



Chimes

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Bethel

United Methodist Church

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News and Views From Your Senior Pastor

Sermon Series for February

Most of us have had plenty of practice to prepare us to need the current sermon series. For the first three Sundays in February, I'm continuing with the theme, "**Wise Living In a Foolish World**," based on the amazing wisdom and practical counsel God offers us in the wisdom of Solomon's Proverbs. We wish we had more experience with wisdom, but we all have painful or funny tales to tell of times when we've lived rather foolishly. I believe you'll find this series to be very helpful and relevant to your everyday lives. Don't wait any longer to make 2012 a year of faithful presence for Sunday worship!



BUMC Theme for 2012

"Discovering God's Hope" was the theme for the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries when we met on Friday night, January 13, and Saturday, January 14, for a Church Leadership Planning Retreat. Our COM Chair, Kathy Weaver, guided us through the weekend as we met at the church for sessions focusing on our faith in Jesus Christ, and then continued with discussions about "Discovering God's Hope," and how to minister in hope-giving ways to our church and community. The results of our retreat will set our agenda for the remainder of the year.



Ash Wednesday Service - February 22 - 7:00 P.M.

This "Come-And-Go-As-You-Will" Ash Wednesday service will be held in the Bethel UMC Chapel between 7:00 and 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 22. Come anytime during that hour, and stay as briefly as you wish, or for the full hour, for meditation, prayer, quiet communion, and marking of the forehead or hand with the sign of the cross of ashes.

New Members Classes on Wednesdays, Feb. 29 & Mar. 7, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

If you're worshipping regularly here at Bethel United Methodist Church, and are interested in making this your church home, now may be the time for you to participate in a New Members Class. You are invited to meet with Pastor Bowdle for a series of two class sessions to prepare you for membership. Our classes will meet on Wednesday nights, February 29 and again March 7, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. each evening. You'll meet in the pastor's office. Leave a message for Pastor Bowdle at 734-7201 or at RevBowdle@fuse.net to register for the two classes, or raise questions you may need answered. New members will be received into membership in any of our Sunday morning worship services on March 18.

The schedules of three different seasonal opportunities for membership classes and entrances are posted in the chart below.

2012 Schedule for Membership Classes and Reception into Membership of BUMC			
Season	Member Class 1	Member Class 2	Membership Reception
Early 2012	Wed. 2/29 at 6:30	Wed.3/7 at 6:30	3/18 in Sunday morning worship services
Mid 2012	Wed. 5/30 at 6:30	Wed 6/6 at 6:30	6/24 at 6:00 p.m. Joint Worship Celebration followed by an Ice Cream Social outdoors
Late 2012	Wed 10/10 at 6:30	Wed 10/24 at 6:30	11/4 after 6:00 Dinner at 7:00 pm Joint Worship

March 18 Concert By Soul'd Out Quartet

On Sunday night, March 18 at 6:00 pm, the widely traveled "Soul'd Out Quartet" (plus their pianist) will present an evening of music in our Sanctuary. You, your family and friends are invited to join us! Mark this night down on your calendar now!! Among the 2011 bookings listed on their web site, they will appear in OH, MO, SC, NC, IN, IA, PA, NJ, VA, KY, NY, MD, MI, FL, OK, AR, Tn, and GA. On 3/18 they'll be HERE!! A voluntary love offering will be taken, and there will be an opportunity to secure CD's of the group's music. Thanks to the Evangelism Committee for bringing this concert to the church. See additional detail in the Evangelism article. Use this event as an opportunity to Bring a Friend!!



Lenten Dinner & Devotions



On March 4, 11, and 25, the Bethel United Methodist Church will offer three "Lenten Dinner and Devotions" in the church fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. We'll enjoy a 45 minute dinner together. Afterwards, individuals from our church will be sharing personal testimonies during a time of informal worship, singing and devotions. Bring soups, salads, other foods and desserts to share covered dish style. We'll try to have you on your way back home by about 7:30 p.m. each Sunday night. On March 11, the Youth Group will offer help in doing kitchen coordination, and in sharing testimonies. For March 4 and 25, let

Pastor Bowdle know if your committee, small group or S.S. Class would be willing to do the kitchen coordination.

