



Chimes

June 2018

Bethel United Methodist Church
402 West Plane Street, Bethel, OH 45106

Happy
Fathers
Day! ★

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Greetings in the Lord,

After visiting another church while on vacation, a pastor was very impressed during the worship service when everyone was invited to shake hands and greet other worshippers seated near them. The pastor felt that his church was a bit stuffy and could use a bit of friendliness and fellowship. So at his own Sunday morning worship, he announced that the following week they would initiate this custom of greeting one another. At the close of this same worship service, one man turned around to the lady behind him and said a cheerful, "Good morning!" She looked back at him with shock at his boldness and said, "I beg your pardon! That fellowship business doesn't start until next Sunday!"

Christian fellowship is important and the fact of the matter is that we really do need each other. As Americans, we almost idolize independence. We have the Declaration of Independence. We like songs like "I've Got to be Me" and "I did It My Way." We admire the Lone Ranger. Of course, the Lone Ranger had Tonto, but we really like the idea of being totally independent. Many have bought into the myth that the key to happiness is self-sufficiency and independence. God says that the key to true happiness is not independence but rather

interdependence. As Christians, we really do need each other. We belong to each other. We need Christian community in our lives. God wired us to go through life not as a solitary individual but in community.

The Bible says in Romans 12:5, "Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other and each of us needs all the others." God says community is not optional whether we like it or not. We may feel very self-sufficient. We may be proud of our independence. But the truth is this: we absolutely need each other.

To help with this spiritual principle, we will be starting a journey together. During the month of June, I will be preaching a sermon series entitled, "We Need Each Other." We will explore how we can be in Christian community together so that we can help each other be all that God wants us to be. I hope you can be at church for each of the following sermons:

- June 3 "Why We Need Each Other"
- June 10 "Building Relationships with Each Other"
- June 17 "Helping Each Other Grow"
- June 24 "Reaching Out Together"

My prayer is that we will grow closer to God and to each other as we take this journey together.

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Behind the Guitar Pastor Steve Fultz

"...and the time for my departure is near." (2 Timothy 4: 6b)

Ever since I gave my life to Christ, I have tried to let Him have it all. After my Walk to Emmaus at Hyde Park United Methodist in the mid 1990's, I went on a hayride for the Spring Grove and Laurel United Methodist churches. I went inside the Laurel sanctuary and prayed that I could be used in some way to make a difference in the lives of others, that I would be able to reach those who had not accepted Jesus, that my life would be a reflection of Jesus, and that I would follow Him in whatever direction He would lead. I needed Him to be obvious. I prayed. I asked that He make it plain for me to know where I was to be, that He close the doors I wasn't to go through, and open the doors where He wanted me to go. I wept before Him, knowing how feeble I was in understanding what He had in store for me.

Soon after that, my family visited the Eastside Vineyard Community Fellowship and felt led to start attending there. Within a short time, I was asked to be their worship leader; and although my wife, Dona, and I had performed concerts for several years in our Christian music ministry, this was different. I was different. I really was a new creature in Jesus Christ; so, I said yes.

One of my strongest supports was the fact that Dona felt equally called to ministry, and it was a time of growth for us as we began to focus on prayer and Bible study. This led us to enroll at Cincinnati Christian University to pursue a B.S. in Biblical Studies and Ministry. Being a full-time student

was difficult for people over forty, who were working regular jobs, plus fulfilling responsibilities at church; but God continued to guide us through the process. (And, yes, Dona did get a slightly higher grade than I did!)

After three years, we left the Vineyard to serve our internships at Franklin Chapel, a small church near our home. The pastor wanted to offer a contemporary service since so many younger families were driving out of the area to find one. I was the worship leader and one of three elected elder-shepherds, while Dona performed the secretarial duties of the church. I also became a licensed pastor during this time.

Upon graduation, I planned to look for a church of my own to pastor. Since there was a delay between our last class and our graduation ceremony, we decided to use that time to help other churches starting a contemporary service. We were looking for a church that shared our fairly conservative beliefs, and God led us to Pastor Rob Dauber and the Bethel United Methodist Church.

