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Serving All



Newsletter of Bethel Presbyterian Church

June 2013

# The Bethel Beat

## Birthday Committee

This year Bethel Church will be celebrating it's 225th birthday. As the oldest church in Indiana County and the oldest Presbyterian Church in the Kiskiminetas Presbytery we have reason to celebrate. However, we need your help. If you would be interested in serving on the committee to plan a September birthday/homecoming celebration, please contact Pastor Terry as soon as possible. It's a big birthday that deserves a big celebration!



## Summer Sunday School Sunday, June 2

What's cookin' for Summer Sunday School? Stay tuned for more information. The menu will be ready soon!

## A Note from Terry...

When you think of the word history what do you think of? Maybe for you it was a boring subject in school, the musty smell of boxes stored in your attic or your grandmother's basement, or maybe history for you is memories of the good old days. History tells a story of people places and things. It is an accounting of where we've been and it serves as a guide to where we are going. For 225 years the people of Bethel church have gathered regularly to celebrate the presence of Christ our King in each and every one of our lives; how he has loved us and provided for us.

Our history as a church is a record of the part we have played in *His-story*...a story rooted in eternity... a story that is still unfolding. With the addition of each new member, the baptism of every child and acceptance of each confirmand into full membership the dynamics of this church change and the opportunities to become a part of Christ's mission into the world take on a new feel, a new look, and have the chance to grow stronger and more varied. As we follow Christ's lead we have the opportunity to become a bigger part of His never-ending story and as we do, the story of Bethel church continues on with the same roots of its fore-fathers anchored deep in God's Word.

Jesus began his ministry with the simple invitation to come and see. Two men went home with him. One was Andrew. He brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus and the rest is *His-story*! As we look ahead to the future of ministry here at Bethel...to the next 225 years, that invitation still stands...come and see as we continue to partner with God and take our place in *His-story*...and bring a friend. There are many chapters that are waiting to be written

In His Service,  
Pastor Terry

Pastor Terry will be in the office Monday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.,  
Thursday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
She can be reached at 724-840-9770, at the church at  
724-479-2465, or email at [pastor@bethelpc.net](mailto:pastor@bethelpc.net).

## Celebrations in June

### Happy Birthday!

4 Shari Topeka  
 5 Mike McCracken  
 9 Hazel Johnston  
 10 Ralph Greene  
 14 Ed Nehrig  
 15 Eleanor Winsheimer  
 16 Peggy Phipps  
 16 Chuck Sturiale  
 18 Connie Wardo  
 18 Cindy Stewart  
 20 Susan Griffith  
 22 Cheryl Taddie  
 26 Maddison Barnhart  
 27 Jason Stewart  
 29 Rick Topeka

### Happy Anniversary!

2 Don & Phyllis  
 Streams  
 11 Jim & Cindy Allison  
 15 Russell & Eulene  
 Risinger  
 29 Jim & Judy Henry

## Don't Forget!

Church groups are reminded to check their mailboxes located in the church office.

## The Bethel Beat

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*The Bethel Beat* is published monthly by and for members and friends of Bethel Presbyterian Church. Please submit news, notes and ideas to the editor. Email info@bethelpc.net or call 724-479-2465 by the 15th of the month.

## Eat Less, Move More

Sunday, June 2

Are you interested in shedding some pounds? Then the Bethel Biggest Loser Challenge is for you! Our challenge will last 8 weeks and the cost is \$10 to register and \$1 per week. Our first weigh-in will be Sunday, June 2nd after church.

Weights will be kept confidential as each person will be assigned a number. The scale and progress chart will be kept in the kitchen. You can weigh-in each week after church and mark either a 'plus x' or 'minus x' beside your designated number.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule. The member who loses the most weight gets to take home the pot.

## Financial Report

### Monthly Receipts Financial Study

Reg. Giving	2012	2013
January	\$7,549.11	\$8,057.73
February	\$6,631.60	\$9,080.49
March	\$7,659.20	\$9,295.83
April	\$8,268.26	\$8,328.09
May	\$7,492.69	
June	\$8,033.63	
July	\$7,365.75	
August	\$7,822.43	
September	\$8,269.27	
October	\$7,499.43	
November	\$6,197.75	
December	\$9,145.60	

<b>Total</b>	\$91,934.72	\$34,762.14
<b>Mon. Avg.</b>	\$7,661.22	\$8,690.54

April Regular Offerings	\$8,328.09
April Regular Expenses	\$4,353.29
Variance	\$3,974.80

2013 Offerings to date	\$34,762.14
2013 Regular Expenses	\$25,293.27
Variance	\$9,468.87

2012 Offerings	\$30,108.17
Variance	\$4,653.97

## Men's Group

Sunday, June 2

8:00 a.m.

