummage Sale

Sunday, August 11 ~ Partnering with St Peters UCC for a service in the park (Kiel parade)

There will be no worship service here at Bethlehem.



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Our Spiritual Leader:

Pastor Randy Koppenhaver

Phone: 920.286.2531 or email: randynmel5@gmail.com



- 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 anytime that is convenient for you and your family www.bethlehemkiel.org

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

2023 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

Pastor – Randy Koppenhaver (920)286-2531 or randynmel5@gmail.com

Elder/President - Steve Volland (920)286-0162 or svolland44@gmail.com

Elder - Traci Rabe (920)894-7903 or trabefamily5@gmail.com

Elder – Lee Watson (920)562-0588 or lwatson@kiel.k12.wi.us

Deacon - Ross Westphalen (920)629-0193 rossw@forhealthycows.com

Deacon/Secretary – Kathy Bowe (920)894-7243 or LandKBowe@outlook.com

Financial Secretary - Ruthie Rumpff (920)946-5849 or srumpff@tm.net

Treasurer - Jane Umland (920)286-2175 or jm59umland@gmail.com

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

Bethlehem UCC

c/o Ruthie Rumpff

11608 Lax Chapel Road,

Kiel, WI 53042



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



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

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 1.99% plus 49 cents for each transaction. You have the option to add this charge to your donation.

Thank you for all your support!

LOOKING FOR LITURGISTS!

Pastor Randy is looking for persons interested in leading worship services as liturgists. Lead the Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession, and Read a portion of the scriptures. A sign-up sheet is on the door to the pastor's office. Let Randy know if you have any questions.



Lectionary Readings for JULY:

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48	Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 14, 2024	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24	Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 21, 2024	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost July 28, 2024	2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14	2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21



Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting: 6-12-2024

Present: Steven Volland, Jane Umland, Ruthie Rumpff, Ross Westphalen, Kathy Bowe, Lee Watson, Traci Rabe, Pastor Randy Koppenhaver

Call to order: 6:35 PM

Opening Prayer by Randy: Devotions – Meoptia by Bill King



Monthly Reports

Financial Secretary – Ruthie

.Month income \$7,522.00 (\$662.00 below YTD collection) \$36,641.00 (\$4,279.00 below YTD requirement)

The report is approved as presented (motion by Jane and 2nd by Lee)

Jingle Change – month of May – Undy 500 – 106.45

Treasurer – Jane

.Giving's received in May to date are \$7,937.43 bringing the checkbook balance to \$60,625.52

.Jingle change/May 19 Nami – 98.98 motion made by Traci/2nd by Ross to send \$100.00)

The report is approved as presented (motion by Ruthie and 2nd by Traci)

Building & Grounds checking and Savings

- Checking = \$1644.73
- Saving = \$8,664.24
- Parsonage Roof donations to date \$5950.00

Secretary – Kathy

- The Secretary's monthly mtg minutes were approved as printed in the May Spirit of Bethlehem.
- Approved by Jane and 2nd by Ross

Building & Grounds Updates

- We will be looking for quotes to seal the cracks in the parking lot
- Scott U will power wash the parsonage deck – next move will be determined
- Rick R will be getting quote for canister lights in sanctuary
- Steven V & Rick will address the down spout on the west side of church
- Steve D will check into outside lights with help to find the power source
- Mark R will trim trees on south side of church
- There will be a well inspection/water sample in July or August
- Spray weeds
 - .Scott U will spray gravel parking lot
 - .Mark R will spray around church building
- Water sensors need to be added per insurance company. Consistory gave the approval for Scott and Rick to proceed to get sensors and install.
- There was a fire dept inspection for the fire extinguishers

Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting (continued):

Pastoral Report

Worship -

5/19, 5/26 (acoustic Sunday), 6/2

New member Sunday on 6/30- Three families and one individual have indicated they'd like to join

Upcoming "OFF" Sundays: June 23, July 28, August 18, August 25, Sept. 15

Planning Community worship service @ Kiel City Park on 8/11 with St. Peter's - Meeting with Pastor Herda this week

Confirmation/Youth/Sunday School

- Communications with Pastor Schultz at St. Mark's regarding VBS - Communications have gone out to Sunday School families - transportation may be available.
 - I have received registration forms from three students.
- St Peter's is joining with Bethlehem for the volleyball league - there were 12 youth at the first practice.

