

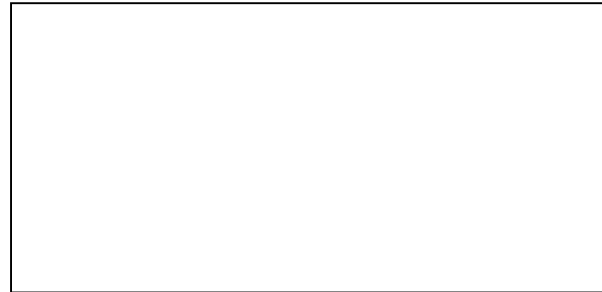
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SEPTEMBER

Sunday Worship ~ 10:00 a.m.



...warms the heart,
 feeds the soul.



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THE BELLRINGER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

WORSHIP OUTSIDE
 UNDER THE MAPLE TREES
 (bring chairs/blankets —
 some chairs will be provided)
 and after Worship it's.....



"HOLY SMOKES"

JOIN US...
 ...FOR FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP!
 Utensils/plates and MENU (provided):
 Pork, Beans and beverages.
Bring a salad or desert to share!

Briefly

**RENOVATION
 VBS**

Photos and information are on an insert.
Check it out!

Church Directory

Your
**2011 Church
 Directory**
 is ready to pick up

*A renewed place for a new time to
 bring God's love to the world.*



New lower level entry.

The expected completion date for the renovation is the end of September to early October with the installation of the elevator unit and motor room.
QUESTIONS?? Talk with any of the members of the Renovation Committee: Pat Goralczyk (Chair), Lisa Whalen, Steve Pinney, Ron Christensen, Janice Hurd and Pastor Cheryl.



**September
 PACKING DATES
 IN CHANHASSEN,**
 8th, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 22nd, 12-2:00 p.m.
 29th, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

There are several times to share time at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in the next few months. If you have questions, please contact Joleen Carlson. Carpooling is available from Bethel UMC (Arrive 30 minutes prior to scheduled time).



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Meandering through the various stages of the renovation we have undertaken a song has been resounding in my heart. *"My Lord, what a morning, My Lord, what a morning...."*

With each nail, each board, each beam, each block placed has come inspiration for with each of these parts of the whole, reflecting each of us bound by a common vision for a new future, joy abounds. Your faithful acts of sacrifice—each gift, each effort, each hour given to this step forward in faith is momentous. YOU, each of you, together as one body, have made it possible.

Do you feel it? Do you feel God's blessing resting over us?
 Our Bishop spoke at our anniversary celebration said, "stay tuned," and indeed you have been. We are now on the cusp, the threshold of the blessing God has prepared for us.

"My Lord, what a morning....!"
 Now, of course, there are things to do yet to bring it all to full fruition:

- Many hands are needed to clean and reorganize everything we put in storage.
- Each of us can look at where we are in our Renovation financial pledge (or make one if we haven't yet done so).

- Prayers are needed for the final stages of construction: worker safety and joy with each action by workers and by each of us as we help put things back together.

So, dear brothers and sisters, let us be of one mind and spirit, readied by grace and energized by love.

"My Lord, what a morning....!"
 We are in a new time, this new expression of Bethel United Methodist Church. Thanks be to God in Jesus Christ!

Pastor Cheryl

MUSICAL MUSINGS

This is a call for all Bethel members, those who like to sing or want to play bells, to gather this Fall with like-minded people. The Fall music rehearsal schedule begins on September 7 and, truly, everyone is warmly invited to join in!

Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m., you are invited to a kick-off "musical" potluck. Last Fall, I was able to say we would meet at church; however, this year I am looking for a willing current choir member who will open their home to our musical groups... preferably a home with a piano so that we can "warm up".

We will gather, enjoy a shared dinner and lively music. The main reason for this get-together is to enjoy each

others' company and start the musical season. All who have sung, played instruments, etc., for worship – and their families – are invited, along with those who think they might like to check out this way of sharing God's ministry. Bring a dish to share - and you - and your families - and enjoy!

The individual musical groups will begin the following week. Please see the rehearsal schedule printed in this issue. Chancel Choir and Cathedral Bells start practice on Wednesday, September 14, with the Cherub Choir and Youth Choir first rehearsing on Sunday, September 18.

Ms Margie

Hymn of the Month: What Gift Can We Bring

Hymn number 87 in The United Methodist Hymnal is a lovely hymn of praise and thanksgiving. We are featuring this hymn during the month of September. Throughout our United Methodist Hymnal, you will find Jane's name listed on many hymns as the composer.

This hymn was written by Jane Marshall. Jane, born in 1924, is a composer of choral music and hymns, as well as a poet. She is a longtime member of the Meadows School of the Arts, teaching music theory and is also a member of the Sacred Music graduate faculty at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. A distinguished graduate of SMU, Jane has been honored more than once by the Southern Baptist Musicians Conference and by the Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians for her contributions to church music.