Thanks to All Of God's Willing Servants

It has been a marathon race all the way from Thanksgiving through Christmas and New Year's Holidays to the leadership retreat. I can't remember a holiday season that seemed to arrive so quickly and race by as swiftly. Through all of this season, countless volunteers have served Christ so willingly and graciously. I am grateful for everything that Christ's servants have done to prepare music, serve meals, decorate the church, teach classes, lead groups, invite others to church, prepare the Chimes, organize ministry events, lead retreats, guide our committees and serve the Lord in countless ways. I am also grateful for such a willing and helpful team of staff members on our team. Thanks to one and all!

Pastor Bill Bowdle



Children's Ministry – February 2012

Janet Bowdle ~ Children's Director

February Fun Stations

Our Bible Story for February will feature the healing of blind Bartimaeus and another blind man. Our February memory verse will be from Jeremiah 33:3, "Call to me and I will answer you."

Children's Outreach for February

Each month we plan to offer an opportunity for children to learn the joy of sharing Jesus' love with others. For February the children will be making Valentines to share His love with others. On February 5, children will be collecting cans of soup as part of our Souper Bowl Sunday.



"Souper Bowl Sunday"

Children will be celebrating Souper Bowl Sunday on February 5 during Promise Land and Fun Stations class time. We will hear from a coach and learn what happens if we don't follow God's directions. God is our ultimate Coach. We will experience a game that will teach us how we can be winners for God. Cans of soup will be collected for those who are in need. Children will also be invited to wear their favorite team jerseys.

Pioneer Club

God is blessing us with a great year at Pioneer Club. We have a special group of children from our own church plus many who do not attend church. It has been a blessing to see some families attend our church after first coming to Pioneer Club. All children from age 3 through 7th grade are invited to attend. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.



Kid's Night Out

A fun-filled "Kid's Night Out" is planned for Sunday, February 19 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The theme for the night will be "Son Shine Beach Party." The event will take place at the church. Parents are asked to come into the church to check their children in and again to check children out when they come to pick them up. Children from kindergarten up through the sixth grade are invited to come and bring their friends. The evening will include a SonShine Snack Shop, Beach Bingo, games, crafts and prizes.

Children's Camp Coming June 5-8

Please mark your calendars for an exciting time at Summer Children's Camp 2012. If you would like to be a leader, please let Janet Bowdle know. Day camp on Wednesday through Friday is open to children finishing Kindergarten through those finishing sixth grade. Overnight camp is open to children finishing second grade up through those finishing sixth grade.

Vacation Bible School – July 9-13

The theme for this year's VBS will be "Sky: Everything is Possible With God." Plans are already being made for an exciting week of VBS. Please mark your calendars for July 9-13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



Behind the Guitar... Pastor Steve

2 Peter 3: 11 – 13 “¹¹ *Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives* ¹² *as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.* ¹³ *But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.*” (NIV)

I just read “Heaven is for Real” by Todd Burpo. It’s a quick read and, on top of that, a great testimony to Heaven through the eyes of a four year old. I had seen this little fellow some years back on a morning news show and just now got around to reading his story of visiting Heaven due to a near death in surgery. (The library does have the book, but you may have to wait your turn to read it.)

Frank Peretti also had two interesting novels that stirred the imagination about the spiritual warfare going on around us. There are two connections between these books for me. One is they make me think outside of my own concept of what is unseen in the Heavens, and I like that. When we look at the things God has created, well...I can’t fathom the ocean’s depth or the expanse of the universe, things we can see. I can’t even begin to imagine what Heaven will be like. Yet it is just as real as the things we experience now.

The second connection with these books is that prayer was essential to the life of the believer. Peter writes, “**You ought to live holy and godly lives...**” Something each of us can do is pray. That should be the most basic posture of the church today. How are we going to do what God’s Will is if we don’t seek it? Yes, we are to live holy and godly lives, but we can only do that by seeking the Father and asking for the power of His Holy Spirit. We do this in prayer. Jesus thought prayer was important; we should too. God bless, Pastor Steve

(And my scripture references last month were Luke 2: 28 – 33. Sorry for the extra numbers.)