Mission

- Loads of Love on June 3 - two clients served - \$50.50 expended
- Undy 500 - Twenty packages delivered to Guest House on 6/1 - \$106 also donated
- WISE
 - Book Study, displays ongoing
 - Mental Health Sunday on May 19
- Mission Trip Presentation on 6/2



Pastoral care

- Phone calls and left messages 3x
- Other electronic communication 4x
- Cards 2x
- Visits 3x
- Hospital visits 0x (offered to visit 2 members at the hospital, both declined - another currently hospitalized.)

Wider Church/MID process

-COP (communities of practice) on May 7 - Next - in-person dinner gathering in West Bend on 6/20

-MID work towards ordination:

- on draft 3 of my ordination paper - Solicited lay readers - listening session??
- trying to line up Theology course for fall.

-Anti-Racism Training April 29, May 6, May 13 (online) - Completed

-No one from Bethlehem attended the Wi Conference Annual Mtg. - Pastor Herda accepted my scholarship on my behalf.

Communication and Other

- I performed a memorial service for a non-member in Sheboygan on 5/17
- Creation Care money grant is available – Randy will be getting more info

Member Outreach – cards sent on behalf of Bethlehem = 3 Thank you, 1 Anniversary, 4 thinking of you



Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting (continued):

OLD BUSINESS

- Donated tables – New white, lighter tables have been donated to the church. Old brown tables are for sale. \$50.00 each...make check out to Bethlehem UCC. Will try to sell on market place
- 5/19 - Spring game day/Mental Health Sunday – all went well – 28 people attended games and potluck. Thank you to the Merry Christians for donating the leftover hamb/brats.
- 7/14 Outdoor worship service/picnic. See sign-up sheet in fellowship hall and sign up for a dish to pass. Broasted chicken will be provided. Fun and games to follow—wear your old or crazy hat. We will also be collecting a bag of candy or package of cookies to donate to the Immanuel food pantry and the Kiel Community Food Pantry. The collection will run thru Aug 18th.
- 8/8-8/10 – garage sale
- 8/11 – Bethlehem will be joining with St Peters UCC for an outdoor worship service in the park. (Kiel picnic weekend) There will be no service at Bethlehem on that Sunday.
- VBS with St Marks/St James – still time to sign up – Aug 13,14,& 15 See Pastor Randy or any teacher
- 9/22 – Mission Fest – we will again be doing highway clean-up and Guest House sandwiches. We are looking for any other mission project suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS

- Parking lot concerns – please be aware of children in the parking lot.

Motion to adjourn by Ruthie & 2nd by Lee
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Next meeting – July 9, 2024 6:30 PM

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Secretary, Kathy Bowe

Please join us for our annual Outdoor Worship Service on Sunday, July 14th at 9:30am

BRING A LAWN CHAIR

The fun continues after worship with our Church Picnic!

Broasted chicken will be provided.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to sign up for a dish to pass.

As always there will be FUN & GAMES! So, please wear your old or silly hat.

We will also be collecting a bag of candy or package of cookies to donate to the Immanuel Food Pantry and the Kiel Community Food Pantry. This collection will run thru Aug 18th.



Bethlehem Sunday School:



We hope you are having a good summer so far.

Did you have a graduation party or birthday party? Save those cans, but before you bring them to the old garage next to the cemetery, pull off the tabs and bring them to church for the Ronald McDonald House.

Here is a little aluminum can history.

The building fund committee came to each organization for a pledge toward the new church. What can the Sunday School do? The Sunday School kids sure could not flip burgers or fry brats. So, the teachers got together to brainstorm ideas. We came up with a few. The first idea we used was a penny war between classes and invited the congregation to join. That did not raise a lot of money.

