

Newsletter
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Living as Christ Lived. Loving as Christ Loved. Serving as Christ Served.

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The Session

Class of 2018 Dr. James E. Ewing
 Mr. Gary Levi
 Mr. David Payne
Class of 2019 Mrs. Nancy Dix
 Mrs. Laura Farrar
 Mr. E.G. Brown
Class of 2020 Mrs. Linda Caldwell
 Dr. Eugene Shively
 Mr. Mike Thomas

The Staff

Pastor Rev. James C. Murphy
Organist Mrs. Suellen Shaw
Pianist Mrs. Ann DeSpain
Choir Director Mr. Joe DeSpain
Church Secretary Mrs. Mary Kornis
Bookkeeper Mrs. Karen Reynolds
Youth/Child Dir. Mrs. Michelle Murphy

From the Pastor's Pen...

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9
 Recently I heard a very powerful, positive story about the effects of living courageously. It was told by writer Niel Lorenz of Dayton, Ohio. Lorenz tells how her friend, a young wife and mother of three, chose to spend the last year of her life while afflicted with cancer. Linda made it clear from the beginning that cancer was inconvenient, annoying and unwelcome, but that it would not rule her life. Accordingly, she and her whole family continued to take scuba lessons at a local pool to prepare for a big family vacation in the Cayman Islands. Linda was determined not just to go, but to participate in the family holiday. So adamant was she about this that when her blood count proved dismal the day before the

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Church Office Hours
9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday
Rev. Murphy may be seen at other times by appointment. Please feel free to call when in need of pastoral services. Cell (270)-403-7709.



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intended trip, she simply checked herself into the hospital overnight, and received the medication she needed through an all-night I.V. connection.

Once in the islands, she rested and watched her family go out for their daily excursions to the reef. But she wanted to go diving with them, be a participant, not just an observer. In response to her incredible determination and positive spirit, a group of local diving instructors devised a way that she could join her family. Because her spine was too brittle and ulcerated to bear the weight of the tank, they fitted her with a mask and mouthpiece and, as she breathed in it, they weighted her just enough to put her under the water. Then they floated an oxygen tank on a piece of foam above her and carefully added weights until Linda, the divers, and the tank slipped slowly beneath the surface. For nearly an hour the entire family was able to explore the wonders of the island reefs.

Later, when Linda's husband Steve tried to pay for all the extra time and effort the dive team had gone to, he was turned down with these words:

We dive here every day. We have seen that reef literally hundreds of times. We know every rock, every piece of coral and practically every fish on it. Today,

however, we saw it through the eyes of someone with such courage, such spirit and such a zest for living that we looked at it in a different way. It is we who thank you and your family for the day. It is we who can never repay you.

Our choices have consequences for others as well as ourselves. May God's grace lead us to live courageously. And may our lives help others open their eyes to new realities.

God Bless,
Jim

God giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater;
God sendeth more strength when the labors increase.

To added affliction he addeth his mercy;

To multiplied trials, he multiplies peace.

His love has no limit, his grace has no measure;

His power has no boundary known unto men.

For out of his infinite riches in Jesus, God giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.

-Annie Johnson Flint

Circle #34

Circle 34 will meet Tuesday,
September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Men of The Church

Men of the Church will meet on
Tuesday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Opportunity Circle

The Opportunity Circle will hold its first meeting of the year, **Wednesday, September 12 at 1:00 pm** meeting in the Session Room. **All our ladies** are invited to join us for the Introduction and Lesson 1 in our new study book, **God's Promise, I Am with You** by Amy Poling Sutherland. We will be studying God's most frequent promises in Old and New Testament.

BF Ladies Luncheon

This is the *third Wednesday* and we hope all the Bethel First Ladies can join us **at Creekside** for our **Ladies Lunch!** We will meet (September 19th) at **11:45**. Call Carole if you need a ride. We will be celebrating the birthdays of local friends including: Christina Shively, Kathy Wells, Shelby Wilds, Jeanne Brown, Jenny Wells-Hughes so we can help you cheer another year!

BRING FRIENDS AND YOU ALL COME!!!

Kingdom Kids And B.Y.G.

Hi!!! I hope school is still going well for everyone. I know everyone is very busy right now, but we are going to meet on Wednesday,

September 19th from 5:30-7:00. If the weather permits we will do an outdoor activity, but if not we will meet at church for games, fun, and food. Remember, friends are always welcome.

We will also be discussing our mission project for this year. God has blessed us with so much, it is our responsibility to share with others. Make sure your parents and you read the article about Sunday School beginning on Sunday, September 16th!!! See you soon,
God Bless, Michelle

Sunday School

It is that time of year again, Sunday School!! **We will be kicking off our new year on Sunday, September 16th at 10:00.** We will meet in the Fellowship hall for donuts and juice and then play a couple of games. We will have classes for preschool/elementary students and middle school/high school students. The younger students will meet downstairs, and the older students upstairs. **As a reminder, we meeting from 10:00-10:30 am each Sunday morning.** If you have any questions, please call the church office, or Michelle,
God Bless,
The Christian Education Committee

**Justice Matters: A
Conversation with Dr. Eric
Mount**

"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream" Amos 5:24
Come join us for an informative evening dealing with contemporary issues dealing with the "promotion of social righteousness" (one of the six great ends of the church).

