



The LINK is a monthly publication LINKing together the people of Bethel United Church of Christ



BETHEL PIONEER CHURCH SERVICE—OCTOBER 1
AT
SHOAL CREEK LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM
7000 NE Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO 64156

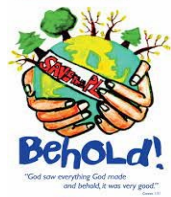
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Directions: Take 152 HWY East to NE Shoal Creek Parkway (there is a traffic light) turn left (North) on Shoal Creek Parkway take the immediate left on to NE Barry Road. Stay on Barry until you see the sign for Hodge Park. Follow the road to the parking lot.

If you need a ride from the Museum parking lot please contact Stan Niederhauser at gstanniederhauser@gmail.com to arrange a ride to the museum's church. You will need to be in the museum's parking lot by 9:30 and you will have to let Stan know you need a ride.

BENEVOLENCE—SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING
OCTOBER



Neighbors In Need – One of our 5 for 5 donations. In 2023, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" theme continues. This year's focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills. As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet!

Blue Spring Terrace - "The Terrace" is made up of thirteen homes on a quiet, tree-lined street private street, with a church and a park. The campus is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Blue Springs Terrace provides independent living in supportive Christian community for ALL retired pastors and full-time Christian workers of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and/or their spouses. Houses are provided and residents pay a small monthly maintenance fee. Work projects include building assessments and repairs so that people can re-main in their homes living independently. The Terrace is responsible for lawn care, snow removal and capital improvements. Volunteers from local churches and some residents gather every Tuesday to care of the building and ground needs. Other facilities include a guest

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Bethel Pioneer Worship Service—October 1**
- **Church Women United Forum—Oct. 6**
- **CROP Walk—Oct. 14**
- **HOMIES —Oct. 20**
- **Chili Cookoff—Oct. 21**
- **Wine Study Bible Tasting—October 22**
- **Congregational Meeting—Oct. 29**



Crop Hunger Walk – Saturday, October 14, at County Club Christian Church, 6101 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64113. In 2023, we continue fighting against disease, disaster, displacement and other challenges that leave people hungry.

Join with us as we raise funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need for today and sustainable food security for tomorrow! To join/donate for CROP Walk see Kim Heft to sign up for the Bethel team or you can donate

and/or join online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/bethel-ucc-kc>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - OCTOBER 29TH

Fall congregational meeting follows worship on this Sunday. Approval of the temporary budget for the coming year and electing those members who have accepted positions for our Council and Commissions is part of the agenda. Doing the business of the church is a loving commitment we make as members of Bethel. See you there!



SWEET GARDEN OF PRAYER

Autumn is my favorite season. We gather in the harvest, reminded of the goodness of God's love. We revel in the array of colors from deciduous trees, reminded that God alone creates such beauty. We observe the lessons Nature provides in showing how good it is to let go of things, reminded that God provides us with a season for everything—for taking up and letting go. The (finally!) chill in the morning air points to the coming winter, and a time of rest.

Autumn, for me anyway, is a time for taking stock of all I need to carry me through until Spring. Back in the day, I would can vegetables and tomato sauce, freeze soups and stews, and switch out the summer wardrobe for the winter one. These are things (along with good books and a comfy quilt) that are vital to my not just surviving but thriving through winter.

Autumn is a time for all to take stock of what is vital for us to not only survive, but to thrive. It is an excellent time for Bethel United Church of Christ to ask what we need not only to survive but to thrive as a church. Now is also the perfect time for us to be asking these questions:

- Is the Church (with a capital C) vital to the world surviving and thriving?
- Is the Church (with a capital C and a small c) vital to my own surviving and thriving?
- Is Bethel UCC vital to this community's surviving and thriving?
- If tragedy struck (such as what happened in Maui) Bethel, would our neighborhood community notice or care?