The song, What Gift Can We Bring, is also the title of one of her hymn collections. Jane and her husband, Elbert Marshall, have three children.

Keep your ears open to hear its inviting melody and, better yet, listen for the meaningful words. Here is the first stanza to *What Gift Can We Bring*.

*What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we offer in honor and praise?*

FALL, 2011 CHOIR SCHEDULE - Mark your calendars!

Start September 14

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays 7 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.
Cathedral Bells – Wednesdays 8 p.m. – 8:50 p.m.

Start September 18

Cherub Choir - Sundays 11:10 a.m. – 11: 40 a.m.
Youth Choir - Sundays 11:45 a.m. – 12: 15 p.m.

WORSHIP Highlights

September 4

12th Sunday after Pentecost Labor Day Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 11:28
Sermon: "Walking the Tightrope"
Liturgist: Pat Goralczyk
Children's Sermon: Tina Goralczyk

September 11

13th Sunday after Pentecost Contemporary Worship



RALLY
SUNDAY/
HOLY

SMOKES

Bring chairs/blankets for
worship and picnic.

Some chairs will be provided.

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35
Sermon: "When Once is Not Enough"
Liturgist: Jake Stodolka
Children's Sermon: Tina Goralczyk
Special Music: Praise Team

September 18

14th Sunday after Pentecost First Day of Sunday School BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16
Sermon: "Teamwork"
Liturgist: Barbara Jensen
Children's Sermon: Margie Austin
Special Music: Chancel Choir

September 25

5th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Matthew 25:23-32
Sermon: "Was Jesus a...."
Liturgist: Cindy Gibbs
Children's Sermon: Tina Goralczyk
Special Music: Chancel Choir

NEXT Bellringer Deadline:
September 6th

Receiving earlier contributions is
always welcome!

The Bellringer is available via email. If you have not yet signed up to receive via email and would like to know more about how please contact the church office at 952-472-1522.

QUILT AND CRAFT GROUP

Our next gathering will be
Saturday, September 17,
at the Goode's home—
4991 Bartlett Boulevard, Mound.
Coffee and morning goodies will
be ready at 8:00 a.m. and we'll **create, fellow-
ship, learn and pray** until two or three o'clock
with a break for potluck lunch!
Questions?? Call Katie Fox (472-5626).



Spiritual Enrichment



Bag Lunch Bible Study
Bring a bag lunch with you
and feast on the word together.
Wednesdays at Noon (L)

5:30 p.m. - **Third Wednesday each month**
Light Meal and DO THE BIBLE
for all ages (Lower Level)

New Mid-week book study opportunity
starts in October:

"Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Reconciliation"

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Greeter, Hospitality and Altar Flower Sign-up
charts are located in the Narthex. Please offer to
serve in one of these ways in coming months to
make welcome new and old members and friends.

If your passion lies in the area of **caring for our chil-
dren or teaching** on Sundays or in conjunction with
other events please speak with Tina Goralczyk .

Bethel's JULY EXPENDITURES 2011	
MEN'S CLUB	0
ADMIN & FINANCE	2,927.97
STAFF PASTOR PARISH	10,466.54
CONGREGATIONAL TRUST FUND	0
MEMORIAL GARDEN	0
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	616.53
SHEPHERDING MINISTRIES	23.80
MISSIONS SOCIAL CONCERNS	0
WORSHIP WORK AREAS	(6.85)
TRUSTEE'S	3,051.07
OTHER	0
Total Expenses	15,786.09
Total Revenues	12,972.63
Net Income	(2,813.46)

THANKYOU'S

Greetings from Episcopal Community Services (ECS),
On behalf of all of us at ECS and EpiscoBuilders, thank you very
much for your support of our Habitat for Humanity project in
Mound. We truly appreciate your support!
—Sincerely, John Estrem, ECS Executive Director



A special thank you to the Bethel Stitchers for the fun birthday party
in my honor and especially for the many gifts of items I was run-
ning low on.
—Edna Fox



Friends in Christ, Bethel UMC-
Thank You. We had a wonderful sur-
prise yesterday in receiving a package
from my sister, Darleen Schoep, con-
taining the beautiful prayer shawl. It is
absolutely gorgeous and my husband
truly loves the colors. We thank you for
your kindness and your prayers.

—Quent and Phyl Gram



Thank you so much for being so nice. I
am so grateful for the red shawl. I use
it every evening—it is such a beautiful
gift! Love to all,

—Pat Kinkel



Dear Church,
Thank you for the piano. I Love it. I play
on it all the time. Thank You!

--Love, Liza



See their thank you posted
on the bulletin board near
the hospitality table.

(Liza is Ed and Roth Garlock's granddaughter.
She is pictured on the VBS photo page, lower
right/ photo next to Grace.)

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