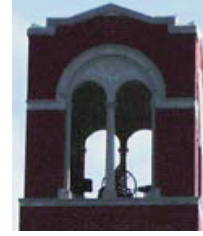


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**Super Spuds Luncheon  
Sunday, February 5**



**Bethel Tidings**

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**From the Desk of Pastor Bill**

Last year The United Methodist Church developed and implemented a Call to Action whereby each church across the nation was (and still is) required to address various areas of church life.



Last year I set some initial goals but this year we will be taking a deep and serious examination of these areas.

We will be seeking your help and opinions as we look at Bethel UMC and strive to improve our mission and response in the coming years.

This is not about setting the world on fire, but rather kindling a gentle Holy fire under us.

Blessings, Pastor Bill



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**Sunday Service Times**

8:45 a.m.-Traditional Worship Service  
 11:00 a.m.-Contemporary Worship Service  
 10:00 a.m.-Sunday School

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Please contact the church office:  
 If your address or phone number has changed.  
 If there has been a birth or death in your family.  
 If you are ill or hospitalized.

Newsletter articles due by the 15th of each month.

**Our Stewardship last month...**

	8:45 a.m. Worship	11:00 a.m. Worship	Sunday Offering School	
Jan 1	101	63	79	3,243.39
Jan 8	157	78	95	4,998.38
Jan 15	139	79	102	5,222.33
Jan 22	136	65	106	4,572.38
Jan 29	118	78	81	5,181.73

**Serving in this month**

**Ushers:** David Brandenburg Phil Baker  
 Bret Sprecher Phil Forrest

**Greeters:**  
**Traditional:** Jeff/Laura Harbaugh  
 Ron/Lori Mertz

**Contemporary:** Stephanie Rossiter

**Altar Flowers**

February 5: Russ/Celia Aushman  
 February 12: Open  
 February 19: Tracy/Harbaugh  
 February 26: Open

Is there a special day or special person you would like to honor with altar flowers?

Contact Beverly Miller to reserve your spot today!

Phone: 301.739.6270  
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### Real Love

#### *It's Within Your Reach!*

Come discover God's great love for you. It's a love that can meet your need and positively impact all the relationships in your life. If you're looking for real love, come visit this Sunday. You'll be accepted just as you are, and you might find that real love is closer than you think.

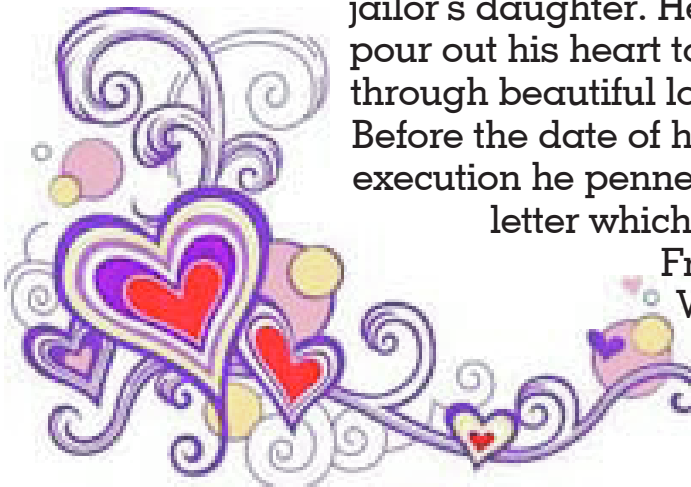


### Legend of St. Valentine

Emperor Claudius II in 3rd-century Rome was constantly at war. He realized that single men made better soldiers than those who were married.

Out of compassion for couples in love, Valentine, a priest, defied the Emperor and continued to perform wedding ceremonies in secret.

Valentine continued to preach the gospel and was imprisoned where he fell in love with the jailor's daughter. He used to pour out his heart to her through beautiful love letters. Before the date of his execution he penned one last letter which he signed:  
From, Your Valentine.