We often hear that the Church is not a building, is not its program, is not Sunday services, but is its people. Actually, the Church is not its building, its program or its people. The Church is what its PEOPLE DO TOGETHER. Yes, people can worship God individually and somewhere other than at church. But, it is the act of worshipping God together that uplifts and encourages. Yes, people can individually serve the community, but together we can make a larger and lasting impact.

In the coming weeks and months, as we revel in Autumn and soon the beginning of the New Year at Advent, we will be looking at the impact Bethel has and can have on our community. The obvious, and best, place to start is with each other. Be thinking of how we currently care for each other, and ways for how we can uplift each other to not only survive, but to thrive into the new year and beyond.

God's Peace, Blessings, and Joy,
Pastor Laura

PRAYER CARE

Please pray for . . .

In Sympathy: Shei Bunch & family, on the passing of her mother, Bobbie Lacquement , memorial service is October 21 in Bethalto, IL.

Randy Pace; Rachel Wolfe; Vicki Thompson's Mother, Velma and daughter in-law, Stephanie; **Joe Luttrell; Stephanie Dodd; Adam Niederhauser; Rachel Terrill; Ja-**

mie Elder; Larry Jurgensen; Nelda Ravenscraft; Lauri Arbutnot; Gerry McGuire; Debbie Robinett; Cathy Leslie; Marilyn Helmich; Elaine McDuff; Linda Jackson; Bobbi Wendle; Alice & Jim Inman; Vern Bohlmeyer, Dale & Shianne Reith.

Jamie Elder's friend, Don; **Fulvio & Kathy Hayes'** friend, Virginia; Adele Jones; **Kim Heft's** brother, Warren; **Gerry Hendrix's** sister Donna;

Vince Watkins' father, Harold & step-brother Glen; **Bev Duer's** sister, Nancy; **Marilyn Helmich's** son, Rick; **Mary Fleener's** friends, JT & Nancy; **Cathy Leslie's** friend, Eddy; **Marty Pace's** sister & brother-in-law, Michelle & Dan; **Lauri Buck's** friend, Kristi; **AnnaLee Kapp's** relatives, the Hershman family & her friend Julie; **Bob Atkinson's** brother, David; **Marilyn Helmich's** daughter, Carolyn; **Randy Pace's** friend, Marvin



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



10/2	Jeannie Kenyon	10/12	Matthew Terrill	10/22	Alice Terrill
10/4	Sheri Achille, Dominic	10/13	Joyce Manley	10/25	Lilly Willis
	Achille	10/14	Jeanene Easley	10/26	Gerry Hendrix
10/7	Ron Wendle	10/17	Darleen Jurgensen	10/29	Phil Achille

THANK YOU

Dear Bethel Family,

I want to thank you very much for all of the cards and gifts for my confirmation and for being there for me during this part of my faith journey. Many thanks to Pastor Laura for conducting our classes, to Isaac, Clairra, Bob, Mary, and Kim for going through the class together, and to Margaret Basch for serving as my mentor.

With love, Emma Marshall

Dear Bethel,

We would like to thank everyone for their condolences, prayers and kindnesses following my brother Michael Farrar's unexpected death. He was an exceptional person. Your support has meant everything to us.

Thank you, Vicki and Joe Thompson and family

Dear Bethel UCC,

Thank you for the personalized pottery chalices and thoughtful cards. It means a lot to us to have your support.

Love, Clairra and Isaac Faust

STEWARDSHIP THEME

Our Stewardship theme this year is:

"Because of You Our Church Saves Lives". You will be receiving your Stewardship letter and Pledge card by email, please be looking for it after our kick-off in October.



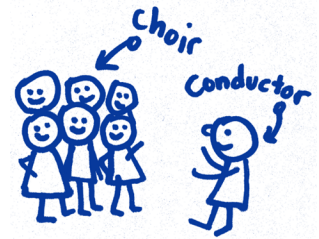
Northland Church Women United—October 6

Church Women United forum is October 6 at Hillside Christian Church , 800 NE Vivion Road, Kansas City, Mo 64118.