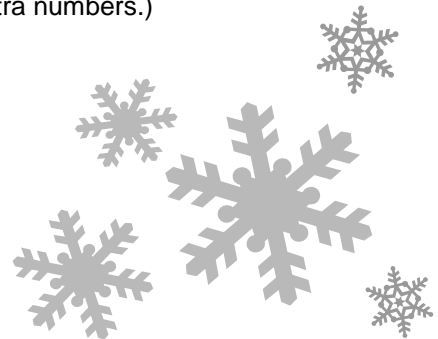
Youth & Young Adult News

So . . . what are you doing on February 24-26? Well, you know what you could be doing is going to the **WINTER RETREAT!!** – This year’s theme is entitled “*Drawn Together*” and it is based off of Jesus’ promise “**wherever two or more are gathered together, I am with you also**” from Matthew 18:20. This is a great opportunity for you to come out and make new friends and figure out who God is and what he’s doing in lives of those who desire to know him more. The cost is \$70 and that covers everything for the entire weekend. The retreat will be held at Woodland Lakes Christian Camp in Amelia. You can find registration forms on the youth board in the lobby.

Registration deadline for the retreat is February 5th, so get them in as soon as you can! If by any chance you miss the deadline, don’t worry – the only consequence is that you will not be able to get a shirt this year.

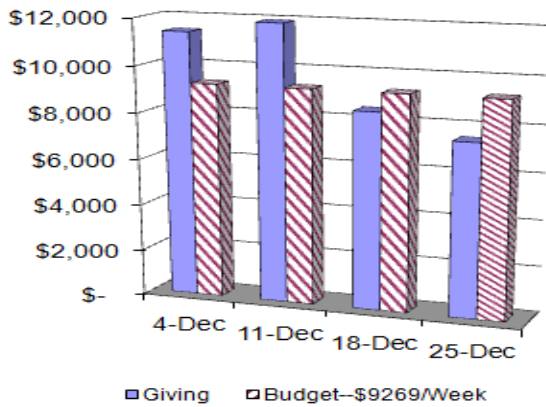
Also – The *BUMC Youth and Young Adult* website has been updated. Go to **bethelumcyouth.com** and check out all that is going on. There you will find the updated **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** planned out for the upcoming year. On the calendar you will find dates for Awaken the City, Skate Dates, Early Release, Locust Ridge, Junior High Believe, Awaken the City Info Night / Minute to Win It, Tuesday FunDay’s and many others. You will also find dates for volunteer opportunities for Kids Camp and Vacation Bible School!

J.D. Young – Youth & Young Adult Director



Winter Retreat

DEC. 2011 GIVING VS. BUDGET



Stewardship Report

Year end for 2011 provided a positive giving month for BUMC. Both November and December giving totals were ahead of budgeted need—*Praise the Lord!* We have closed our books for 2011 and wish to thank each of you for your continued support of the many ministries which make up BUMC.

We anticipate that 2012 will continue to present financial challenges for each of us and trust that our staff and committee chairpersons will rise to that challenge just as they have during the past few years. We have been very blessed to maintain a strong current fund balance which allows us to meet all of our financial obligations and place our faith in God for this to continue.

Seeking God in everything will prove to be the very best plan you can make for 2012. He will never let you down and trusting him will change your life.

If you have questions or suggestions for the Finance Committee, please contact Debby Redden (513) 734-6567 (2nd Service)

Mission Committee Report

A big THANKS to all those who helped with the Foster Family Christmas party. We had not yet had the party at the time of the January Chimes date so here is a belated thanks. Well over 45 people helped in setting up, fixing food, helping with crafts, taking and printing pictures, carrying out character roles, singing, and all the other activities to make it a huge success. Santa and Mrs. Claus handed out treats plus the kids were able to select a toy from the toy shop. Jesus said "Let the little children come unto me." and the BUMC certainly welcomed and loved them!

Thinking of you cards were sent to the folks in Nashville. They touched our lives and hopefully they felt Christ's love through us. We also got to know members of our church family beyond passing at church. We are exploring the possibility of a spring trip to KY so watch for more information later.

We were pleased that Mr. Nixon from TLC Barefoot School could come and share with us New Year's Day. It was nice to see the children sponsored by members of our church family and hear how well they are being educated. Dottie Diehl listened to God's call and amazing results have been accomplished. Keep the school in your prayers.