Although my plan was to serve temporarily until I received my degree, God had a different plan for the next 14 years. Bethel UMC offered me a staff position in May, 2004, just after graduation. Even though I thought my schooling was over, the UMC required several months of classes and mentoring, followed by a week-long Licensing School. After completion, I took additional courses at a United

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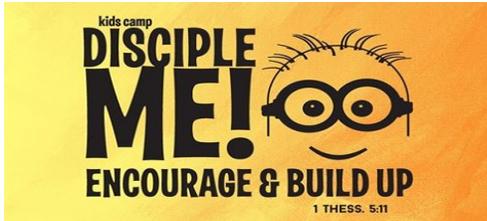


J.D. Young—Assistant Pastor of Family life Ministry

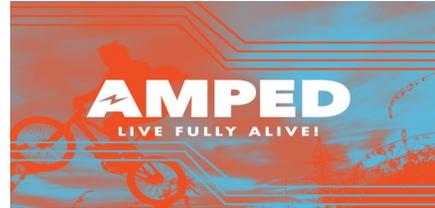
JUNE'S MEMORY VERSE

"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13, NIV

Children's Ministry



Kids Camp 2018 was a great success! We had a tremendous time of fun, Bible lessons and baptisms. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make camp happen. Bethel UMC is richly blessed to have so many loving folks supporting the Children's Ministry. We hope the stories of Kids Camp will bring smiles to all throughout the summer!



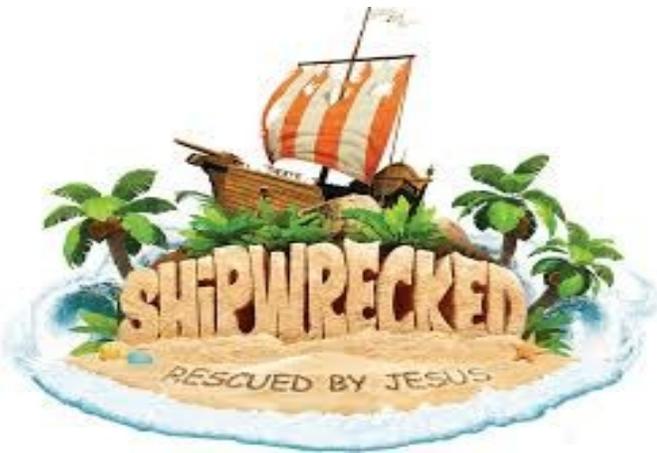
Our theme for Children's Ministry this month is: Confidence. We will discover that absolutely nothing is impossible for God. Jesus' death, burial and resurrection is proof that God can triumph over everything. God remains with us every day, regardless of what circumstances we face. We know we can face all situations with confidence, because God is with us.

Youth Ministry



A team of BUMC youth and volunteers are heading to Panama City Beach, Florida, June 10—16. They will be participating in a national youth conference with thousands of other youth from across the country. Please pray for safe travels for ALL youth attending the conference. Thank you to the trustees for assisting with the van rental. Thanks to those who also donated scholarships for youth to attend this conference. We look forward to sharing our experiences with BUMC!

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Vacation Bible School crashes into BUMC, July 8—12. Many hands are needed "on-deck" to help make this annual event a success. Once again, we will be teaming with Williamsburg, as we seek to share materials and supplies. WUMC will be hosting two prep nights, June 12 and 18, both at 6:00 p.m. Keep an eye out for BUMC volunteer training dates. We will be doing our church-wide setup on Saturday, July 11. See the bulletin and Children's Ministry info board for more details.

Bethel United Methodist Church
 requests the honor of your presence
 at the appreciation reception for
Pastor Steve and Dona Fultz
 on Sunday, June 10, 2018
 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.*
 at Bethel United Methodist Church
 402 West Plane Street, Bethel, OH 45106

**Sunday School is canceled.*

Pastor Doug (Continued from page 1)

Try not to miss a Sunday as each of these sermons will build on the others. Remember what I always say: Miss a Sunday; miss a lot. May the Lord bless and keep you.

In Christ's Love,
 Pastor Doug

Pastor Steve (Continued from page 2)

Methodist Seminary for several years and graduated in 2013.

During my time at Bethel, I have served as the associate pastor and contemporary worship pastor, provided congregational care, conducted the Shut-In Ministry, counseled, performed weddings and baptisms, led small group studies, and helped guide seekers to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. I have also officiated at many funeral services and have grieved with and tried to comfort others. Although I have seldom been asked to preach, I have

tried to be an example and have a deep and abiding feeling of love and responsibility for those under my care.

