

# The Spirit of Bethlehem



**BETHLEHEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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## Pastor Randy's Ramblings:

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

I hope your summer has been enjoyable thus far and that you've been able to enjoy some family and leisure time. It seems to have gone by very fast.

Most of us at Bethlehem are probably old enough to remember the terrorist attack of 9/11/2001. Although it was a devastating and tragic event, I remember one "positive" thing about it... the people of America joined together. In the weeks and months that followed, we lined the streets for parades. Waving our flags and expressing our appreciation to fire fighters and other emergency personnel who risk their lives in the interest of public safety. Despite the fear of future attacks and grief over the horrific unnecessary loss of life, America was ONE! We set aside our partisan differences and united for the good of our country. Wow, what a complete 180 this country has done!

On Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, I delivered a message based partly on the lectionary text of Ephesians 2: 11-22. In this passage, Paul is speaking to the members of the Gentile community at the church in Ephesus. At the time, there was much hostility and conflict between the Jews and the Gentiles of the region. Paul makes the case that now that the Gentiles have come to know and accept Jesus, the Gentiles and Jews were now one. <sup>13</sup>*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.* <sup>14</sup>*For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.* In other words, the blood of Christ compels us to set aside the hostilities that create divisions between us. Christ is the essence of peace and makes all his followers ONE in unity.

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## SEPTEMBER SPIRIT DEADLINE:

**Sunday, August 18th**

**@ 5pm**

**Send to Traci at**

**trabefamily5@gmail.com**

## **Pastor Randy's Ramblings (continued):**

Later verses in the passage are important as well. <sup>19</sup>*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,* <sup>20</sup>*built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.* <sup>21</sup>*In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;* <sup>22</sup>*in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.* Our very relationships with other believers create what Paul called the “household of God,” built upon Christ as the “cornerstone.” When we are at peace with one another, Christ unites us into a holy temple that creates a “dwelling-place for God.” GOD IS WITH US, when we are joined as one in unity and peace.

Sadly, the converse is true as well. If we are in conflict with others and harbor hostilities, we have actually taken God’s “dwelling place” and allowed those emotions of anger, resentment, animosity, and even hatred, to become squatters in the space that God is supposed to occupy. Multiple scriptural texts support the notion that we must be at peace with one another to truly know the presence of God. (for example, 1 John 2:9 - *Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.*)

The United States is gearing up for what will surely be a very toxic presidential campaign season and election. I know that at Bethlehem we have people on both sides of the political aisle. Personally, I’m happy for that. I think diversity of thought is good for society. As much as we might WANT to make the claim that God is on OUR side, it’s important to remember he’s not.

God doesn’t have a political party affiliation. St Peter say in Acts 10:34 – *“Truly I understand that God shows no partiality.”*

As we draw closer to election season, may we, the members of Bethlehem, model the love, civility, respect, and grace that our Lord calls us to impart. Not just within the confines of our church, but everywhere! Demonstrate what Christianity in America is SUPPOSED to look like! Let’s bring back the American unity that followed 9/11. For it is not in division and hostility that we come closer to God, but it is through peace and oneness that God comes to dwell among us.

May you have a blessed August. It is my privilege to lead this wonderful community of believers.

In Christ,

*Pastor Randy*



*August 8 – August 10 ~ Bethlehem’s Annual Rummage Sale*

**Sunday, August 11 - Worship w/ St. Peters at Kiel City Park 9:00am (note the different time) NO service at Bethlehem on the 11th**

August 13-14-15 - 9a-12p Vacation Bible School at St. Marks, (W1307 Orchard Rd.)

# Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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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 anytime 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 Consistory Members

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

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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](http://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!*

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## **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 AUGUST:

|                 |                            |                        |                     |                 |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Aug 04,<br>2024 | 2 Samuel 11:26<br>– 12:13a | Exodus<br>16:2-4, 9-15 | Ephesians<br>4:1-16 | John<br>6:24-35 |
|                 | Psalms 51:1-12             | Psalms<br>78:23-29     |                     |                 |

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Aug 11,<br>2024 | 2 Samuel 18:5-<br>9, 15, 31-33 | 1 Kings<br>19:4-8 | Ephesians<br>4:25-5:2 | John<br>6:35, 41-<br>51 |
|                 | Psalms 130                     | Psalms 34:1-<br>8 |                       |                         |

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|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Aug 18,<br>2024 | 1 Kings 2:10-12;<br>3:3-14 | Proverbs<br>9:1-6  | Ephesians<br>5:15-20 | John<br>6:51-58 |
|                 | Psalms 111                 | Psalms 34:9-<br>14 |                      |                 |