The men's group will meet in the church kitchen. All men of the church are invited to join us for breakfast.

## Bethel Youth Group

Sunday, June 2

TBA

Activity to be determined

Friday, June 7

6:00 p.m.

Altoona Curve baseball game

Sunday, June 16

VBS setup

June 17-21

5:30 p.m.

Assist with VBS

June 26-29

Creation

Sunday, July 7

TBA

Activity to be determined

Saturday, July 13

Bethel Antique Show

August 8-10

Kibbie Island canoe and camping trip hosted by Sue Bernd and Carl George.

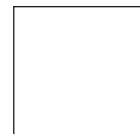
## Pavilion Worship

We will be worshipping in the pavilion on the following Sundays: June 16, July 21 and August 11.

<p><b>Missionary Society</b>  <b>Thursday, June 13</b>  <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  The Bethel Missionary Society will meet at the church. Margaret Bruner and Dora Predko are the hostesses for the evening. Lesson Four, "The Help", will be led by Hazel Edna Johnston. There will not be a meeting in July or August.</p>	<p><b>Vacation Bible School</b>  <b>June 17-21, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>  Join us for "Bethel's Backyard Bible Camp" where kids will learn about serving God and others under the stars! Adventures will include games, crafts, music and stories. Kids will discover and experience the kind of service-filled lives God wants us to live!  Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. with VBS activities to follow. For more information or to register, contact Michelle Good at 724-479-8817 or Chris Stone at 724-479-8753. Please see the bulletin boards for donations and registration forms.</p>	<p><b>Softball Schedule</b>  Games will be played at the Summit Church (formerly Assembly of God) and the Kiwanis Field at the White Township Recreation Complex at East Pike.  <b>Monday, June 3</b>  6:00 p.m. – Kiwanis  <b>Tuesday, June 4</b>  7:15 p.m. – Kiwanis  <b>Thursday, June 13</b>  7:15 p.m. – Summit  <b>Monday, June 17</b>  7:15 p.m. – Summit  <b>Friday, June 21</b>  6:00 p.m. – Summit  <b>Monday, June 24</b>  7:15 p.m. – Summit  <b>Tuesday, July 2</b>  6:00 p.m. – Summit  <b>Monday, July 8</b>  6:00 p.m. – Summit  <b>Thursday, July 11</b>  7:15 p.m. – Summit</p>
<p><b>With Thanks</b>  The Missionary Society extends a thank you to the many people who helped make our annual spaghetti dinner a great success. All donations made, hard work and the time spent in many ways with the dinner helped so much. The profit made was \$2,230.20. Thank you,  The Missionary Society</p>	<p><b>Celebrate With Us</b>  <b>Sunday, June 23, 2:00 p.m. – 5 p.m.</b>  An open invitation is extended to all members of Bethel to join in celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of George and Virginia Clawson (May 18), Russ and Eulene Risinger (June 15) and Bob and Marlene Mikesell (August 9).  The celebration will be held in the church pavilion. Your presence and fellowship are precious gifts; we request no other. Please call Brandi Bertolino, 814-749-7574 or Glenda Brewer, 724-397-2652 with any questions.</p>	<p><b>Church and Cemetery Mowing</b>  Volunteers are needed to help maintain the church grounds during the summer. If you are interested in mowing the cemetery, please see Rich Gibson. Those interested in helping mow around the church should contact Dave Schroth. You can also sign-up in the vestibule.</p>
<p><b>Looking Ahead</b>  The next issue of the Bethel Beat will be a combined July/August edition. Please have all your information to Jill in the church office by Thursday, June 27. The newsletter will be distributed Sunday, July 14.</p>	<p><b>6th Annual Antique Show</b>  <b>Saturday, July 13, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>  This year our theme is "Wedding Memories," and we will be displaying vintage wedding dresses and their accessories. If you have one you would be willing to have displayed, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the envelope posted on the Missionary Society's bulletin board.  We will also be looking for antique tractors and antique cars for our outdoor display. We thank each of you for all the cooperation and help extended to us for this wonderful day to raise money for charities.</p>	



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## June 2013 Calendar for Bethel Church Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 8:00 a.m. – Men’s Group 11:00 a.m. – Red Wagon Food Pantry Collection TBA – Youth Group	3	4	5	6	7 6:00 p.m. Youth Group at Altoona Curve Game	8
9	10 7:00 p.m. Session	11	12	13 7:00 p.m. Missionary Society	14	15
16 11:00 a.m. – Worship in the Pavilion Noon – VBS Set-up Father’s Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00 p.m.				
23 11:00 a.m. – VBS Sunday 2:00 p.m. – 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Creation			
30 11:00 a.m. Twabumbogo Partnership Sunday		<b>We gather on Sundays for Adult, Youth            and Children’s Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.            and Worship at 11:00 a.m.</b>				