Over the years since this journey started, I have been blessed to be part of many Christian organizations and endeavors: "Sanctuary" Music Ministry, Compassion International, Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community, Tri-State Christian Music Festival, WAKW Cincinnati Youth Emphasis Project, See You at the Pole, Billy Graham Mission Crusade, and National Day of Prayer, as well as various evangelism events and outreaches, small groups, Bible studies, and worship teams.

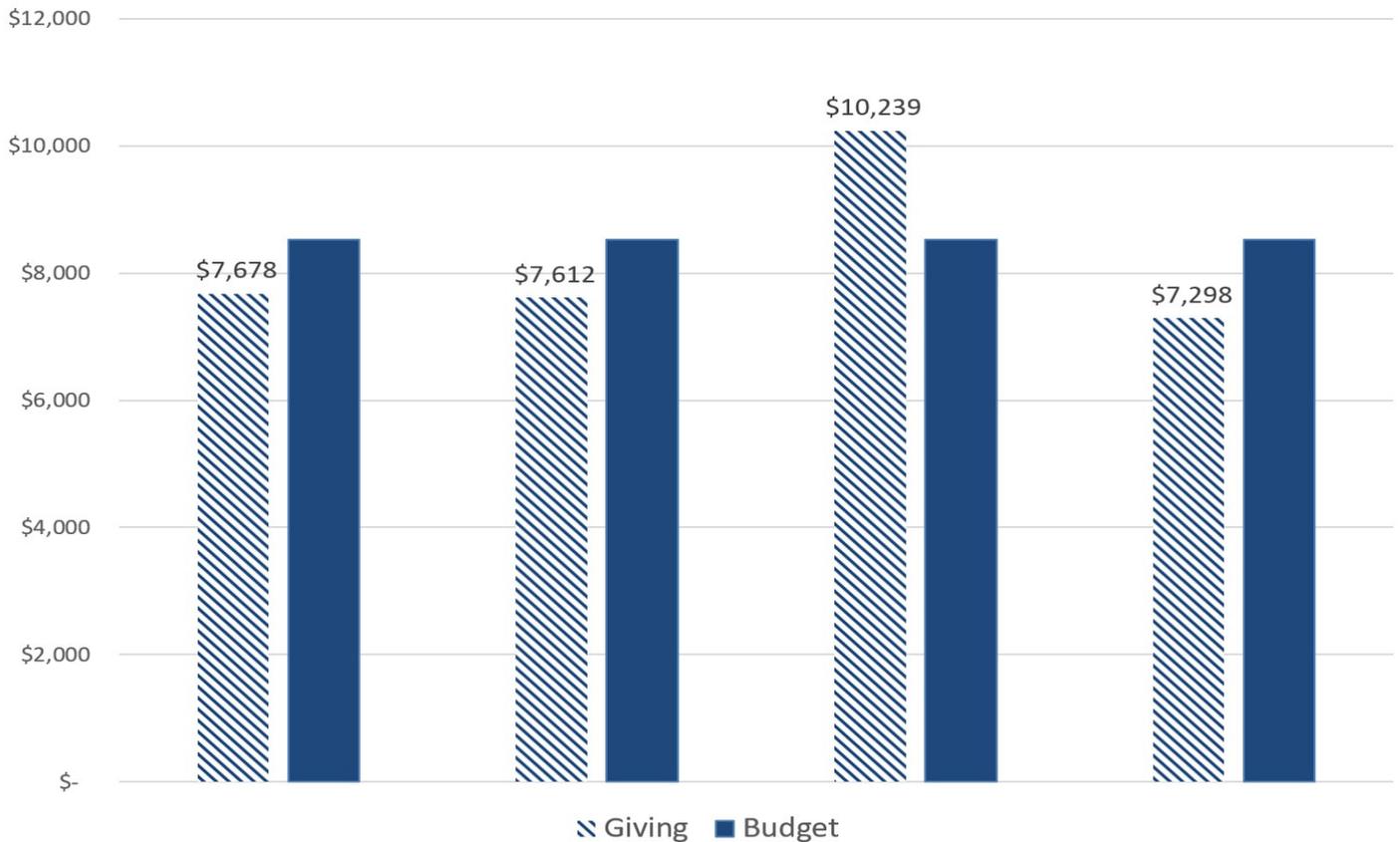
There are times when I want to know what is next, which door will be closed and which will be opened; but I realize it doesn't really matter. It's the door with Jesus on the other side anyway, and He is the one truly directing me. I just want to be willing to follow. Thankfully, Dona will be by my side.

