

**Faithfully Yours**  
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*"If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14*

# Faithfully Yours

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During a recent visit with my doctor, who is devout Christian, he mentioned that while in med school, one class discussed the place of prayer in the hospital. As you can imagine, there were strong opinions on both sides. What is the purpose of healing prayer? This is what the doctor told me.

We tend toward one of two extremes on this subject: fanaticism or cynicism. Fanatics see the healing of the body as the aim of God and the measure of faith. Cynics consider any connection between prayer and healing as coincidental at best and misleading at worst. A fanatic might seek prayer at the exclusion of medicine; a cynic might seek medicine at the exclusion of prayer.

A healthy balance can be found. The physician is the friend of God. Prayer is the friend of the physician. This example of Jesus is important.

*Great crowds came to Jesus, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, those who could not speak, and many others. They put them at Jesus' feet, and he healed them. The crowd was amazed when they saw that people who could not speak before were now able to speak. The crippled were made strong. The lame could walk, and the blind could see. And they praised the God of Israel for this. (Matt 15:30-31 NCV)*

What did the people do with the sick? They put them at Jesus' feet. This is the purpose of praying for the ill. We place the sick at the feet of the Physician and request his touch. This passage also gives us the result of healing prayer. "They praised the God of Israel for this." The ultimate aim of healing is not just a healthy body but a greater kingdom..If God's aim is to grant perfect health to all his children, he has failed , because no one enjoys perfect health, and everyone dies. But if God's aim is to expand the boundaries of his kingdom, then he has succeeded. For every time he heals, a thousand sermons are preached.

Speaking of sermons, did you notice what is missing from this text? Preaching. Jesus stayed with these four thousand people for three days and, as far as we know, never preached a sermon. Not one time did he say, "May I have your attention?" But thousands of times he asked, "May I help you?" What compassion he had for them,. Can you imagine the line of people? On crutches, wearing blindfolds, carried by friends, cradled by parents. For seventy-two hours Jesus stared into face after hurting face, and then he said, "I feel sorry for these people." (v.32 NCV) The inexhaustible compassion of Jesus. Mark it down. Pain on earth causes pain in heaven. And he will stand and receive the ill as long as the ill come in faith to him.

And he will do what is right every time. "God will always give what is right to his people who cry to him night and day, and he will not be slow to answer them." (Luke 18:7 NCV)

Healing prayer begs God to do what is right. Doc has a friend, Dennis, who is a hospital chaplain. Dennis offers this prayer over patients: "God, would you put on the surgical gloves first?"

I like that!

Bob

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Building & Grounds

### No Report

Steve Egan, Matt Fleck, Bob Coyle, Brad Greenslaugh, Marc Cochan

## Fellowship and Outreach

The Annual Bethel Corn Boil has been scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm. This is a carry-in. Bring your favorite dish to share, enjoy the fellowship and enjoy the best sweet corn around, supplied by Dick & Thelma Cochran.

August Birthday Celebration Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. The Cochrans will be hosting a special celebration for all (17) members who observe birthdays in the month of August. Dinner, cake, ice cream and punch will be served during Coffee Hour.

Bethel Choir will be beginning practice September 6<sup>th</sup> which is the Wednesday after Labor Day. We have lost a few choir members and could really use some help. Anyone who enjoys music and singing is welcome to join us!

Karen Austin, Kirk Neally

## Memorial Committee

We wish to thank everyone who gave memorials in memory of Max Stewart.

Connie Kunz, Dr. Strope, Marlene Piggott, Karen Feikert, Paul Figge

## Stewardship Committee

### No Report

Humbly offered in His Name, Bethel Session 2017

## Adult Fellowship Group

The Adult Fellowship Group has graciously donated \$250.00 to Camp Callahan. Please see the thank you note from Anita Callhan.



