

Faithfully Yours

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Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:7-8

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The Easter season is now over for another year. It seems to roll around more and more often. Oh, well; time flies when you're having fun. LOL

What does Easter mean to you? I mean, we have heard the story so often that it becomes sort of routine and lacks the original shock that the disciples felt that Easter morning. Even though Jesus told them that he would arise after three days, they still couldn't believe it. More importantly, do we believe it? Many people still don't!

Jesus fulfilled several hundred Old Testament prophecies during his birth and life here on earth. The odds of one man fulfilling three prophecies is over a million to one. Just think of that! Yet, he did, and one of the prophecies was that he would be killed to rise again. The risen Christ gives us hope. Because he lives forever, we will too. Not in this body, thank goodness, but a new one that will last forever, just like his.

There is only one prophecy left to fulfill. That is his return to take us home. He told us that he would come back, and I believe that time is coming soon. The Bible states that the generation that sees Israel become a state again will live to see the second coming. Israel became a state again 70 years ago. A generation in Bible times is considered to be a 100 years. That being the case, Jesus' return could happen in the next 30 years!

What an exciting thing to think about! Graves will open and the dead in Christ shall rise first, being instantly given a new, immortal body. Then we will rise to meet them, also with a new body, and we will be in the presence of the Lord and our loved ones for all eternity!

So you see, Easter has much more meaning than we often realize. Jesus promised to rise again after his death, and he did! He also promised to come for us, and you can bet your life he will!!

Are you ready?

Bob

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Worship/Sunday School 10:15am Easter- No Coffee Hour	2	3 <i>B. Sharon Martin</i>	4 <i>CHOIR 6:30pm</i>	5	6	7 <i>B. Brenton Coyle</i>
8 Worship/Sunday School 10:15am Coffee Hour: Carry-In <i>B. Robert Heagy</i> 4-H 1:30 in FH	9	10 <i>B. Marilyn Lamporte</i> <i>B. Knox Figge</i>	11 <i>CHOIR 6:30pm</i>	12 SESSION 6:30 pm <i>A. Mike & Joni Morris</i>	13	14
15 Worship/Sunday School 10:15am Deacon's Donuts <i>B. Rob Coyle</i>	16	17	18 <i>CHOIR 6:30pm</i> <i>B. Angie St. Clair</i> <i>B. Joni Morris</i> <i>B. Steve Egan</i>	19	20	21 <i>B. Dylan Morris</i> Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfat @ Bethel 6:30- 10:30 am
22 Worship/Sunday School 10:15 am Coffee Hour: Kunz, Spence, Jones	23 <i>B. Karissa Taylor Russell</i>	24	25 <i>CHOIR 6:30pm</i>	26 <i>B. Kim Taylor</i> <i>B. Katie Martin</i>	27	28
29 Worship/Sunday School 10:15 am Coffee Hour: Fleck/Figge	30					

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds

The dirt work around the north side of the building has begun. A clay grade has been placed around the base of the building. Black dirt, grass seed and straw will be delivered to finish the project. This improvement should stop the flooding of the basement that Bethel has been experiencing. Thank you to Matt Fleck for chairing this project!

The guttering around Bethel is in need of cleaning and repair. Marc Cochran will chair this project. Anyone wishing to help may contact Building & Grounds for more details.

Steve Egan, Matt Fleck, Bob Coyle, Brad Greenslaugh, Marc Cochran, Connie Kunz



Fellowship and Outreach

The Lenten Service at Bethel served 53 people at the Spaghetti Dinner held after services March 18th. Thank you to all who signed up for food donation, gave money or helped in any way! We had many compliments on the dinner! Thank you to our Sunday School Class for serving the drinks. It was a big help on such a busy evening.



Deacon of The Month " PHYLLIS FLECK"

Adult Fellowship Group/Women's Group

Thank you to the women in our congregation who donated food or helped prepare the meal for Bethel's Annual Seder Supper held March 29, 2018. A long standing tradition at Bethel, the Seder Supper is to remind us of the Last Supper, following Jewish tradition, before Jesus was crucified.

The Adult Fellowship Group hosted the Annual Bethel Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31st. The children dyed eggs, filled baskets for the congregation, were treated to snacks and held their Easter Egg hunt. Thank you to all who participated and to the parents, family members and friends who bring our children to celebrate Jesus giving his all to save us from sin.

Thelma Cochran, Phyllis Fleck, Marlene Piggott



Bible Study with John Furniss
Saturday, April 7th @ 10am. Bring your bible and your coffee! Extra bibles are always available.

Prepare for great conversation while learning the word of God. Next Bethel Bible Study, Saturday, April 21st @ 10am.



Yard Sale in June!

Just a reminder about our annual yard sale.
We are now accepting donations!

Our moving men have about had it but they will pick up. We appreciate your donations and will be asking for your help again this year.

Adult Fellowship

April Birthdays

- 3 Sharon Martin
- 7 Brenton Coyle
- 8 Robert Heagy
- 10 Knox Figge/Marilyn Lamporte
- 15 Rob Coyle
- 18 Angie St. Clair/Joni Morris/Steve Egan
- 21 Dylan Morris
- 23 Karris Taylor Russell
- 26 Kim Taylor/Katie Martin
- Anniversary
- 12 Joni & Mike Morris



PRAYER LIST.....

Sharon Anderson
Dane Buschling (head injury)
Jackie Weigand Cooper
Kathy Courtois (Kevin's sister, cancer)
Shay Sewell Darnell (liver cancer)
Erik Diderikson
Matt Fleck
Amy French
Paul French
Ruth Henze (Glenna's aunt)
Mary Holmes
Ethan Jones
Samantha Jones (Nicole Dadant Jones' daughter) (cancer)
Megan Kelly (cancer treatment)
Shelby Kite (cancer)
Tom Kraushaar (heart attack/stent)
Linda Massey
Gary Miller
J.D. Piggott
Marlene Piggott
Patricia Potter
Marie Spence (illness)
Dave Stark
Mary Starman (Glenna's Mom)
Ethel Thomas
Patty Thrush
Ashley and Laura Toler
(daughter/granddaughter of Carol Wagner)
Duck Whitaker
Hayden Wheatley

Montebello & Other Facilities

Katie Martin, Mabel Lee VanAusdall, ,
Enid Marshall, Kay Schmitz (River Hills)

- PRAYERS FOR MILITARY/OTHERS
Amber Froman, Brandon Matlock

The Hamilton Food Pantry

Monetary donations can be made payable to:

"Hamilton Food Pantry"

and mailed to:

**Bethel Presbyterian Church
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Other items are also accepted, such as toiletry items: soaps, detergents, personal hygiene products, etc. May God bless you for all of your continued community support.

**Boy Scout
Pancake Breakfast
April 21st Bethel
Presbyterian Church
6:30-10:30am.**