May God bless you all.

Pastor Steve

FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 2018 Giving vs. Budget



We are a very Blessed Church! God has revealed his love for us over and over through the years. As we again look forward to staff changes and the plans God has for BUMC, we need to lift our church up in constant prayer. Our monetary support (giving) is lagging behind our budgeted need for the year and we covet your prayers for this situation as well as the staffing and programing needs of our church.

Our Mission is to make Disciples for Christ. The Finance Committee of BUMC wishes to serve and enable that Mission to be viable. As was shared last month, the mission portion of our budget is so very important for spreading the

word of God. It is also important that our church continue to evangelize to those who do not have a living relationship with Church.

BUMC needs each of us to become involved and to stretch ourselves outside our comfort zone. Consider what God might have you do and who God might have you influence for Him. Let your light shine and shine brightly for all to see!

As always, we appreciate your gifts and your tithes. God Bless!

If you have questions or suggestions for the Finance Committee, please contact Debby Redden (10:30 Service) at 513-257-7709.



BUMC Ice Cream Social!

Mark your calendar! On Sunday, July 22, from 6:00—8:00 p.m., the Evangelism Team will again be hosting our church's Ice Cream Social. The event is open to the community and we encourage you to bring a friend. Enjoy free ice cream, food, drinks, children's games, and live music by the Locust Creek Band. So come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Your Evangelism Team



Stuff the Trailer

The month of May was dedicated to the collection of food to help support the Jackson Co. KY Food Bank. Because of your caring, the trailer gets more "stuffed" each year. Carol Childers spoke with Joyce Carter, the volunteer director of the food bank, to see if there were any specific needs at this time. Her biggest news was that in the last few years, the food bank served 900 people per month; that number has dropped to 600 people per month. She says their economy has improved slightly and many of their clients no longer need the support of the food bank. They serve people who have no income to the working poor. The Lord provided donations that kept the facility operating for the past 15 years. Donations of money are used to buy foods at discounted prices at God's Pantry in Lexington and from Save a Lot. Monetary donations could also be used to pay utility bills.

*Special request from the food bank: Several years ago, someone made detergent and packaged it in Ziploc® bags. It was a huge hit. Joyce would love to have the recipe. Contact Carol Childers 513-505-9538. Thank you in advance.



Appreciation Gift for the Fultz's

Pastor Steve and Dona will be leaving soon and they will be missed by many in our church and community. To

show our appreciation for their ministry and friendship during their time at BUMC, we plan to provide them with a monetary gift to bless them in their next endeavor, wherever the road may lead them.

If you wish to make a donation toward this gift, please write, "Pastor Steve's Farewell," in the note section of your check or envelope and place it in the regular offering plate. The last day to make donations is Sunday, June 3, 2018.

Thank you.

BUMC's Staff Parish Relations Committee



Remember what comes after June? CHRISTMAS IN JULY. Now is a good time to think of ideas and special things you might want to include in a Samaritan's Purse Christmas box this year. When we began participating in this mission in 2012, we collected 21 boxes. Last year we provided 87 boxes. Even though we cannot put religious items in the box, the groups that present the boxes to the children provide that special part of the gift. Remember, we were told last year that no food products could be included this year.



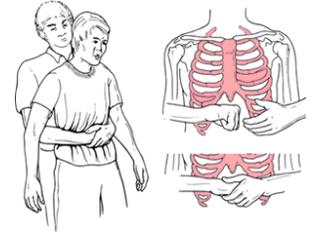
Choking Prevention and Rescue Tips

Thousands of people die from choking every year. According to *Injury Facts 2017*, choking is the fourth leading cause of unintentional injury death. Of the 5,051 people who died from choking in 2015, 2,848 were older than 74. Food is often responsible for choking incidents in the elderly. Living alone, and having dentures or difficulty swallowing can increase risk. If you see someone clutching their throat, coughing, gagging, wheezing or passed out, would you know what to do?

The Heimlich Maneuver

- If a person is coughing forcefully, encourage continued coughing to clear the object. A person who can't cough, speak or breathe, however, needs immediate help. Ask if they are choking and let them know you will use abdominal thrusts, also known as the Heimlich maneuver, to prevent suffocation. The procedure is not recommended for children younger than 1.
- Stand behind the victim with one leg forward between the victim's legs. For a child, move down to their level and keep your head to one side.
- Reach around the abdomen and locate the navel.
- Place the thumb side of your fist against the abdomen just above the navel.