Carol Childers & Margaret Miller, co-chairs



Ladies Night Out-- at the Church

The Women's Council invites all ladies of the church to a Soup, Salad and Baked Potato Dinner on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the church Multi-Purpose Room. All food will be provided. A free-will offering will be received to help cover some of the food costs. Our program will center on the theme of "Friendship." This gathering will offer a great opportunity to fellowship with the wonderful ladies of our church. It could also be a great time to invite a friend who is not already a part of our church. We hope to see you there. A sign-up sheet will be on the board by the stained glass dove in the church lobby

Notes from the Kitchen of Hope

I would like to say a super BIG Thank You to all of the people who have donated time, money and food to the Kitchen of Hope. We also really love and appreciate all of the folks who drop by to see us at the Kitchen. We love seeing you, but we must ask that unless you are on the work schedule that you remain out of the kitchen food prep area. The Board of Health limits the number of people that we can have working in the Kitchen, and of course space is also always an issue. Please DO keep stopping by, but please stay in the dining area unless you are on the work schedule. Thanks, Brenda

Easter Cantata News

The Bethel Community Choir will be organizing for the Lenten season on Thursday, February 2 at 7:30 pm here at the Bethel Methodist Church. The Community Choir will be featured at the evening service on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm here at BUMC. This is a community event and everyone is welcome to join the Community Choir which will once again be under the direction of Mrs. Rhonda Bennett.



The regular BUMC Choir practice will be held at 6:30 pm each Thursday as usual, with cantata practice immediately following, at 7:30. Anyone regularly attending the church is invited to join us and sing on Sunday mornings.

For more information please contact Rhonda at 734-4957 or Carolyn at 734-7596

God's plan is to increase and enlarge our relationships, our capacity for love, and our skills.

Bethel Quilters Planning Show



The Quilting Group will be meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month. This month, February 13 at 9:00 am at the Bethel Methodist Church we will be collecting and sharing fabrics to construct baby blankets, lap robes, small quilts to share with charities. Anyone interested in sharing your fabrics, your time and skills are welcome to come and enjoy the fun. At 10:00 am this morning we will be finalizing our plans for the Quilt Show which will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012. The show will be exhibiting twin, full, queen/king, baby blankets, and wall hangings. Watch for more information.

Contact persons: Carolyn 734-7596 or Chris at cbacon@fuse.net

Where love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece.

U.M.W. News

All ladies of the church are invited to meet on Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. to prepare Love Boxes for our military personnel and college students. Donations for the boxes may be placed in the labeled box in the lobby. You can help us show love to these special people by donating individual pre-packaged cookies, crackers, nuts, candy, pens, stationery and just about any small items that we can pack in small boxes. Monetary donations would also be appreciated and will be used to purchase items for the boxes or to buy postage. We also need you to supply current addresses for service personnel and collegians that you would like to receive these packages. Thanks so much for your help!



Adult Single's Fellowship

The Adult Singles will be getting together to eat and fellowship at the China Buffet in Eastgate on Sunday, February 19th. The cost of the meal will be \$9.65. Senior Citizens meal cost \$9.15.

We will leave the church at 12:30pm. Please sign up for reservations.

Nancy



Men's Breakfast

The men will have their monthly breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 4th at Lake Manor Restaurant at Mt. Orab. We meet at 8:00am for breakfast and fellowship. If you like to eat and like to talk this is the group for you, so come on out and join us.

The World through a Child's Eyes

We had our first snowfall of the year the other day, just an inch or so, and I noticed a couple of neighborhood kids out scraping up the snow and throwing snowballs. I remembered the thrill of the first snow when I was a kid, looking forward to fun times playing outside with my friends. Nowadays I look forward to the summer more than the first snow. We had great summers... golden, glorious summers. My friend Jerry and I were just a couple of innocent country kids. We spent our days playing ball with our friends or exploring the woods and fields around our home, sometimes just hanging out in the shade of a giant old oak tree. We climbed that old oak a hundred times, just like a dozen boys before us probably had. We'd get to the top and pretend we were in the crow's nest of a pirate ship, on lookout for the enemy.

In the grassy fields we would mat down the tall sage grass creating secret pathways to hidden rooms, little spots next to a fallen tree or an outcropping of rocks; hiding spots where we'd hang out looking at baseball cards and sharing stories, secrets and dreams. We felt safe there so close to home and yet so distant from it.

Some days we'd spread word through the neighborhood and meet up with all of the other kids for a game of baseball, kickball or football. We trampled and ran over that old empty lot until even the crabgrass was worn through to the soil and the weeds lay twisted in the dust.

Sometimes Jerry and I would steal away to a quiet old lake on the other side of the woods. There weren't any rocks left around that old lake, so we'd fill our pockets with stones to skip, watching them dance across the surface sending little waves rippling back to shore. We'd found the hood of a car in the woods and we'd drag that to the shore and climb aboard it to float to the other side. We'd fish for bluegills and catch frogs in our homemade nets.