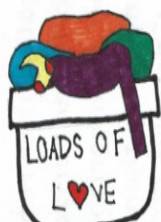
The next idea we tried was a candy fund raiser with Seroogy's. Wow, do we love our chocolate. But during covid, they stopped selling candy bars, and only sold coffee. (we did raise \$13,279.19 from 2005 to 2020)

What next...aluminum cans! We did also start saving cans in 2005 to help our fund-raising efforts. The Sunday School used the money from the cans and candy to fulfill our new building pledge. The new building is paid and we continue to save the cans. The money now helps us send money to Leprosy. We also buy Bibles for kids starting Sunday School. To date we have collected cans that totaled \$5,337.99. So...keep on saving those cans!!

There is still time to attend VBS at St. Marks. If you are interested, refer to the letter you received and contact Pastor Randy or any teacher.

Have a safe and happy summer.
See you in church!

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!

Bethlehem Merry Christians:

Please Save Your Kiel Piggly Wiggly Receipts: The Merry Christians have been collecting cash register receipts from the Kiel Piggly Wiggly store. No other area store receipts are of any use to us. We receive a monetary rebate for every dollar that is spent on groceries. Please help us help others by placing your used store receipts in the box under the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

Bethlehem Ladies:



There was no meeting in June.

On Saturday, June 22nd we played Bingo with the residents at Field of Dreams. Eight residents joined in on the fun.

For the month of August, the Bethlehem Ladies will be accepting donations of items for the Harbor House Abuse Shelter. Please watch for the full list of supplies needed which will be published in the August Spirit.

SAVE THE DATE! Our Annual Guest Night will be Tuesday, September 17th. Our Guest Speaker will be Steve Hamer, President of Wash for Life. Wash for Life is a nonprofit organization that installs wells (boreholes) at schools and villages in Malawi, Africa so they can access clean water. More details to follow.

On to wash Communion glasses for July are:

Sunday, July 7th: Ginny Schultz
Kathy Bowe (Thank you for volunteering!)
Donna Truttmann Retlich (Thank you for volunteering!)

The Bethlehem Ladies would like to thank all that have volunteered to help wash the Communion Glasses. We are still looking for help through the remainder of the year. This is a very easy job and is a fun time of fellowship. There will be one Bethlehem Ladies member scheduled for each washing and we are looking for 1 or 2 more from the congregation to help. A signup sheet with all the dates for the upcoming year is in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping us out. Thank you!!

NO meeting in July.

Polly Jeanty
Secretary



Bethlehem Scrip:

Summer is for fun and family vacations! Consider using scrip when going on vacation, I carry several gas cards and restaurant cards. If there is something specific that you need, please ask, as I can probably order. I would just need a week to order, so a bit of pre-planning is needed. Stop at the scrip table and check it out!

Thank you to those of you who faithfully use the scrip program!

Linda Rabe

<u>Monthly Scrip Stats:</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Profit</u>
6/03/2024	\$2,255.00	\$ 61.84
6/17/2024	\$1,350.00	\$ 45.60



From the Historical Records of Bethlehem U.C.C.

Here are just a few notes regarding the Bethlehem choir.

- The choir was started in 1928 with thirteen members, including Frieda Hammann as director and Edna Rabe as accompanist.
- The choir hosted four chili suppers in the years 1957 thru 1960.
- In 1961, Jeanette Wriedt organized and directed the Junior Choir.
- In 1978, when the choir was 50 years old, Mabel Bratz was honored as a charter member. The choir liked to keep things simple. Here is the pledge choir members signed in 1937.

~Kaye Radder, Historian

November 16, 1937

In order to be a
choir member I will
attend every choir
rehearsal —
Exceptions — illness,
birthday in family,
closed roads

Helmut Lickler
Arnd M. Karstad
Hubert Bratz
Harry Bratz
Fred Wassenbauer Jr.
Evelyn Rich
Mrs. Hubert Bratz
Leora Denning
Alfred Denning
Elnora Schuell
Elda Roehl
Imogene Nimmer
Mabel Hammann
Frieda Hammann
Luella Vallerkey
Norma Karstad

Bethlehem's Annual 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.