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|-----------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Aug 25,<br>2024 | 1 Kings 8:<br>(1,6,10-11), 22-<br>30, 41-43 | Joshua<br>24:1-2a, 14-<br>18 | Ephesians<br>6:10-20 | John<br>6:56-69 |
|                 | Psalms 84                                   | Psalms<br>34:15-22           |                      |                 |





## **Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting: 7-9-2024**

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

Call to order: 6:33 PM

Opening Prayer by Randy: Prayer from Thomas Pettepiet

### **Monthly Reports**



#### **Financial Secretary – Ruthie**

Month income \$8,697.00 (\$513.00 above YTD collection) \$45,338.00 (\$3,766.00 below YTD requirement)

The report is approved as presented (motion by Jane and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ross)

Jingle Change – month of June – Strengthen the Church – \$765.12

#### **Treasurer – Jane**

Giving's received in June to date are \$9,462.12 bringing the checkbook balance to \$63,341.53

The report is approved as presented (motion by Ruthie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Traci)

#### **Building & Grounds checking and Savings**

- Checking = \$2661.10
- Saving = \$8,666.79
- Parsonage Roof donations to date \$6875.00

#### **Secretary – Kathy**

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

#### **•Building & Grounds Updates**

- Urinal in men's bathroom was repaired
- Water sensors have been installed – thank you Scott & Rick
- Electric pole at parsonage fell during the last windstorm – wires are now buried underground
- We will be looking at the tree south of the parsonage – needs to be removed.
- New garage & west side of church were power washed for picnic – thank you Louie
- We are looking for quotes to seal the cracks in the parking lot – 2 quotes already received
- 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
- There will be a well inspection/water sample in July or August

# **Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting (continued):**

## **Pastoral Report**

### Worship -

- 6/16, 6/30, 7/7
- Field of Dreams - 7/11 @ 10:30am
- New member Sunday on 6/30- 2 families and 2 individuals
- Upcoming "OFF" Sundays: July 28, August 25, Sept. 15
- Community worship service @ Kiel City Park on 8/11 with St. Peter's - separate offerings will be held for Bethlehem and St. Peter's - We need an offering collector and usher from Bethlehem

### Confirmation/Youth/Sunday School

- Communications with Pastor Schultz at St. Mark's regarding VBS
  - .I have received registration forms from three students.
  - .Banner placed on July 8
- I will be sending out confirmation info at the beginning of August. Any changes?

### Mission

- Loads of Love on July 1 - 2 clients served - \$60.50 expended - \$63.50 collected in June
- WISE
  - .Mental Wellness Survey rolling out at the end of the month
  - .The anonymous survey is meant to see what the congregation's concerns regarding mental health and to give us direction for our WISE covenant.

### Pastoral care

- Phone calls and left messages 5x
- Other electronic communication 6x
- Cards 0x
- Visits 1x
- Hospital visits 2x

### Wider Church/MID process

- COP (communities of practice) in-person dinner gathering in West Bend on 6/20
- MID work towards ordination:
  - ordination paper - Solicited lay readers and got responses from 10 people
  - trying to line up Theology course for fall - applied for one at Eden

### Communication and Other

- Outdoor worship on 7/14 - Polly and I are working on music together
- New Member Sunday upcoming on 7/21 (1 family and 1 individual)
- Sent the family above an email with a specific invite to the church picnic.

**Member Outreach** – cards sent on behalf of Bethlehem = 2 Get Well

## **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
- 7/7 – New member Sunday went well. 23 stayed for coffee hours.
- 7/14 Outdoor worship service/picnic. Event was moved indoors due to heat and possible rain.
- 7/21 – Second new member Sunday was held.

## **Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting (continued):**

- VBS hosted by St Marks – Banner was been put up. Still time to sign up.
- 8/8-8/10 – garage sale – sign up sheet in fellowship hall
- 9/22 – Mission Fest – Soup is on the menu - more info to follow
  - .Guest House sandwich making
  - .Highway clean-up
  - .Assemble clean-up kits
- 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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Member has asked to use fellowship hall – Consistory approved
- Gift card purchased/given for repairs
- Discussion to move monies to a CD. Jane will get more details

Motion to adjourn by Ross & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruthie  
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Next meeting – August 13, 2024 6:30 PM

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Secretary, Kathy Bowe

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## **Bethlehem Sunday School:**

Thank you to the kids who are helping with the jingle change collection. It is really nice to see them being a part of the service.