- Grasp your fist with your other hand and thrust inward and upward into the victim's abdomen with quick jerks.



- For a responsive pregnant victim, or any victim you cannot get your arms around or for whom abdominal thrusts are not effective, give chest thrusts from behind; avoid squeezing the ribs with your arms.
- Continue thrusts until the victim expels the object or becomes unresponsive.
- Even after choking stops, seek medical attention.

Unresponsive Victims & CPR

If the victim is or becomes unresponsive, lower the person to the ground, expose the chest and start CPR. Look inside the mouth and remove any objects.

- Tilt the head and lift the chin to open the airway.
- Give two rescue breaths.
- Compress the chest about 2 inches deep, 30 times, at a rate of at least 100 per minute while counting aloud.
- Continue the cycle of two breaths and 30 compressions until the victim wakes up, an AED is brought to the scene, or professional help arrives.
- A few simple behaviors, like chewing food slowly and not drinking too much alcohol, can help prevent choking. Children, however, tend to choke on not only food, but toys and other household items.



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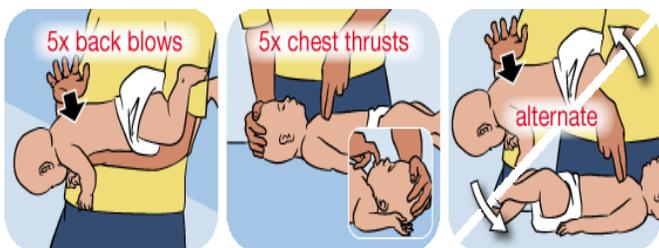
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Choking Infants and Children

Choking is one of the leading causes of unintentional death for infants, who require a different rescue procedure than adults. Clear the airway, and do the following only if the infant cannot cry, cough or breathe:

- Support the infant face down by holding the head in one hand with the torso on your forearm against your thigh.
- Give up to five back slaps between the shoulder blades with the heel of your other hand.
- If the object is not expelled, roll the infant face up, supporting the back of the infant's head with your hand.
- Place two fingers on the breastbone just below the nipple line.
- Give five chest thrusts about one per second about 1½ inches deep.
- Continue cycles of five back slaps and five chest thrusts until the object is expelled or the infant becomes unresponsive.



- If the infant becomes unresponsive or is found unresponsive, begin CPR.
- To prevent choking in children, keep small objects (anything smaller than a D-size battery) out of reach, cut food into small pieces and don't let them have hard candy. Young children should be supervised while eating and playing.



You're Invited

Graduation Open House for Fayth Weeks

Sunday, June 3, from 4—7:00 p.m.
at the home of Bobby and Debby Redden,
2969 Sugartree Rd., Bethel, OH.

We hope to see you all there as we help Fayth (Betty Jodrey's granddaughter) celebrate this milestone in her life.



Congratulations 2018 High School Graduates

Cara Bowen—Grant Career Center / Allied Health
Colton Broach—Bethel Tate
Morgan Cox—Grand Career Center / Veterinary Science
Terry Patterson—Felicity
Abby Spencer—Williamsburg; Recipient of the Ruth
Reisinger/Best Sister Scholarship
Fayth Weeks—Bethel Tate

Congratulations 2018 College Graduate

Sarah Sutherland—Cincinnati State



My mother, Teresa, and I would like to sincerely thank the Missions Committee for making it possible for us to go to Haiti. It was an experience we'll never forget, and being able to do so as mother and daughter was something for which we could never thank you enough.

Charla Hall & Teresa Baudendistel

I gave a Gideon message on Sunday, April 29, 2018, asking for your support for the work the Gideons do in Clermont County and different countries around the world. I want to thank each and every one of you and the Missions Committee for your support. The support amount collected was \$1,238.00. May God bless each of you and the Bethel United Methodist Church.

Kenneth A. Walker, Gideon

Thank you so much to all those who volunteered to help at the Flying Pig Expo! Forty-five BUMC members, relatives and friends gave four hours of their time and raised \$700 for TLC Barefoot School, covering a full year's expenses for one of our students. God's blessings to you all!

Kathy Freudenberger, Board Member

We would like to thank everyone who said a prayer, sent a card, or made a donation in memory of Dona's parents over the last several months. And a special thank you goes to Linda Millman and the Agape ladies who donated the desserts for their Memorial Service! You all showed your love and concern, and it was greatly appreciated.

