

Faithfully Yours

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"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it; "Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

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To many believers the Holy Spirit is a mystery. They know that the Holy Spirit is here on earth to help, but exactly how does it function in the life of a believer?

The Holy Spirit is not an it. He is a person. He has knowledge (1 Corinthians 2:11). He has a will (1 Corinthians 12:11). He has a mind (Romans 8:27). He has affections (Romans 15:30). You can lie to him (Acts 5:3&4). You can insult him (Hebrews 10:29). You can grieve him (Ephesians 4:30).

The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force. He is not Popeye's spinach or the surfer's wave. He is God within you to help you. In fact, John calls him the Helper.

Here's a word picture to use. Envision a father helping his son learn to ride a bicycle. The father stays at the son's side. He pushes the bike and steadies it if the boy starts to tumble. The Spirit does the same for us; he stays our step and strengthens our stride. Unlike the earthly father who eventually releases his grip on the bike and allows his son to journey down the road on his own, the Holy Spirit never leaves. He is with us to the end of the age.

What does he look like? "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24 NKJV) Since the Holy Spirit is spirit, he is invisible, unseen by the human eye. But that doesn't mean his work is unseen or unfelt.

He comforts the saved. "When I go away, I will send the helper to you" (John 16:7 NCV).

He convicts the lost. "When the Helper comes, he will prove to the people of the world the truth about sin, about being right with God, and about judgment" (John 16:8 NCV).

He conveys the truth. "I have many more things to say to you, but they are too much for you now. But when the spirit of truth comes, he will lead you into all truth" (John 16:12-13 NCV)

So think about it. Have you ever been comforted? Has God ever brought you peace when the world brought you pain?

Have you ever been convicted? Have you ever sensed a stab of sorrow for your actions?

Have you ever understood a new truth? Or seen an old principle in a new way? The light comes on. Your eyes pop open, "Aha, now I understand." Ever happen to you?

If so, then the Holy Spirit has been working inside you.

Finally, the Holy Spirit is the heartbeat of the believer. He is the resurrection power that raised Jesus. "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you" (Romans 8:11)

The Holy Spirit not only resurrects your old life into a new life but keeps all believers on a steady track until they reach heaven.

Bob

On 10-1-17 Bethel added extra insurance to cover any damage related to sump pump discharge from sewer, drain or sump (not flood related). \$ 25,000.00 coverage.

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

Fellowship and Outreach



Sunday October 8th @ 4:30 pm Bethel Annual Weiner Roast will be held at the Cochran Estate. Bring your sticks and marshmallows for an awesome time of fellowship and good food. This is a carry-in event. Please bring a package of hotdogs and buns if you plan to attend.

Saturday, October 7th Great River Road Run

In conjunction with the Great River Road Run, Carson Ford will be set up at Memorial Medical Clinic from 5-8pm on Friday, October 6th. Everyone will have a chance to sign up and test drive a Ford car. There will be a free will meal served. For each person to sign up, Ford will donate \$20.00 with a maximum of 300 people. That's \$6,000.00 to be distributed to our food pantries. Race info on back page.

Karen Austin, Kirk Neally

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds

The air conditioning in lounge and choir room has not been working correctly. Building and Grounds Committee will be choosing the company and receiving a repair estimate to be presented at the next Session meeting, Thursday, October 12th.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee has recommended that Bethel purchase software for payroll that will automatically take out withholding taxes. This software will be purchased in order to work in conjunction with our Quickbooks program. Session approved the purchase.

Humbly offered in His Name, Debbie Neally, Kevin Spence 2017
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Adult Fellowship Group/Women's Group
No Report
Thelma Cochran, Marlene Piggott, Phyllis Fleck

Memorial Committee
No Report
Connie Kunz, Dr. Strobe, Marlene Piggott, Karen Feikert, Paul Figge
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Sunday School Schedule for October

10-1-17 Debbie Neally
10-8-17 Sharon Martin
10-15-17 Lindsay Figge
10-22-17 Tammy Greenslaugh
10-29-17 Debbie Neally



October Coffee Hour

1 Carry-In/Communion
8 Open
15 Deacons Donuts
22 Open
29 Greenslaughs



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Kevin Spence
3 Connie Kunz
12 Kevin Harrison
13 Gary Hanson
13 Saphara Tarrey
14 Sue Marson
15 Emily Ruppel
17 Greg Speckhart
27 Amy Coyle
29 Joni Fojtik
31 Jan Conover/Joan Strong
10 Bob & Carol Wagner
17 Marc & Leslie Cochran



Deacon of the Month

Mary Beth Lung



October 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1

Worship/Sunday
School 10:15am
Communion/
Carry-In

2

B. Kevin Spence

3

B. Connie Kunz

4

CHOIR 6:30 pm

5

6

7

8

Worship/Sunday
School 10:15
Coffee Hour Open

B. Emily Ruppel

9

10

*A. Bob & Carol
Wagner*

11

CHOIR 6:30 pm

12

**SESSION
6:30 pm**

Lions 7pm

13

*B. Gary
Hanson
B. Saphara
Tarrey*

14

B. Sue Marson

15

Worship/Sunday
School 10:15 am
Deacon's Donuts

16

17

*B. Greg
Speckhart

A. Marc & Leslie
Cochran*

18

CHOIR 6:30p

19

B. Glenna Egan

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22

Worship/Sunday
School 10:15 am
Coffee Hour Open

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24

25

CHOIR 6:30pm

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27

B. Amy Coyle

28

29

Worship/Sunday
School 10:15 am
Coffee Hour-
Greenslaughs

B. Joni Fojtik

30

*B. Jan Conover
B. Joan Strong*

31

Halloween



PRAYER LIST.....

Dane Buschling (head injury)
Family of Dan Coulter
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
Ruth Henze (Glenna's aunt)
Mary Holmes
Ethan Jones
Samantha Jones (Nicole Dadant Jones'
daughter) (cancer)
Megan Kelly (cancer treatment)
Monsignor Greg Ketchum
Shelby Kite (cancer)
David Kleemeyer (cancer)
Tom Kraushaar (heart attack/stent)
Donna Leffler
Larry Martin (Fall/broken bones)
Sharon Martin (Fall, broken bones, brain
bleed)
Linda Massey
Gary Miller
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 (Cancer)

- MONTEBELLO/OTHER FACILITIES

Rosemary Taylor, Katie Martin, Mabel
Lee VanAusdall, , 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:

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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.