

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

Let the little children
come to me,



and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.

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Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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Sunday School - 8:00 a.m. (Sept. – May)

Worship time is 9:30 a.m.

Office hours Tuesdays 9a-12p, Wednesdays 9a-3p

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Sunday, October 7, 2018

Worship Leader:

Rev. Rebecca A. Johnston

Ministers: All the People

Organist: Kathy Bowe

*We hope that you find a warm welcome at
Bethlehem United Church of Christ and will
worship with us again soon.*

Mission Statement

*We are a caring community of Christians living our
faith through worship, study and service to others!*

2018 Consistory:

Elder /President: Bob Radder

Elder: Traci Rabe

Elder : Jennifer Friend

Deacon : Ross Westphalen

Deacon/Secretary : Natasha Verhulst

Financial Secretary : Ruthie Rumpff

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Please use the email address below to
submit information, photos, etc. for
the church website:

bethlehemucckiel@gmail.com

Welcome to Bethlehem United Church of Christ! We trust that you will know God's presence here in worship. If you are visiting for the first time, please sign our guest registry outside the sanctuary doors.

A special note to families with young children:

We have a long tradition at Bethlehem of including children in worship, but we know sometimes their attention spans are not as long as ours. Children under about 6 years old are welcome to borrow a "Bethlehem Bag" from the main doors of the sanctuary, along with books or soft toys from the library, to help occupy them. If necessary, please feel free to accompany your child to the library during the service – you will be able to hear and observe the service from there.

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

*PLEASE STAND if you are able, where noted by an asterisk.

Please sign and pass the pew pads during worship. This will help us recognize those who might be visiting. There is one for each row. No need to pass across the aisles.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CHORAL TO WORSHIP #549 "As We Gather"

**AS WE GATHER MAY YOUR SPIRIT WORK WITHIN US
AS WE GATHER MAY WE GLORIFY YOUR NAME
KNOWING WELL THAT AS OUR HEARTS BEGIN TO WORSHIP
WE'LL BE BLEST BECAUSE WE CAME, WE'LL BE BLEST BECAUSE WE CAME**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praises to God, who created the heavens and the earth!

People: Sing praises to our Creator, who makes us brothers and sisters!

Leader: Lift up your voices God, who is worthy of praise,

People: Come join together in worshiping the God who makes us one.

Leader: Center your hearts on Christ, who calls upon us to love one another.

People: In prayer and praise and thanksgiving, we worship Jesus our Lord.

*INVOCATION

God of our lives, your Word is one of communion, not division. Your gifts are gifts of abundance, peace, and freedom, not scarcity, violence, and oppression. We thank you that in Christ you have given us the greatest gift: you gave us yourself. As we gather today, may your gifts and your presence be received with joy and humility. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #9 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 2:18-24

Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a

woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,
'This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

ANTHEM

Upper Classes – Skit

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MESSAGE

*HYMN see insert

"When Love is Found"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE

“Masithi”

**Amen, we praise your name O God. Amen, we praise your name, O God.
Amen, amen, amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name or God.**

OUR STORY OF COMMUNION AND CONNECTION:

Leader: First, God created one person.

Congregation: *But it was not right for that one person to be alone.*

Leader: That person had God, but needed an equal, so God made animals.

Congregation: *How about a Giraffe, Elephant, Raven, Squirrel, Dog, Horse or Cat?*

Leader: But it still wasn't enough, so God made another person, an equal, someone to share with, and talk with. God created relationship. God created communion.

Congregation: *This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!*

Leader: And then God took it one step further. God looked at the many people living in relationship with one another and decided to join the community! God came to be with us as one of us, and his human family called him Jesus.

Congregation: *This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!*

Leader: And one night, when Jesus sat with his community, he took bread, and broke it, and blessed it, saying,
"This is my body."
Then he took the cup, saying,
"This is my blood."

Congregation: This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, and make us one body of Christ.

Congregation: This at last is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

Leader: Bone of our bone; flesh of our flesh: one with each other and all humanity:
the Body of Christ.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OFFERTORY (Jingle Change goes to Families In Need)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #282 "Give Thanks"
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (Sing verse twice)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us" (Sing verse twice)
Give thanks, Give thanks

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all creation, breathe your life-giving breath upon these gifts that they might be a blessing to all flesh. Amen

*HYMN #494 "Bind Us Together"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(Info. for next Sunday's bulletin is due to Randy/Melissa Kopenhagen by Tuesday night. randynmel5@gmail.com or 286-2531.)*

- A building and grounds meeting will be held on Monday, October 15 at 6:30 in the library. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- If you or a loved one is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please make sure to contact Rev. Johnston or Randy.

- The choir of Bethlehem United Church of Christ will be participating in a joint Christmas concert this year with First Congregational UCC, Salem UCC, and St. Peter's UCC. We are looking forward to hopefully starting a new tradition. Please join us at St. Peter's UCC on December 9th at 4:00pm for a concert full of beautiful music that will put you in the Christmas spirit. BUCC choir is looking for voices to add for Sundays and for the Joint Christmas Concert! If you are interested in singing with us for the Christmas Concert, we will hold rehearsals at BUCC at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights starting September 19th. One joint rehearsal will be held at St. Peter's UCC on Wednesday December 5th at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions please contact Natasha Verhulst, BUCC choir director at (920)286-0517, or by email at nbehnke17@gmail.com.

Community Announcements:

*(Please check the bulletin board for more details. **Community events are published in our bulletin as space and time permits.** For best results, email or call the bulletin secretary)*

- Wednesday, 10/17, 4pm-7:30pm – Chili Supper - Our Shepherd UCC – Howards Grove
- Thursday, 10/18, 4pm-7pm – Fall Harvest Meal – Bethel United Methodist, Meggers Road
- Sunday, October 21, 10am – Mark Behle, Global Ministries Missionary @ St. James UCC – Followed by Ham Dinner from 11-1.

The Bethlehem Blurb email comes out each Thursday. If you signed up and you are not receiving it, please check your "junk" mail or "spam" folder. If you'd like to receive it, you may sign up on our webpage:
www.bethlehemkiel.org

Special Thanks to the Kwik Trip Corporation!!! They donated \$50 for us to buy water bottles and healthy snacks for next month's Crop Walk. We appreciate their support!

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 10/7: 8am Sunday School; 8a Adult Study; 9:30am Worship w/ Communion; *Happy Birthday Josh Thiry!*

Monday 10/8:

Tuesday 10/9: 6:30pm Consistory; *Happy Anniversary Lloyd and Darlean Rumpff!*

Wednesday 10/10: NO Confirmation; 6:30pm Choir

Thursday 10/11:

Friday 10/12: *Happy Birthday Dale Horneck and Abby Wilharms!*

Saturday 10/13: *Happy Birthday John Meunier!*

Sunday 10/14: 8am Sunday School; 8a Adult Study; 9:30am Worship; CROP WALK @ Howards Grove Memorial Park; *Happy Birthday Rick Rabe!*

Pantry item: Cleaning Supplies