

Announcements & Opportunities
Bethel UMC
May 12, 2024

LIVESTREAMED WORSHIP: Anyone who is unable to attend worship in person is invited to join the livestreamed worship service from Faith UMC, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at: <http://www.churchofbethelumc.com> or <https://www.faithumcshebfalls.org>.

THANK YOU to all our May volunteers. Greeter: Janet M., custodians John and Rosie M., and ushers, Julie L. and Nancy R. You are all appreciated beyond words.

RETIREMENT PARTY AND NEW BASEMENT REMODEL DEDICATION: Everyone is welcome to attend the potluck retirement dinner honoring Pastor Kathy on Saturday, June 29 at 4:00 p.m. here in the “new” Fellowship Hall, along with the dedication of our newly remodeled church basement dedication immediately following dinner. Come and celebrate Pastor Kathy on her retirement from her ministry at Bethel and Faith UMCs, and your gratitude for everyone who assisted by working so hard on the new basement hall remodel. Broasted chicken will be provided, and everyone is asked to bring a complimentary dish to pass. D.S. Park Hunter will be in attendance. To God be the Glory!

BETHEL BABES GATHERING: The location of the Babes gathering has changed. The time and date remain the same. Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 at Julie Leverenz’ home. The Bethel Babes are also holding a **Diaper Drive** for the month of May in honor of Mother’s Day.

SCRIP SALE: Thank you for your orders. Everything was ordered and hopefully will be received in time for the weekend. If you have any questions, please call the office.

LADIES OF FAITH PLUS: Will gather on Tuesday, May 21 at 11:30 am. in the Fellowship Hall here at Faith UMC and all Bethel ladies plus are invited to attend. It will be a “bring a salad to share” lunch.

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT 2024: Please pray for and support, as the team prepares for its week of service, June 15 through June 22. Twenty-one youth and adults from St. Luke, Bethel (Sammy Gilbertson), and Faith UMC (Sophia Koeppen and Aiden Raisbeck), New Life Community Church. A very special thank you to everyone who helped raise the necessary funds to travel to Knott County, KY to serve as the hands and feet of Christ, our neighbors in need. **Please note that the Festival Foods Sheboygan brat fry has been cancelled because enough money has been raised. A very special thank you to everyone who has volunteered through the fundraising process. We could not do it without our faithful supporters!**

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

- **Youth Outing to Land of Natura Water Park in Wisconsin Dells**, on Friday, August 2. The bus leaves from Faith UMC at 9 a.m. and returns around 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per youth and includes lunch and dinner. Ages nine and up (must be a comfortable swimmer.) Contact Andria P. with questions (920.207.2796.) Come and join the fun!

CONFIRMATION: The family confirmation dinner and rehearsal will be held on Friday, May 17 beginning at 5:00 p.m. here at church. Please let Pastor Kathy, or the office, know how many from your family are coming for the rehearsal/supper, by next Sunday, May 12. The Rite of Confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.. We will be celebrating six youth: Aiden Raisbeck, Sophia Koeppen, Charlotte Peterson, Connor Kruse, Matt Knaak, and Ava Bradshaw. A short reception, immediately following the service, will be held in the Fellowship Hall, compliments of our Hospitality Team.

FUTURE NOISY OFFERING DATES ARE: June 30, September 29, and December 29.

SUMMER SUPPER TENTATIVE DATE: Thursday, July 18 from 4-7 p.m.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT ROAD AMERICA: Mark your calendars for Friday, July 12, as we need 30 volunteers for the crowd control rope holding at Road America. More information to follow. Other opportunities: Parking assistance on June 8 & 9 for Indy Car race and August 4 for a non-Nascar race.

WI UM CAMPS – CAMP & RETREAT MINISTRIES SUMMER CAMP 2024: Camp Lucerne and Pine Lake. Youth camps begin June 9-14 and run weekly through August 12-15. So many fun and exciting camping opportunities to choose from.

Please Pray For...

Bethel United Methodist Church Joys and Concerns May 12, 2024

Prayers of gratitude from

- Jill, for the church, as we say goodbye to Pastor Kathy and welcome a new pastor.
- Ted, that Pastor Kathy will preside over the Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

Prayers for our seven confirmands, six of which will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at Faith and one who will be confirmed at her home church:

- ❖ Sammy Gilbertson (Bethel UMC)
- ❖ Ava Brashaw (who will be recognized here, and confirmed at her home church at St. Luke UMC)
- ❖ Matt Knaak (Wesley UMC)
- ❖ Connor Kruse (New Life Community Church)
- ❖ Sophia Koeppen, Charlotte Peterson, and Aiden Raisbeck (Faith UMC)

Prayers for thankfulness to God

- For Andy Leverenz and Ted Bonde, who mowed the church grounds last week.
- From Janet M., for the joy of the wedding of her granddaughter Trinity, to her husband, Kong. She also gives thanks that her sister Cheryl's medical procedure went well.

Prayers for God's strength and peace

- From Janet, for Dave, as he is experiencing mental health issues again.

Prayers of concern

- From Ted B., for the unknown person who was taken by Flight for Life to the hospital after a car accident last week.

Continued prayers for God's healing presence and quieting strength and peace

- For Edie L.
- For Tom L.

Prayers for God's guidance and consideration

- For all families dealing with memory issues with loved ones.
- Please continue to pray for and support, as the team prepares for its week of service, June 15 through June 22. Twenty-one youth and adults from St. Luke, Faith UMC, New Life Community Church, and friends will be traveling to eastern Kentucky to serve as the hands and feet of Christ, our neighbors in need.

Prayers for God's provision for peace and the end to the violence

- For the conflict in Ukraine and Israel. Prayer for the peace that Jesus brings and for a rapid end to the tension, anger, discord, and violence. Prayers for God's peace in the hearts of everyone.