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.

Sunday School families will be receiving a letter out-lining the details and the starting date in September. We begin classes the Sunday after Labor Day at 8:00 a.m.

Keep collecting those cans!

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!*

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## 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 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!

*News Flash:* I do have ACE hardware cards on hand. Buy local, support Ace in Kiel!

Thank you for your continued support of the scrip program!

~Linda Rabe

| <u>Scrip Stats:</u> | <u>Total Sold</u> | <u>Profit</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 6/30/24             | \$2,695.00        | \$ 90.00      |
| 7/07/24             | \$1,420.00        | \$ 39.66      |
| 7/14/24             | \$1,350.00        | \$ 35.26      |



**Bethlehem Ladies:** There was no meeting in July. During the month of August, the Bethlehem Ladies will be accepting donations of items for the Harbor House Abuse Shelter and school supplies to children and teens whose lives have been impacted by domestic or sexual violence. These items can be brought to church and placed in the basket at the entrance.

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

Summer pajamas- women's all sizes  
Summer pajamas- boys & girls - all sizes  
Children's body wash & shampoo  
Diapers- size 4, 5, or 6  
Chapstick/lip balm  
Unscented lotion  
Tweezers, nail clippers  
Black mascara  
Reusable lunch bags  
Peanut-free snack items  
Boxes of individual chip bags  
Juice boxes  
Powdered lemonade/Kool-aid containers  
13-gallon kitchen trash bags  
Ziploc sandwich, quart and gallon sized bags  
Hair bonnets  
Curling irons  
Hair straightening irons  
Lysol spray disinfectant  
Textured hair care products (shampoo, leave-in conditioner, edge gel, do-rags)  
Twin-sized sheet sets



**NOTE: We are only able to accept new/unused items. \*\*\*Please no travel size/sample items\*\*\*\***

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**Each year Harbor House provides backpacks filled with school supplies to children and teens whose lives have been impacted by domestic or sexual violence. You can be a part of helping a child or teen start off the school year with confidence by donating new school supplies to Harbor House. Here are some of the items needed:**

|                       |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Black sharpie markers | Hard pencil cases             |
| Post it notes         | Gallon size food storage bags |
| Dry erase markers     | Snack size food storage bags  |
| Gym shoes             | Large glue sticks             |
| Ear buds              | Clorox wipes                  |
| Headphones            | Plastic folders               |
| Colored pencils       | Adult sized scissors          |
| 3ring binders         | Washable markers              |
| Soft pencil cases     | 3x5 index cards               |
| Graphing paper        | Reusable lunch bags           |
|                       | Backpacks                     |

## **Bethlehem Ladies (continued):**

Our Annual Guest Night will be Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 will be in the September Spirit.



On to wash Communion glasses for August are:

Sunday, August 4th: Jeanette Wriedt  
Lisa Westphalen (Thank you for volunteering!)  
Melissa Koppenhaver (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!!

Our next meeting is Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

Polly Jeanty  
Secretary

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

For many years beginning August, 1990: Bethlehem United Church of Christ had a float in the Kiel picnic parade. The church building was constructed to scale and adorned with lots of flowers, signs, taped music by our choir and a 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake. Many people worked together to really make it an outstanding float in hour of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bethlehem church.

The church building was used for the parade float a number of years. Below Polly Jeanty, walking beside the float, leads Vacation Bible School children in **signing** "Jesus Loves Me"



## **Bethlehem's Annual August Rummage Sale**

Church rummage sale is on.

If you have items that other households might find useful, please bring them for the sale.

Your Help will be needed. Sign up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall, or email to schedule a time ([kayerad@hotmail.com](mailto:kayerad@hotmail.com)). Even an hour will help.



- 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. 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.



Bethlehem's Mission & Service Sunday is September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Along with preparing sandwiches for Guest House in Milwaukee and Highway clean-up, we will be putting together disaster clean-up kits for Church World Service. If you wish to contribute, please purchase the EXACT item(s) requested by grabbing a post-it note from the poster displayed in the Fellowship Hall next to the "example kit" (*please note that they are somewhat fussy about the items*). You can also donate money and the "team" will purchase the necessary supplies. All those volunteering to help with projects that day will be treated to a delicious lunch.

