



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
BT = Bethel Teens Jr./Sr. High Youth BK = Bethel Kids					1	2 FLC—Fisher in AM 6:30pm— Bormuth Small Group SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
3 Regular Sunday Services 6:30pm — BT & BK Connection Groups	4 7:00pm - Elders' Meeting	5 Election Day	6 6:30am - Prayer Time at Arby's in Bluffton	7	8	9
10 Regular Sunday Services 6:30pm — BT & BK Connection Groups Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due	11 7:30pm - Board Meeting Veterans Day	12	13 6:30am - Prayer Time at Arby's in Bluffton	14	15	16
17 Regular Sunday Services 6:30pm — BT & BK Connection Groups	18	19	20 6:30am - Prayer Time at Arby's in Bluffton	21	22	23
24 Regular Services <i>Thanksgiving Potluck</i> 12:00pm No Sunday Evening Connection Groups	25	26	27 6:30am - Prayer Time at Arby's in Bluffton	28 	29	30 9:00 am—Church Christmas Decorating

Serving the Month of November 2019

Communion Meditation: November 3 - Steve Carver November 10 - Rick Marshall November 17 - Rob Breitigam November 24 - Don Boehm Communion Preparation: Gregg Powell	Nursery: 1st Service November 3 - Peggy Powell November 10 - Susan Stuart November 17 - Robin Bame, Rylie Bame November 24 - Bethany Daft
Car Parker: Sam Bormuth Jr. Church Teachers: 1st - Janet Marshall 2nd - Rob & Jen Breitigam, Jared Underwood Overhead: 1st - Ally Richardson 2nd - AJ Allen Greeters: 1st Service & Sunday School November 3 - Brad & Angie Richardson November 10 & 17 - Shirley Amstutz November 24 - Gary & Connie Anderson 2nd Service November 3 - Steve & Angie Carver November 10 & 17 - AJ & Megan Freed November 24 - Andy & Brandy Cox	Sunday School November 3 - Mike & Sandy Gleason November 10 - Connie Anderson, Levi Rausch November 17 - Jami Underwood, Tonya Kerber November 24 - Whitney & Brodie Boone 2nd Service November 3 - Jenny Jamison, Tami Waller November 10 - Judy Klingler, Bekah Allen November 17 - Sean & Casey Heath November 24 - Jami Underwood, Brandy Cox 1st Service Worship Leader: Mike Meeker Praise Team Singers: Jodi H., Carrie R., & Tonya S.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 – Del Cogar	4 – John Mueller	14 – Kathy Russell	20 – Jason Bormuth
2 – Claire Fisher	5 – Pat Fancher	15 – Addison Boehm	21 – Will Daft
2 – Bobbi Kaye	7 – Glenna Cox	15 – Abram Bormuth	24 – Gregg Powell
2 – Ella King	8 – Gayle Criblez	15 – Brynlee Underwood	27 – Mike Meeker
3 – Brittnie Anderson	11 – Nicholas Bame	17 – Annette Cogar	28 – Avery Hobensack
3 – Brian Crooks	11 – Owen Bame	17 – Angie Richardson	28 – Charles Rodabaugh
3 – Jennifer Jamison	12 – Susan Stuart	18 – Kelly Eikenbary	30 – Tristan Fry

Brad & Jessica Boehm November 3, 2007	AJ & Megan Freed November 6, 2010	Macen & Brooke Desgranges November 18, 2017
Larry & Sue Cox November 20, 1982	Don & Kathy Boehm November 22, 1973	

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Sunday Services

Traditional Morning Worship: 8:30AM
Bible School: 9:45AM
Contemporary Morning Worship: 10:45AM
Evening Youth Groups 6:30PM



“Whoever would be great among you must be your servant,
And whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.
For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
And to give his life as a ransom for many.”
Mark 10:43-45, ESV

The words above, spoken by Jesus, are some of my favorite verses. Each time I read them, I am reminded that to be like Jesus, I need to humble myself and serve others. This goes against our human nature, which is to be noticed, to be first, to be the best. Jesus, who deserves our worship, did not come to earth to be served, but instead to serve *us*. *He was so selfless that He performed miracles, spent time with the outcasts and marginalized and died on the cross for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

There are many things I love about Bethel, but something I notice again and again is a willingness to work hard. I have watched our farmers working long into the night to get the job done. I have watched mothers devoting time and energy into their precious children. I have watched families come together when times get hard. It’s a special place, Bethel Church of Christ, and one I am so honored to be a part of.