Dates: September 16th & October 28th

Times:

6:00 Meal
7:00 Program (Presentation followed by discussion/conversation)

Get to Know our "Justice Matters" Speaker, Dr. Eric Mount:

Eric Mount is Rodes Professor Emeritus of Religion at Centre College, where he taught for 36 years and also had stints as chaplain, dean of students, and director of the college's program in Strasbourg, France with the expert assistance of his French-teaching wife Truly. It was during one of their two years in Strasbourg that the Mounts had Victoria Shively Graham as an outstanding member of the group. Eric was educated at Rhodes College, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Virginia, Yale Divinity School, and Duke University (Ph.D.). He is the author of four books, including PROFESSIONAL ETHICS IN CONTEXT: INSTITUTIONS, IMAGES, AND EMPATHY and COVENANT, COMMUNITY, AND THE COMMON GOOD, and numerous articles. After

retirement at Centre, he was a Lilly Distinguished Visiting Professor at Davidson College for a semester. A third generation Presbyterian minister (with a daughter as the fourth), he is an honorably retired member of Transylvania Presbytery. He has served two terms on the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and he is currently a member of the Justice Advocacy Committee of the Kentucky Council of Churches.

Bethel Cemetery Request:

The Bethel Cemetery Board is requesting information to determine ownership of Cemetery Plots. There is a new Cemetery Plot Layout Survey on the bulletin board outside the Bethel Church Office. The Cemetery Board is requesting all family owners of Plots to contact any member of the Board with information to identify ownership. The Plot Layout will be updated as we proceed with ownership identification. Board Members are: Maurice Coppock, Chairman 270-403-5075. Allen Burress Treasurer 502-240-2313. Carol Whitley, Secretary 270-283-1853. Dr. Robert Shipp 270-849-5007. John McLean 270-78907504. Jimmy Furkin 270-469-4884. Rev. Murphy 270-403-7709. Joel Harris 270-789-3189. The Price for a plot is: \$200 for church family members and relative. \$400 for non members.

**Faith and Flicks September 4,
6:00 pm**

Faith and Flicks will be held **September 4 at 6:00 pm**. Dinner will be served (pizza and soft drinks). Bring a side dish or dessert if you want to! We'll be watching "**Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace**" in its entirety. It is 90 minutes long.



**9/4—Dr. Daniel and Elizabeth Turk—
Madagascar**

Serving in partnership with the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM), Dan and Elizabeth work to improve the lives of the Malagasy people. Elizabeth trains village health workers, helps communities develop safe drinking water sources, and educates church leaders and youth about AIDS prevention.

9/11—Leisa Wagstaff—South Sudan

After nearly 30 years as a mission co-worker, Leisa is working in her fifth African country, South Sudan. Leisa helps the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS) strengthen its educational ministry by accompanying Sudanese Presbyterians in strategic planning, developing in-service teacher training programs, and nurturing community participation in education.

**9/18—Rev. Michael and Rachel
Weller—Ethiopia**

Rachel supports the work of health clinics and facilitates Community Health

Evangelism (CHE) projects and trainings in the Gambella region of Ethiopia. CHE programs seek to transform individuals and communities by integrating community based development, evangelism, and discipleship.

9/25—Claire Zuhosky—Niger

As a development specialist at a youth center, Claire works with the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger (EERN) to develop a program in life-skills training and vocational education. Her responsibilities include working with a community to determine the needs of its youth. The goal is to establish a program that the church can operate and sustain with its own resources.

Lay Readers and Ushers

Lay Readers-

September 2:	Mitzi Coyle
September 9:	Mike Thomas
September 16:	Julie Caldwell
September 23:	Carole Whitley
September 30:	Rod Turpin

Ushers-

September 2:	Charles Shaw Terry Feather
September 9:	Terry Feather Jimmie Furkin
September 16:	Jane Horn Charles Shaw
September 23:	Maurice Coppock Wayne Wells
September 30:	Charles Shaw Jimmy Furkin

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 am Church School for all ages 11:00 am Morning Worship Service	3 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	4 6:00 pm Faith and Flicks	5 7:00 pm Choir Practice	6	7	8
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1st: Truman Hall
Steve Powell
3rd: Christina Shively
4th: Nolan Robinson
5th: Kathy Wells
7th: Dr. Frank Metzmeier
11th: Michael Hall, Jr.
Shelby Wilds
14th: Jeanne Brown
Jenny Wells Hughes
20th: Jackson Harris
24th: Shelby Ewing
25th: Anne Carey Johnson
26th: Griffin Hall
27th: John Hughes
James Watkins
29th: Steve Robinson

Budget Information

Average Weekly Giving
\$3,315.58
Average Weekly Needs
\$3,151.28

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