# Those in our thoughts and prayers

**Joys:** Welcome to our new members -

Heidi Konen

Cassie Jeanty

The Hemauer family: Hunter, Chelsea, Beau and Dutton

The Pennell family: Kyle, Brianna and Case

Jerry Wehrmann

The Aschenbach Family: Jeremy, Tammy, Evan, Ethan, Colton, Shelby

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

Jeanette Wriedt

Ross Westphalen

Wanda Matzdorf

Jim Markelz

Nancy Zimmermann

Heidi Konen

Dawson Horneck

Mason Kannel

Marie Rietbrock

Tom Lefeber

Shari

Brenda Volland

Rhonda Schroeder (friend of Ruthie)

Doris Mae Ninmer

Chad Jeanty

Art Matzdorf

Brad Westphalen

Nancy Henschel

Darlene Horneck

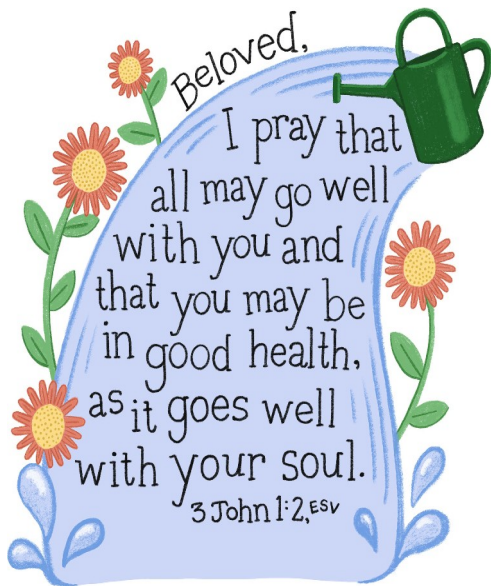
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Gary Steinhardt

Emily (cousin of Melissa)

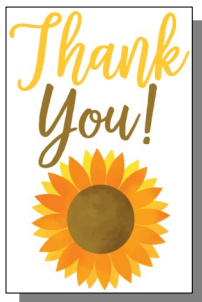
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## ***Those unable to worship with us:***

Merlin & Doris Mae Ninmer

Helen Henning



I want to pass a special Thank-you for all of the letters and cards that encouraged me during my recovery from a heart attack.

Bless all of you!

~Will Mathes



## Other important Bethlehem Announcements:

- LOOKING FOR VBS Volunteers! Held August 13-15 from 9a-12p at St. Marks Church. Pastor Schultz has everything planned. Just looking for additional grown-up bodies to assist with the kids. Also looking for people to decorate-with a garden theme! It's a great opportunity for HS or College students. Anyone need volunteer hours? Let Pastor Randy know.
- Ready to talk about Christmas? We are once again organizing the "United Church Choir" to perform on Dec. 8. See Randy if interested!

### ***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 3rd Thursday of the month. Times are approximately 8:30 – 11am. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall for Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> .**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS -See flyers in fellowship hall for more details

- 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

Come join other Manitowoc Residents to the Stepping On Workshop. Stepping On is an Evidence Based Falls Prevention Program hosted by the ADRC of the Lakeshore that will take place in September, starting September 12<sup>th</sup> thru October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Kiel Community Center. A weekly workshop that changes how to prepare "Not to Fall" as you age. Learn from experts and gather knowledge directly related to falls prevention. Sign up today for the workshop, seating is limited. Call the ADRC of the Lakeshore at 1-877-416-7083 to RSVP







**AUGUST Vinnie's Pantry Collection: Jar of Peanut Butter or Jelly**  
**AUGUST Jingle Change** will be put towards items needed to complete Church World Service Disaster Clean-up kits for our Mission & Service Sunday in September