Pastor Steve & Dona

Words cannot express the gratitude I feel when I think about the generous gift and wonderful recognition reception. Many thanks for this honor. I have been so blessed to be a part of Happy Days Preschool for 32 years. I appreciate all the love and support shown to me and will always continue to hold you all close in my heart. I have been given reasons to smile and reasons to laugh; but most of all, I have been given memories I will never forget.

Elaine Rector

The grief recovery course led by Mike Strick supersedes all the therapy and journaling I've done over the past few decades. I was skeptical going in but have already recommended it to Stephen Ministers at my church as well as a couple of individuals who might benefit from this course as well. Mike provided a safe environment to share our most vulnerable moments without judgment. Each session provided time I could let down my guard for the first time ever and just be. My humor emerged. My empathy blossomed. I'm a better person among my friends now. Please continue this service. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this.

Blessings,
Jan



happy birthday

lots of hugs for you!

June Birthdays



June Prayer Calendar

- 1: Leanne Moorman, Keith Luke, Madison Lanigan, George Zimmerman, Seth Trisler, Michelle Fultz, Judy Alsept, Logan Dick
- 2: Kenton McCloud
- 3: Aaron Waldmann, Dylan Fox, Morgan Roseberry, Mikayla Wyandt
- 4: Becky Hency, Noah Mundy
- 5: Tyler Delano, Payton McElfresh
- 6: Brittney Davisson, Patricia Spangler, Ann Martin
- 7: George Rooks, April Anderson, Kyle Chaney, Joey Swarthout, Dixie Rea, Kyle Mills
- 8: Nikkia Oberschlake, Dan Davis, Lisa Young, Alexandria Nickell
- 9: Isabella Taylor, Joseph Broemsen, Mickinzi Hughes
- 10: Bill Krody, Lilian Cooper, Brayden Hall
- 11: Ellie Bailey, Joshua Hensley, Drew Napier
- 12: Debby Bailey, Mark Chandler, T.J. Spencer, Hailey Sampson
- 13: Mary Jo Haviland, Jacob Brink
- 14: Greg Bradshaw Jr., Kathy Canter, Cassidy DeVore, Virginia Hayden
- 15: Kelly Baker, Tiffany Barnes
- 16: Janet Bick
- 17: Aaron Little, Skip Bacon, Delores DeMoss
- 18: Ralph Harmon III, Libby Richards, Sara Manning
- 19: Lucy Hensley, Ian Gelter, John Fletcher, Michelle Felix
- 20: Daray Angel
- 21: Mariah Canter, Vincent Hency, Kelly Dunham
- 22: Amber MacQueen, Rita Schaeffer, Isabella Grace Nimmo, Obadiah Jay Martin, Jim Koepp
- 23: Lois Luyster, Kendra Conrad
- 24: Ray Kidwell, Melissa Dameron, Dottie Diehl, Shawna Paul
- 25: Eric Riedel
- 26: Bruce Hauck, Jillian Barnett, Linda King, Joby Cumby, Kyle Cooper, Ashley Wetzel, Ella Calhoun
- 27: Cayla Martin, William Kelso
- 28: Jim Dahlheimer, Jason Lee, Ashleigh Allphin, Harley Roush
- 29: Angie Lanigan, Bethany Lykins
- 30: Anthony Smith, Timothy Smith, Charles Napier

- 1: Dick Stowell
- 2: Mark & Melissa Stricker
- 3: Mark & Denise Strimple
- 4: Linda, DeeAnna & Melissa Supe
- 5: Scott, Kathy, Mitch & Sarah Sutherland
- 6: John & Janet Swarthout
- 7: Ralph & Donna Swisshelm
- 8: Anne Taylor
- 9: Matt Taylor
- 10: Max & Sandy Taylor
- 11: Tom & Joan Taylor
- 12: Sherry Terrell
- 13: Sue Thacker
- 14: Jeff, Dawn & Jordon Thompson
- 15: Sam & Nancy Tigert
- 16: Butch & Sharon Tomamichel
- 17: Carol Trester
- 18: Bob & Nancy Vanderwoude
- 19: Kenneth & Glorine Walker
- 20: Bob Wallace
- 21: Bessie Ward
- 22: Charles, Kelly, Robin & Daniel Ward
- 23: Wendell, Jennifer, Windell & Anyssa Ward
- 24: Aaron, Stefanie, Kendal & Kyra Warren
- 25: David & Vickie Warren
- 26: Terry & June Waters
- 27: Mary Weatherspoon
- 28: Kathy Weaver
- 29: Joel Weaver
- 30: Jessica Weaver

Youth (Continued from page 3)



Dive and Dive returns this summer for youth and their friends. Starting Thursday, June 21, we

will meet every Thursday from 2:00—4:30 p.m. Locations will rotate throughout the summer. Each location will be posted in the bulletin and youth Facebook page. We hope you'll join us for food, fun and sun.