### February Anniversaries

- 1 – JR & Devena Dunkin
- 9 – Ed & Sandy Hose
- 13 – David & Lauren Rowe
- 22 – Denny & Diana Leatherman

### February Birthdays

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 – Lynn Harshman      | 14 – Tammy Gantz       |
| 2 – Betty Diggins      | Jordan Beard           |
| 3 – Gary Nulph         | Corey Dunkin           |
| 4 – Susan Brandenburg  | AJ Phillips            |
| 5 – Diana Leatherman   | 15 – June Sprecher     |
| Chris Bolton           | 16 – Maureen Springer  |
| 6 – Keith Stemen       | 17 – Natalie Williams  |
| Walter Finnin          | 20 – Rich Salvatore    |
| Rick Bachtell          | 23 – Karen Luther      |
| Megan Gelsinger        | 24 – Derek Ritter      |
| 7 – Betty Kline        | 25 – Bette Longanecker |
| Deana Usary            | Joan Stemen            |
| 8 – JR Dunkin          | 27 – Lindsay Deal      |
| 10 – Roni McNairn      | 28 – Denny Kaufmann    |
| Denise Gelsinger       | 29 – Mildred Nethken   |
| Will Kershner          |                        |
| 11 – Virginia Harshman |                        |
| 13 – Ed Hose           |                        |
| Jonathan Brandenburg   |                        |



## Behind the Scenes

*But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. 1 Thessalonians 5:12*

When you watch a football game, little thought is given to all the work that has gone into their preparation.

During the week coaches, coordinators, quarterbacks and players spend hours behind the scenes, watching films, studying and practicing for their next opponent. All of that work leading up to the game goes unnoticed and unappreciated.

There is another group of people who spend their week from one Sunday to the next, studying, praying and working toward the next Lord's day of services.

We call them Pastors, Sunday School teachers, Choir/Music Leaders. You want them ready for "game" on Sunday.

Remember to pray for the spiritual leaders of our church. Pray for them to seek God as to what He would want them to say and do.

Being a Pastor isn't just a Sunday thing...  
it's an everyday thing.



*Sports Spectrum*

## Super Spuds Luncheon

**Sunday, February 5 12:30 p.m.**

What better way to enjoy your friends and family with a pre-game luncheon with baked potatoes with all the toppings, salad, hot dogs & mac 'n' cheese for the kids.

Show your team spirit and wear your favorite team jersey. Proceeds benefit the Playground Fund!

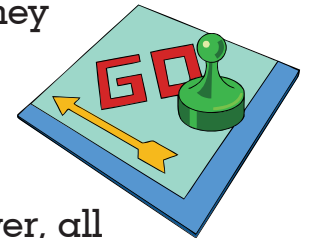
## When the Game Is Over...

*It All Goes Back in the Box by John Ortberg*  
**Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m. beginning Feb. 8**

Join the Women at the Well as they begin a new study!

Life is like a game of Monopoly. You strategize, take risks, and wheel and deal to improve your position. But when the game is over, all the pieces go back in the box. When the game of life is over, your body is placed in the grave.

Learn how to live your life when you love God, love others, and nurture your own soul.



## Ash Wednesday

**February 22 7:00 p.m.**

During these days of Lent, with the help and grace of God, get rid of some of the "bad" things in your lives like bitterness, apathy, prejudice or resentment, then you'll be better prepared to receive the Easter victory, new life in Christ!

# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sun School 11:00 Contemporary 12:30 Spuds</p> 			1 10:00 Women @ Well 7:00 Bangs 7:00 Discipleship	2 6:30 Men Chorus 7:00 Adult Choir	3	4
<p>8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sun School 11:00 Contemporary 12:30 Spuds</p> 	6  <b>Trustees Meeting</b> 7:00p.m.	7 Lions Club 6:15 p.m.	8 10:00 Women @ Well 7:00 Discipleship 7:00 Missions	9 7:00 Adult Choir	10	11
12 8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sun School 11:00 Contemporary	13  <b>Brothers in Christ</b> 6:30 BOB	14  <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15 11:00 Fellowship Brunch 7:00 Discipleship	16 6:30 Men Chorus 7:00 Adult Choir	17	18  <b>DEADLINE:</b> Newsletter Articles 
19 8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sun School 11:00 Contemporary	20	21 Lions Club 6:15 p.m.	22  <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	23 6:30 Men Chorus 7:00 Adult Choir	24  <b>Emmaus Gathering</b> 7:30 p.m.	25 Youth Retreat Weekend
26 8:45 Traditional 10:00 Sun School 11:00 Contemporary	27  <b>Brothers in Christ</b> 6:30 BOB	28	29 10:00 Women @ Well			 Let your steadfast <b>LOVE</b> become my <b>COMFORT.</b>

## Wonder-Full Life with God

### Women's Retreat

March 24



**Marvelous**  
are thy works;  
& that my soul  
knoweth  
right well.  
Psalm 139:14

Join with Women at the Well as they sponsor a women's retreat with Linda Alessandri, Pastor of Haven Lutheran Church, Hagerstown.