- Wednesday, August 7: 8:00 am to noon Pricing and Set up
- Thursday, August 8: 3:00pm to 7 pm Sales Staff
- Friday, August 9: 8:00am to 5:00 pm Sales Staff
- Saturday, August 10, 8:00am to noon Sales Staff
- Saturday, August 10: 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 4. 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.



Those in our thoughts and prayers

Joys:

*The birth of Sebastian Daniel Richard Rugowski (Parents: McKenna & Daniel,
Grandparents: Tom & Marie Mueller)*

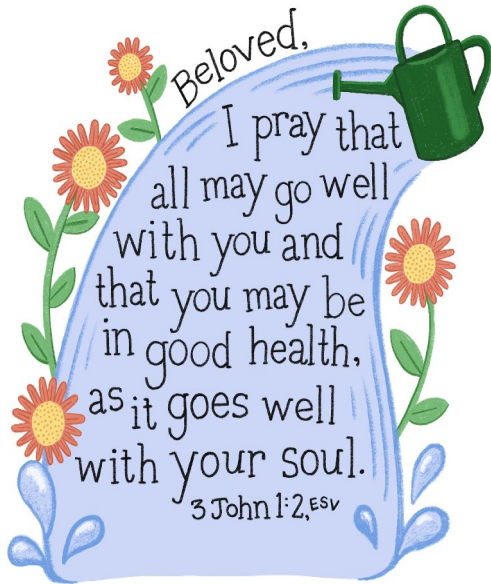
Congratulations also to Steve & Jennifer Deignan on the birth of their daughter, Charly Ann

Those struggling with health issues:

<i>Doris Mae Ninmer</i>	<i>Will Mathes</i>
<i>Ross Westphalen</i>	<i>Chad Jeanty</i>
<i>Wanda Matzdorf</i>	<i>Art Matzdorf</i>
<i>Jim Markelz</i>	<i>Brad Westphalen</i>
<i>Nancy Zimmermann</i>	<i>Nancy Henschel</i>
<i>Heidi Konen</i>	<i>Darlene Horneck</i>
<i>Dawson Horneck</i>	<i>Jessica Horneck</i>
<i>Mason Kannel</i>	<i>Mary Beth Molitor</i>
<i>Marie Rietbrock</i>	<i>Gary Steinhardt</i>
<i>Tom Lefeber</i>	<i>Emily (cousin of Melissa)</i>

Those unable to worship with us:

*Merlin & Doris Mae Ninmer
Helen Henning*



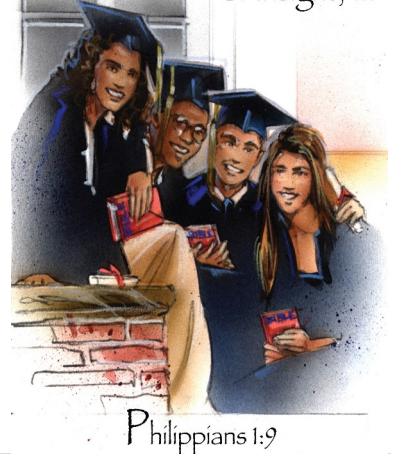
Congrats to our 2024 Graduates!

Allyson Jeanty, Marian University - Bachelor of Science
in Nursing and Psychology

Ryan Jeanty, Lakeshore Technical College - Associate Degree -
Electro mechanical Automation Technology

Greg Schultz, Kiel High School - Attending Lakeshore Technical College
in fall for Autobody Technician

This is my prayer: that your
love may abound more and
more in knowledge and depth
of insight, ...





Thank you to everyone who contributed funds for the roof project at the parsonage. The total cost was \$9,460 and we raised \$5,950 from members and church organizations. If you haven't donated yet, but want to, it's not too late! Make your check out to "Bethlehem Maintenance Fund." Thanks for your continued support!

Announcements:



Save your Aluminum Cans:

Sunday School continues to collect aluminum cans.

Place your bags in the old garage next to the cemetery.