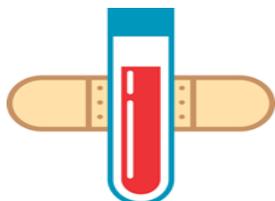


June Anniversaries



“Like” us on Facebook by searching: Bethel UMC Youth - Bethel, OH. We will be updating our summer calendar of events

throughout the month of June. Don't miss the many opportunities to make friends and memories this summer with the BUMC Youth Group!



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

***Hoxworth Blood Drive - June 20
Moved to Gold Star Chili***

Mark your calendar for the June 20 Hoxworth blood drive. With Pastor Steve leaving this year, Hoxworth moved their site to Gold Star Chili where they will have access to facilities for their staff on the bus. Keep an eye out for their flyers; and, who knows, you may get a coney out of this!

- 1: James & Jennifer Dick
- 2: Steve & Brenda Hughes
- 4: Matt & Kasie Rector
- 4: Rocky & Rhonda Mitchell
- 6: Glenn & Becky Beyer
- 7: Tim & Mary Smith
- 7: Gary & Diana Shamblin
- 8: William & Janet Bick
- 10: Jack & Pauline Gardner
- 11: J.D. & Lisa Young
- 12: Mark & Denise Strimple
- 12: David & Vickie Warren
- 15: Chris & Krista Martin
- 17: Tom & Tammy Oberschlake
- 17: Brad & Sarah Cumby
- 17: Bobby & Debby Redden
- 18: Steve & Dona Fultz
- 20: Jeremy & Bethany Johnson
- 24: Jim & Dixie Ast
- 24: Tim & Amie Tiemeyer
- 28: Robert & Kathy Freudenberger
- 29: Tom & Barbara Snedegar
- 29: Ric & Jody Kruse
- 30: Bill & Janet Bowdle
- 30: Jim & Kendra Conrad

Church Master Calendar

Jun 2018 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Collect J.C. Food 8am - Service 9:15am - S.S. 10:30am - Service	28 Mem. Day Office Closed 1pm - Clothing Store	29 8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store	30 Kids Camp 1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir	31 Kids Camp 10am - Ladies B. 6:15pm - Evang.	1 Kids Camp 6P-VC Leader Mtg. 7P-V Crew	2 8A-Mens-Bob E's 10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope
3 Annual Conf. 8am - Service 9:15am - S.S. 10:30am - Service 11:45am - BigStuff	4 Annual Conf. 9am - Sew Blest 1pm - Clothing Store	5 Annual Conf. 8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store	6 Annual Conf. 1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir	7 10am - Ladies B.	8 5:30pm - 50+	9 10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope
10 No S.S. Y. Big Stuf 8am - Service 9am - Farewell P. 10:30am - Service	11 Y. Big Stuf 1pm - Clothing Store	12 Y. Big Stuf 8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store	13 Y. Big Stuf 1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir	14 Y. Big Stuf 10am - Ladies B. 6pm - Foster 6:30pm - Mission	15 Chimes Due Y. Big Stuf 7pm - V Crew	16 Y. Big Stuf 10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope
17 Father's Day 8am - Service 9:15am - S.S. 10:30am - Service	18 9am - Sew Blest 1pm - Clothing Store	19 8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store 7pm - Trustee Mtg.	20 1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir	21 10am - Ladies B. 2pm - Y: Dive & Dive	22	23 10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope
24 Evang. Moment 8am - Service 9:15am - S.S. 10:30am - Service	25 1pm - Clothing Store	26 8am - Prayer Cell 1pm - Clothing Store	27 1pm - Clothing Store 6:15pm - Choir	28 10am - Ladies B. 2pm - Y: Dive & Dive 6:15pm - Evang.	29 7pm - V Crew	30 10am - Wor. Prac. 11am - K of Hope