The retreat theme is based on Psalm 139:14, *Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex. It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous and how well I know it.* More info to come...

## Book Corner

### Be Grateful

You know you should write more thank-you notes, don't you? Yeah, uh huh. We put it off or we quickly send an email. But in *365 Thank Yous: The Year a Simple Act of Daily Gratitude Changed My Life*, John Kralik, an attorney who was close to hitting rock bottom in his law practice, finances, and relationship, writes of the 18 months it took for him to complete his goal, which started when he received a Christmas thank-you note he didn't expect. While hiking on a lonely trail he heard a "voice" tell him that there was a lot he had no control over but he could at least say thank you for kindnesses he received. By the end of his efforts, his life had made a 360-degree turn.

His story was interesting and flowed well to read,

and you do "root" for middle-aged single dad as he mulls over how to change his life and to realize the blessing he does have. My only disappointment was that other than two paragraphs on his discovery of grace in a church that he never seemed to specifically thank the Someone he needed to.



In contrast, in *Choosing Gratitude: Your Journey to Joy*, Nancy Leigh DeMoss encourages us to choose gratitude because it is the only fitting response to a good and gracious God. She says it requires constantly renewing one's mind with the truth of God's Word, setting one's heart to savor God and His gifts, and disciplining one's tongue to speak words that reflect His goodness and grace—until a grateful spirit becomes a reflexive response to all of life.

With the unending news of high unemployment, soaring debt, global unrest, and starvation and disease, it is natural for people to become discouraged and to feel that God has abandoned the world. But by cultivating the discipline of gratitude she suggests that we can avoid losing our footing in these uncertain times.

As the new year starts, perhaps you should ask *"Is the gratitude that flows out of my life as abundant as the grace that flows into it?"*

by Jeanne Carper




# FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.

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for \_\_\_\_\_ you.”

COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV

## Pack well

During Lent, as we focus on Christ's journey to the cross, let's also examine the journey of our lives.



The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing.

What have you placed in your bag?

Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, money worries, relationship troubles?

Have you overlooked any important items?

Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead.

Remember to pack mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey in Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult.

So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

—Based on the "Journey to Hope" sermon series, [www.rethinkchurch.org/lent](http://www.rethinkchurch.org/lent)



*If we had no winter,  
the spring would not be so pleasant;  
if we did not sometimes taste of adversity,  
prosperity would not be so welcome.*

*Anne Bradstreet*

## December Treasurer's Report

### Income

#### *Noah's Ark Learning Center*

Child Care Fees	883.14
Employee Compensation	-750.76
Supplies & Materials	-214.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>-82.30</b>

#### *Church*

Building Fund Contributions	1,310.00
Memorials	80.00
Interest Income	1.09
Offerings	28,772.30
Fundraisers	387.00
Mission Gifts received	624.00
Restricted Contributions	50.00
Restricted Contr. disbursed	-999.00
Use of Church Fees	300.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>30,443.09</b>

### Expenses

#### *Capital Outlay*

Interest Expense-Mortgage	698.47
Property & Equipment	5,049.62

#### *Christian Education*

Church Literature & Material	811.72
Sunday School Material	53.46

Detailed treasurer report  
may be obtained from the church office.

### *Operating Expenses*

Advertising	67.40
Electric	774.18
Custodians	1,169.84
Secretary	997.00
Employment Taxes	658.30
Flowers/Memorials	193.25
Gas & Oil	183.80
Ministry of Music	780.00
Office Supplies	246.67
Repairs & Maintenance	242.16
Telephone	141.59

### *Other Giving*

Kairos Prison Ministry	449.50
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### *The Ministry*

MPP, CPP Medical	1,716.59
Pastor's Salary	3,962.58
Utilities & Maintenance	498.11

### *World Service*

Conference	2,268.58
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>20,962.86</b>

Mortgage Payable	167,602.18
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Be a Faithful  
Steward