Needless to say those young days are gone but the joy and beauty are still captured in my mind.

For those who have eyes let them see. For those who have ears let them hear...

I look back and see how Jesus took my friend and I to those amazing places and how he was there with us. Now that I'm an adult, it's as if He is speaking to me through those memories. It's as if He is telling me to look at the world around me and see the beauty of His Father's hands saying "For those who have eyes, let them see the wonders He has created. Those with ears let them hear the beauty of the rocks splashing in the water, the whisper of the oak leaves blowing in the wind and the song of the birds calling them to the meadow. Those who are afraid let them see the tall sage grass and know that I am there with them. The pathways in the grass are like a path to my door of acceptance, love and protection. Let them come to me in prayer and know that I am a safe haven for them. Let them know if I knock on their door I will come in if they will only open it."

I see now how the bare crab grass fields are like the church in our modern world, and the sinful people and corrupt leaders are wearing away the rights of the Christians and creating an empty place. The rocks that we carried in our pockets to the lake are like the words thrown like stones against the church. The waves and ripples are like the gossip of Christians carrying heavy tales, stories that make a big impact then spread throughout the church wearing away the faith and hope of the people and driving them away from His church. The children that we invited to play ball represent the folks that Christians need to invite to church. All of the children playing ball represent the many different people working on many missions and in different areas of ministry, all serving Him'

The rough bark of the oak tree reminds me of the tree that Christ died upon for the sins of all people. The crow's nest at the top of the tree is a reminder to me to watch out for the evil one that can come from anywhere around you to steal God's words from your heart and His presence from your life. We must guard ourselves and surround ourselves with good, true Christian friends and crewmates.

The old car hood we floated across the lake on is a reminder that we can do anything through faith and a reminder that Jesus walked on the water in faith while Peter walked in fear and sank. Jerry and I reached down and scooped up frogs and caught bluegills as easily as Satan scoops up sinners and catches weak Christians.

For those who have eyes let them see. For those who have ears let them hear.

Like a child we need to look at the world and see the beauty He has given us. We need to look not just at the things around us, we also need to look at the beauty in the people around us, not seeing them as we think they are but seeing them as children of God, to be cared for nurtured and loved by us. We must learn to look at others as people that Jesus sees as worthy of being loved and saved, and so we must never stop trying to love them and we must never stop trying to bring them to Jesus.

Lee Braden – Evangelism edit-- Vickie Wallen



Valentine Dinner Show with Elvis



For all you romantics, the Fun & Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a Valentine Dinner on February 4th beginning at 5:30 pm in the multi-purpose room. The dinner is being catered by Chef Ann Biery from Cleveland, Ohio (Guy Marquette's sister). The cost for this delightful evening is \$25 per couple or \$12 for singles.

Seating is limited to one hundred seventy-five, so make sure you sign up early to see Elvis! Reservations will be taken on Sunday January 22nd and Sunday January 29th. We ask that you prepay when you make the reservation. Child care will be provided along with drinks and snacks for the tikes. Please feed your children dinner before bringing them. If you have any questions, please ask Guy and Linda Marquette or Steve and Brenda Morehouse.

Soul'd Out Quartet Coming to BUMC on March 18th

The Evangelism Team is happy to announce that on Sunday night, March 18 at 6:00 pm the widely traveled "Soul'd Out Quartet" will present an evening of music and worship in our Sanctuary. The Evangelism Team was excited to reschedule Soul'd Out again this year since we had such an outstanding response after their show here last March. If you haven't seen Soul'd out yet you are really missing out on a fantastic show. Here is your chance to see them again, so come early and bring a friend for a worship filled evening of finger snapping, hand clapping, foot stomping fun and great music and worshipping our Lord God. Get there early. The concert is free (love gift will be received during the show) and the seats go fast.

Hope to see you there!

Your Evangelism Team



Just for giggles...

Fred ran into an older neighbor who was getting out of his car with a bag of groceries.

"How are you doing these days? Fred asked the old timer.

"I'm getting better every day, I'm a lot stronger than I was when I was younger" he replied.

"It used to take me several trips back and forth from the car to carry in \$100 worth of groceries, now I can carry 'em all in one trip!"

Posted on church signs:

- Service at 9:00am - Come early for a good back seat!
- Try our Sundays - they're better than Baskin Robbins



February Birthdays Happy Birthday!