~Can you help? Bethlehem will be assisting at the Immanuel UCC Food Pantry on the 4th Thursday of the month. Times are approximately 8:30 – 11am. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall for Thursday, July 25th.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS -See flyers in fellowship hall for more details

- Wednesday, July 3rd – St. Peter's UCC Picnic in the Park – Food served 4p-8p – Patriotic concert at 7pm by Kiel Municipal Band
- Sat. July 20th – 10a-2p – Clements Farewell Party (Long term Mission trip to Africa). Christian Life Church, 300 Rustic Rd., Plymouth
- Sun. July 21 – St. Marks/James Polka and Potluck – 1424 Spring Lake Rd. – 11a Outdoor service, 12p Potluck, 12:30p dancing – see flyer
- Friday, Aug. 2 – Faith and Family Night @ Timber Rattlers – see flyer
- August 16-17 – Gospel Music Fest – Hilbert Civic Park – Flyer posted and copies available in the Fellowship Hall

From Sea to Shining Sea








JULY VINNIE'S PANTRY ITEMS - School Supplies
JULY Jingle Change supports: The Bethlehem Ladies
 and their various mission work throughout the year.



July Bethlehem Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Loads of Love 5pm	2	3	4 	5	6
7 9:30am Communion Service w/Pastor Randy	8	9 6:30pm Consistory mtg.	10	11	12	13
14 9:30am Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic 	15 5pm AUG. Spirit articles due to Traci	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:30am Worship w/Pastor Randy	22	23	24	25 8:30am Immanuel Food Pantry	26	27
28 9:30am Worship	29	30	31			





JULY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

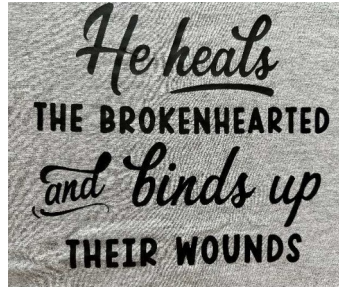
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Doris Rabe	5 Emma Reis	6 Jason Brockway <i>Warren & Diane Fidlin (1968)</i>
7 <i>Mark & Dawn Wirtz (2007)</i> <i>Aaron & Rachel Suttner (2007)</i>	8	9	10	11 Brad Hoban	12 Case Pennell	13
14	15 Dan Wempner <i>Chad & Sara Jeanty (2000)</i>	16	17	18 Helen Henning <i>Davin & Jessica Horneck (2014)</i>	19	20 <i>Eric & Dawn Muehlbauer (1996)</i>
21	22 Lynnette Steinhardt	23	24 Tom Rabe <i>Scott & Jane Umland (1998)</i>	25 Bill Schlegel	26 Jeanette Wriedt <i>Bruce & Polly Jeanty (1985)</i>	27 Tom Brickbauer Bob Markelz Ruthie Rumpff
28	29 Allyson Jeanty Mandy Voland Kendra Muehlbauer	30 <i>Steven & Jackie Voland (2022)</i>	31 Dan Rugowski			

Bethlehem W.I.S.E. PAGE

Here at Bethlehem UCC, our W.I.S.E. Team has been setting a goal to become a W.I.S.E. designated church. Through our process we have met as a group, learning how to educate and bring awareness to our congregation about Mental Health. We want to continue through this journey, and would like to hear your thoughts. We will decide what our own WISE journey will look like, in unique and personal ways that are right for our congregation and surrounding community. This is where YOU come in. Your input is vital to our getting this right. This must be a process that serves ALL of us right where we are, including the good, the bad, and the ugly! We are creating an anonymous survey you are invited to take. We will hand out this survey at a Sunday Worship for you to take home and complete. Then return it to church, by dropping it off at the outside mail box or in a box we will have in the fellowship hall. As Pastor Randy shared in his "Ramblings", The WISE team is committed to answering Christ's call to care for ALL his beloved, including those who struggle with mental illness. We hope that the people of Bethlehem will be on board, and share our compassion and concern.

The WISE Team,

Pastor Randy and Melissa Koppenhaver, Traci Rabe, Nancy Zimmerman, Marie Mueller, Sarah Schisel, Scott and Jane Umland





The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deuteronomy 31:8

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18