## AUGUST Bethlehem Events

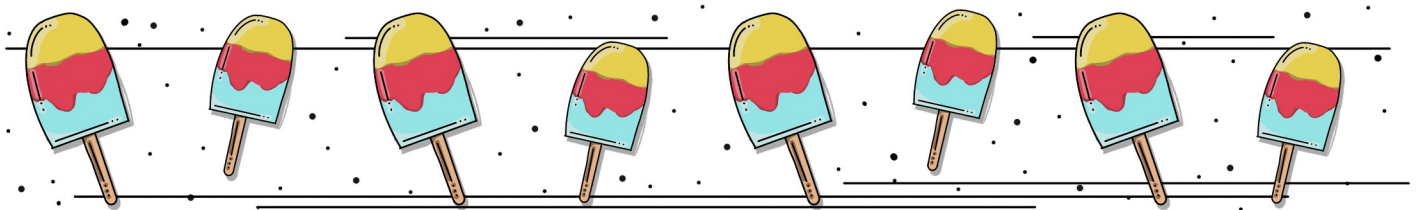
| SUNDAY   | MONDAY             | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                              | THURSDAY                          | FRIDAY                    | SATURDAY                                  |
|--|--------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
|  |                    |  |  | 1                                 | 2                         | 3   |
| 4<br>9:30am Communion Service w/Pastor Randy   | 5<br>Loads of Love | 6  | 7<br>8-N Rummage Sale pricing & Set up | 8<br>Rummage Sale 3-7pm           | 9<br>Rummage Sale 8am-5pm | 10<br>Rummage Sale 8am-N w/clean-up N-1pm |
| 11<br>Worship w/ St. Peters at Kiel City Park. 9:00am (note the different time) NO service at Bethlehem on the 11th. | 12                 | 13<br>9-N VBS at St. Marks<br>6:30pm Consistory mtg. | 14<br>9-N VBS at St. Marks             | 15<br>9-N VBS at St. Marks        | 16                        | 17  |
| 18<br>8:30am Bethlehem Ladies mtg.<br>9:30am Worship w/Pastor Randy<br>5pm September Spirit articles due to Traci    | 19                 | 20   | 21                                     | 22<br>8:30am Immanuel Food Pantry | 23                        | 24  |
| 25<br>9:30am Worship   | 26                 | 27   | 28                                     | 29                                | 30                        | 31  |

The WISE Committee has created an anonymous survey seeking your input. What do YOU feel are the most pressing needs regarding mental health in our church community, and the wider community? Please take the time to complete the survey and return to the box in the fellowship hall or the black mailbox outside the front doors of the church. EVERYONE is encouraged to complete their OWN survey!! Including youth!

# AUGUST

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

| SUNDAY               | MONDAY                       | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY          | THURSDAY                         | FRIDAY            | SATURDAY                            |
|----------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                      |                              |  |                    | 1                                | 2                 | 3<br>Logan Tesch<br>Jaden Witkowski |
| 4<br>Lillie Brockway | 5<br>Donna Truttmann-Retlich | 6  | 7<br>Tony Bowe     | 8<br>David Meyer                 | 9<br>David Radder | 10<br>Ryan & Molly Rabe (2019)      |
| 11                   | 12<br>Maxwell Volland        | 13<br>Linda Rabe<br>Polly Jeanty                                   | 14                 | 15                               | 16                | 17<br>Cooper Tesch                  |
| 18                   | 19<br>Ian Schmidt            | 20<br>Tess Rabe<br>Rachel Muehlbauer<br>David & Julie Meyer (1988) | 21<br>Kyle Pennell | 22                               | 23                | 24                                  |
| 25                   | 26                           | 27<br>Tasha Rabe   | 28                 | 29<br>Rich & Lori Schmitt (1987) | 30<br>Lee Watson  | 31                                  |



# Bethlehem W.I.S.E. PAGE

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Dear Bethlehem Partner,

July/August 2024

Bethlehem is on an exciting journey in which we as a church family seek to become informed advocates for individuals struggling with mental health challenges.

In doing so we will become part of a national effort by the UCC to choose to become **WISE**. This acronym means we are **Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged** around issues of mental illness.

How we do this is up to us. 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, the ugly!

We have created an anonymous survey you are invited to take. Please pick up the survey at church, if you are not at church, we are mailing out copies. Please complete, then return it to church by placing in the mailbox at the church entrance or in box in our church fellowship hall.

It is a living, evolving document. We realize that what is true now may not be true or necessary six months from now, but this gives us a place to start. Also, we are a small church already immersed in many vital ministries, and our ability to tackle all the needs revealed in this survey is likely to be beyond our capacity, at least in the short-term. But just because the task is overwhelming, we have NEVER shied away from moving into the places of pain, heartache, and need, and we're not about to start now!

A couple more thoughts; If the categories given do not fit your needs, please give us your own thoughts in the spaces provided. This is meant to be truly a reflection of your own perception of the mental health challenges we face. Do not try to fit your ideas into statements that don't work for you.

What do YOU feel are the most pressing needs regarding mental health in our church community and the wider community? Everyone is encouraged to complete their own survey! Including youth!

**Thank you for taking this survey.**

The WISE Team: Pastor Randy and Melissa, Traci Rabe, Marie Mueller,  
Sarah Schisel, Nancy Zimmerman, Scott and Jane Umland

# Church Rummage Sale

## **Bethlehem UCC**

11608 Lax Chapel Road

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Thursday, August 8 - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Friday, August 9 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, August 10 – 8:00 am to noon

Something for everyone

Lots of Miscellaneous

Half price on Saturday