- 1: Tara Bradley, Jason Adams
- 2: Dennis Cooper, Ralph Herbolt, Fran Rees
- 3: Ashleigh Courts, Jamie Dahlheimer, Christina Schuler, Betty Joyce Nort, Randy Smith
- 4: Jane Parsons, Brenda Braden
- 5: Terry Holland, Keegan Martin, Sheila Sand, Jillian Dick
- 6: Jim Richter, Dawn Herbolt, Marsha Stockton
- 7: Dene Freudenberger,
- 8: Eric Kirker
- 11: Alex Combs, Marsha Dotson
- 12: Tina Cumby, Chelsea Conner
- 13: Pastor Rob Dauber, Noelle Broach, Connie Spears
- 14: (Happy Valentine's Day), Tom Oberschlake
- 15: Chase Smith, Renee Roush
- 16: Linda Moorhead, Rusty Dunham
- 17: Brad Cumby
- 18: Joy Gabbard
- 19: Madison Bailey
- 21: Matthew Menard, Melinda Howey, Erica Brown
- 22: Junior Bataille, Chloe' Stamps, Jackie Carver
- 23: Nola Camery, Kris Cooper, Rose Sears, Suzanne Zimmerman, Steve Fultz
- 24: Mary Jo Werle, Robin Ward, Alan Ausman, Max Stamps
- 25: Clyde Hager Jr., Ruth Abrams, Justin Chandler, Jeffery Little, Andy Marcum, Charles Wiehagen
- 26: Joshua Brown, Dona Fultz
- 27: Celine Zahlen, Kahlan Egan, Cole Hebbard
- 28: Nikki Addison
- 29: Bonnie Cochran

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February Anniversaries Happy Anniversary!


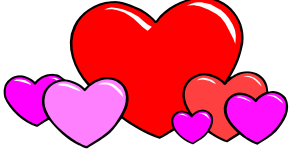
- 8: Bruce & Joan Hauck
- 9: Travis & Michele Dotson
- 16: Grant & Rebecca Canter
- 19: Dan & Colleen Hennemann
- 23: Bob & Nancy VanderWoude,
- 23: Paul & Martha Parlier
- 24: Ron & Cindy Alsip
- 27: Lamont & Teresa Baudendistel



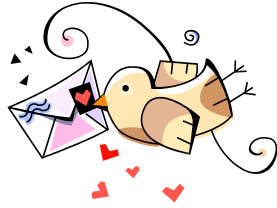
February Prayer Calendar

1. Ernie, Nicole, Logan, Kyle, Austin & Sydnie Sipple
2. Rosie, Kyra & Kenzie Sizemore
3. Joe, Darlene & Krista Sloan
4. Priscilla Slone
5. Betty Smith
6. Brandon, Heather, Gavin & Breanna Smith
7. Curtis & Jeanne Smith
8. Diane & Melody Smith
9. Jamie Smith
10. Linda Smith
11. Jared, Priscilla, Savannah & Paige Smith
12. Jeff, Mary, Timothy & Anthony Smith
13. Randy, Nadine, Logan, Chase & Tyler Smith
14. Richard & Marilyn Smith
15. Scott, Tracy, Camryn, Riley & Delaney Smith
16. Tom Smith
17. Tim & Mary Smith
18. Tom, Laura, Steven, Caleb & Trenton Smith
19. Virginia Smith
20. Audra, Logan & Zachary Smithers
21. Tom & Barbara Snedegar
22. Patti Sons
23. Pat Spangler
24. Eleanor Sparks
25. Connie Spears
26. T.J., Susan, Betsy & Abby Spencer
27. The Stamps
Randy, Lara, Randy, Max, Emma, Chloe' & Lara Grace
28. Leroy Stanforth
29. Michael Stanforth