So, this month I would like to simply say THANK YOU. Thank you to the amazing Sunday School Teachers who teach our kids each and every week. Thank you to the devoted Nursery Workers who selflessly take care of the littlest ones in the church. Thank you to the wonderful Jr. Church Teachers who leave service early to teach our kids. Thank you to the great Sunday Night Leaders who give up part of their Sunday evenings to teach our kids. Thank you to the parents who bring your kids to the different things we have going on in Bethel Kids. Thank you to the rest of the congregation as you love and support our kids. Because of your willingness to humble yourselves and serve, kids are hearing the truth of Jesus Christ.

Be reminded that each time you serve, you are becoming more like Christ. He is the best example in all things. I don’t know about you, but that’s who I aspire to be like, and you can too as we serve Him alongside each other.

-Carrie

Thank you!

According to Focus on the Family, there are approximately 51,000 people employed by churches across the US that serve as “clergy.” Ugh- that is another one of those ‘church words’ that drive me nuts! Clergy is simply a term used for the formal leaders of established religions. In 1992 Focus on the Family began a campaign to show appreciation to clergy in the month of October.

As a minister, I am always humbled by the appreciation shown to my family throughout the year, including the month of October.

When I think about the terms used to describe my position I am reminded of how many other people aside from myself deserve the same appreciation. I will most often refer to myself as a minister. Minister comes from the Greek word **deacons**. Does that look familiar? Deacons are ministers serving the church. Thank you to all of our deacons who regularly do the ministry of the church here at Bethel.

Another term often used for my position is ‘pastor.’ When we go through the New Testament looking for the title of pastor, it is translated from a Greek word that means ‘shepherd.’ It is best translated as ‘elder.’ Bethel is blessed to have Godly men who are willing to serve as the pastors of this church family. It is heartwarming to me to know that often before I even get word that someone is in need, the elders and Mike have often already begun the needed shepherding.

I had a conversation with Jerry Amstutz in the hospital one day about the titles used for my position. I looked at him and I said, “I perform all of those duties. At the end of the day, I don’t really care what you call me, just don’t call me late for dinner.” Jerry kind of shook his head and said, “Yeah, I don’t want to be called late for dinner either.”

Thank you all for the appreciation that you have shown me, but allow me to show appreciation to all of you as well. Some of you serve in official ministry capacities, but Bethel is a place where people recognize that every one of us, as believers, are called to serve. I Peter 2:5-9 states that all of us as Christians make up a ‘royal priesthood.’ You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation!’

Thank you for the encouragement this past month for clergy appreciation month, but more importantly, thank you for the constant encouragement you are to me as we serve God side by side here in this small corner of the world! Bethel will continue for another 150 years because of Jesus Christ, and faithful people like all of you!

See you on Sunday!

Randy



- December 1st- Bethel Kids Christmas Decorating
- December 5th- Men’s Basketball
- December 8th- Christmas Cards Due
- December 24th- Christmas Eve Service



The Annual Bethel Thanksgiving Meal will be Sunday, November 24th immediately following second service. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided. Please bring a hot and a cold dish to share.



Once again the 5th through 8th grade youth will be collecting and sorting Christmas cards for the Bethel Church of Christ family. As in the past, simply bring Christmas cards for your friends and family that attend Bethel and place them in the box located in the foyer. Cards are due Sun., December 8th.

Bethel Kids Update

from the senior minister