Registration is at 9:30, Meeting at 10:00. Rev. Robert (Bob) McGee will be speaking on Jamaica.

BETHEL CHOIR/BELLS

It's not too late to join Bethel Bell Choir and Choir. Bells Wednesdays at 6 pm and Choir at 7 pm Everyone is invited to sing in the Choir or play bells. Come join us as we have a GREAT time in fellowship and song.



BACKPACK SHEPHERDS

We are in desperate need of food. Our shelves are empty. We are asking for food donations. Please help us to restock, find below a list of items needed.

- fruit cups
- tortillas or taco shells
- canned chicken
- canned tomatoes
- potatoes, can or packages
- canned pasta
- canned pasta sauce
- muffin mix
- canned beef stew

We are supporting three schools Eastgate, Win-

netonka and Nor/Clay, which is Lakewood this year, as Lakewood Elementary is being rebuilt for more students.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Chili Supper! "TO BEAN OR NOT TO BEAN".....OCTOBER 21st. The annual Chili Supper.....

Thank you,
David Talbot, COGS
Pat Armstrong, Bethel UCC

Remember NOTHING in Glass Jars!!
NO Expired items!!



BETHEL FINANCIAL UPDATE— WHERE WE ARE & WHAT WE NEED

To meet 2023 monthly budgeted expenses, we need \$13,528 in contributions. Current fund contributions for September were \$11,485.

THE "HOMIES" MONTHLY

Bethel UCC Men's Group

October 20th HOMIES:

Lunch—Grunauer's, 101 W. 22nd St. Kansas City, MO. Meet at Bethel at 11:00 for rides. We depart promptly at 11:15. Watch for your HOMIES newsletter for more information. We hope you can join us! Randy Pace 816-810-4004



"Hungry Old Men Involved in Eating Sessions"

THANKSGIVING DINNER RETURNS

Bethel's Thanksgiving Dinner returns Friday, November 17. To make this event happen we will need the following help.

- 2-3 Turkey carvers
- Turkey Cookers (number of turkeys needed will be based on number attending)
- 3-4 Kitchen helpers
- Setup for Dinner
- Cleanup from Dinner

There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex for attending the dinner with costs, etc.

If you can help please contact Stephanie Dodd.





In Vino Veritas—Wine Study and Bible Tasting October 22 —1:00 pm

Wine Study and Bible Tasting will be at Pastor Laura’s Home.

The Chief’s game is at 3:25 pm. Stay after and watch the gam if you like.

BETHEL WEBSITE UPDATED & IMPROVED

Huge Thank you to Andrea Berka for getting the new Bethel website up and running. Check out the site at www.bethelucckc.com. If you have picture of Bethel activities, etc. please share with Andrea at aberka1460@gmail.com so she can keep the website current with all Bethel is doing.

FISH FRY

Fundraiser for Waiola Church - Maui a Success!

Mahalo to all who helped with the cooking, setup, cleanup and who brought food to share last Sunday.

Mahalo also to all who ate with us and made generous donations to helping Waiola church. To date Bethel has received over \$3,000.



Backpack Shepherds Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 21

5:30 pm—7:30 pm

Church of the Good shepherd Parish Hall

4947 NE Chouteau Dr.

\$7.50 Admission Charge

Chili with Hot Dogs and all the fixin’s, beverage and dessert included.

Taste the Competition Chilies

Come enjoy a supper you don’t have to cook!

To enter the Chili Contest contact Pat Armstrong at 816-695-7825

**Prizes for the most Canned Goods donated,
the Best Chili and Best Bundt Cake**

Bring lots of can goods and other non-perishable pantry items

All this plus entertainment by **Mike Wilkinson and The Lucky Us Band.**

Good food, good fun, good fellowship for a good cause. What could be better?

For more information see Pat Armstrong or Gerry Hendrix. Tickets go on sale October 1