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February, 2012			1 12-2:30 pm Youth – Gym in use 1-4 pm Free Store 6:30 pm Pioneer Club	2 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Cantata Practice	3 7 pm Venture Crew Lock in Overnight	4 8 am Men's Breakfast 10 am - noon Worship Practice 11-2 Free Store 11-1 Kitchen Hope 5:30 pm Sweetheart Dinner
5 12:30 – 2:15 pm Confirmation Class	6 1-4 pm Free Store 7 pm Basketball	7 8 am Prayer Cell 1-4 pm Free Store 3:30 pm A/H Girls 7 pm Volleyball 7 pm SPRC	8 1-4 pm Free Store 6:30 pm Pioneer Club	9 6:30 pm Adult Ed/Disc. Mtg. 6:30 pm Choir Practice 6 pm Mission Mtg. 7:30 pm Cantata Practice	10 Chimes Articles Due 50+ Articles	11 10 am - noon Worship Practice 11-2 Free Store 11-1 Kitchen Hope
12 12:30 – 2:15 pm Confirmation Class	13 9 am Quilt Mtg. 1-4 pm Free Store 7 pm Basketball	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 8 am Prayer Cell 1-4 pm Free Store 7 pm U.M.W. – Love Boxes 7 pm Volleyball	15 1-4 pm Free Store 6:30 pm Pioneer Club	16 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Cantata Practice 5-9 pm Foster Parents	17	18 10 am - noon Worship Practice 11-2 Free Store 11-1 Kitchen Hope 4-10 pm A/H Girl (kit & m/p Rm.)
19 12:30 – 2:15 pm Confirmation Class 12:30 pm Singles 6-8 pm Kids Night Out	20 President's Day "Office Closed" 1-4 pm Free Store 7 pm Basketball	21 8 am Prayer Cell 1-4 pm Free Store 3:30 pm A/H Girls 6:30 pm Ladies Night Out MP Rm 7 pm Volleyball 7 pm Trustee's	22 1-4 pm Free Store Ash Wednesday 7 pm Service	23 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Cantata Practice	24  Youth Winter Retreat Begins	25 10 am - noon Worship Practice 11-2 Free Store 11-1 Kitchen Hope Youth Winter Retreat
26 Youth Winter Retreat No Youth Service or Sun School	27 1-4 pm Free Store 7 pm Basketball	28 8 am Prayer Cell 1-4 pm Free Store 7 pm Volleyball 7 pm C.O.M.	29 1-4 pm Free Store 6:30 pm Pioneer Club 6:30 – 8 pm Membership Class #1 Pastor's Office			

Thank You Notes



I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, and phone calls during the past seven months and four surgeries on my eye. I especially want to thank Pastor Bowdle and Janet for their pre-surgery visits.

The retina is remaining attached at this time, and I have to wait three or four months to see how much sight will return or if glasses will aid my vision. The ophthalmologist is now working to try to reduce the pressure in that eye, so continued prayers will be appreciated. Thank God for my wonderful church family.

Ken Bailey



Thank you to all of the Adult Singles for the wonderful Christmas gift. I have enjoyed hot chocolate in my special mug with a stirrer. I truly appreciated the Kroger gift card. May God continue to bless you in your daily walks.

Nancy



To the Congregation of BUMC

Thank you for the cards and prayers sent during this time of loss. It is comforting to know that you have friends praying for you.

Thanks again,
Angie Brown & Family



Dear Friends at Bethel Methodist,
I have received such beautiful flowers, cards, wishes and prayers from you this past year. They have been such a blessing to me and I thank you so very much. Please feel free to visit Richard and I here at our new residence at Locust Ridge, we love seeing you. Lou Stowell



Many Thanks



The Bethel Floral Boutique has been wonderful in giving to the church's hospital and shut-in ministry. It takes some time and energy for them to get something ready at the last minute, but they come through each time we call.

We each have a gift. It may not be a flower business, but God has given you a purpose in this life. You can bless other people when you "Show God's Love."

Thank you,
Pastor Steve



Kitchen of Hope Helpers

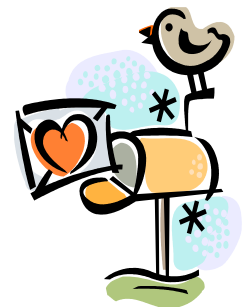
I want to say thank you so much to everyone who came and worked at the Kitchen of Hope throughout the holiday season, and most especially to those who came in and helped on Christmas and New Year's Days. I heard so many nice things from the people who came to the Kitchen and they really do appreciate us.

Thanks again, Brenda Braden



Are you receiving your Chimes email?

We have emailed the Chimes in January and again this month in February. If you are not receiving your emailed copy please check in the junk, spam or trash files of your email. Sometimes large mailings automatically go to one of those locations. To prevent that from happening to your future issues all you need to do is mark the files as "safe" or "not junk". If you have not received the emailed version of the Chimes, check with the church office to be sure that we have the correct email for you on file. If you DO NOT want to receive the email copies of the Chimes **please do not mark the Chimes as junk**, but do notify the church office of your name and email address and we will be happy to remove it from our mailing list.



Thank you.
Vicki, Vickie & Pastor Bill