## August Coffee Hour

6<sup>th</sup> Carry-In Sunday-Corn Boil

13<sup>th</sup> Cochran Family

20<sup>th</sup> Deacon's Donuts

27<sup>th</sup> Patricia Potter



## August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Dani Jones
- 3 Karen Feikert
- 5 Rosemary Taylor
- 8 Kaylee Shattell
- 10 Dick Cochran
- 12 Seth & Ryan Cochran
- 13 Melea Lung/Carol Gray
- 15 Jane Iutzi
- 17 Barb Foster
- 18 Denton Kunz
- 19 Arlo Sinele
- 21 Molly Cochran
- 23 Marc Cochran/Michelle Miller
- 31 Kay Floyd

- 7 Amy & Jason Cochran
- 11 Amy & Paul French
- 26 Amy & Rob Coyle



Hamilton Community Blood Drive  
Assembly of God Church/Fellowship Hall  
1645 Keokuk Street, Hamilton, IL 62341  
Tuesday, August 8, 2017 11:30am-5pm  
Call Judi Davis @ 847-2919 for appointment.



Dear Bethel Presbyterian Church, Yes I Can, Camp Callahan! The Camp Callahan Board of Directors, staff and campers thank you so much for your donation of \$250.00. With supporters like you, Camp Callahan will continue to thrive for many more years. Camp Callahan is a not-for-profit organization and operates solely on donations and bequests. During our years of operation, over 4,000 special needs individuals have experienced the unique atmosphere and caring attitude that presides at Camp Callahan. Thanks you again for your contribution to help provide a meaningful Camp Callahan experience for these special individuals.

Sincerely, Anita Callahan.



## Deacon of the Month

Patricia Potter

# August



Sun

Mon

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Wed

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Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>B. Dani Jones</i>	2	3 <i>B. Karen Feikert</i>	4	5 <i>B. Rosemary Taylor</i>
6 Worship 10:15am Communion  <b>Carry-In Corn Boil 5pm</b>	7 <i>A. Amy &amp; Jason Cochran</i>	8 <i>B. Kaylee Shattell</i>  <b>Blood Mobile</b>	9	10 <b>Session 6:30pm</b>  <i>B. Dick Cochran</i>	11 <i>A. Amy &amp; Paul French</i>	12 <i>B. Ryan &amp; Seth Cochran</i>
13 Worship 10:15 Cochran Family <b>Aug. Birthday Celebration</b>  <i>B. Melea Lung</i> <i>B. Carroll Gray</i>	14	15 <i>B. Jane Iutzi</i>	16	17  <i>B. Barb Foster</i>	18  <i>B. Denton Kunz</i>	19  <i>B. Arlo Sinele</i>
20 Worship 10:15 am Deacon's Donuts	21 <i>B. Molly Cochran</i>	22	23 <i>B. Marc Cochran</i> <i>B. Michelle Miller</i>	24	25	26 <i>A. Amy &amp; Rob Coyle</i>
27 Worship 10:15 am Coffee Hour Patricia Potter	28	29	30	31 <i>B. Kay Floyd</i>		

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## PRAYER LIST.....

Family of Marion "Bud" Anderson  
Dane Buschling (head injury)  
Jackie Weigand Cooper  
Kathy Courtois (Kevin's sister, cancer)  
Shay Sewell Darnell (liver cancer)  
Larry Dean (Sharon M. Bros-in-law)  
Erik Diderikson  
Gladys Fleck  
Matt Fleck  
Amy French  
Paul French  
Rev. Wilbur Frieden (Ginger's Step-  
dad) Inoperable colon cancer  
Danny Griffith (cancer)  
Ruth Henze (Glenna's aunt)  
Mary Holmes  
Ethan Jones  
Samantha Jones (Nicole Dadant Jones'  
daughter) (cancer)  
Megan Kelly (cancer treatment)  
Shelby Kite (cancer)  
David Kleemeyer (cancer)  
Tom Kraushaar (heart attack/stent)  
Donna Leffler  
Larry Martin (Fall/broken bones)  
Linda Massey  
Gary Miller  
Monsignor Greg Ketchum  
Tony Newton (brain surgery)  
Rod Postle (stroke)  
May Ramsey (Glenna's brother's in-law)  
Marie Spence (illness)  
Dave Stark  
Mary Starman (Glenna's Mom)  
Family of Ann Strope  
Ethel Thomas  
Patty Thrush  
Duck Whitaker  
Family of Betty Wright/Deb Neally's mom  
Hayden Wheatley (cancer)

- MONTEBELLO/OTHER FACILITIES

Rosemary Taylor, Katie Martin, Mabel  
Lee VanAusdall, Marilyn Lomax, Enid  
Marshall, Kay Schmitz

- PRAYERS FOR MILITARY/OTHERS

Amber Froman, Brandon Matlock,  
Brent Tripp

## **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.