



PARISH VISITOR

Parish of the Hills



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Office Hours: M, T, Th, F
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Bethel UM Church: Located on the Corner of
State Hwy. 39 & W
8:00 a.m.—Worship;

Linden UM Church: In the Village on Hwy. 39
10:45 a.m. — Worship

First UM Church: 400 Doty Street, MP
9:15 a.m. — Worship
Handicapped Accessible

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Church: The word “church” is used with several different meanings.

1. A congregation of people in a religious setting.
2. The building that the congregation meets in.
3. The worship service that the people participate in.
4. An organized denomination of a religious nature.
5. The body of Christ.

The church goes to the church to have church and then leaves church to be the church to a community. Confusing..... Really the only correct definition from the list above (according to the Bible) is #5, the body of Christ.

In Ephesians chapter 4 verse 12, Jesus gave believers spiritual gifts “to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ,”... In verse 15 we see where Christ is referred to as the Head of the body. Then in verse 16, “from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth”.

In I Corinthians 12 verse 7 the Bible tells us again that every believer is given a spiritual gift. The body of Christ is only active when each of us, each part, are properly operating according to our spiritual gift. In verse 11 of the same chapter, “All these (gifts) are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.” And it goes on; “just as the (human) body is one body and has many parts, all the parts may be many in number but are still just one body.” “SO, IT IS with Christ”...12:12 Verse 13 “For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body”... Indeed, the body does not consist of just one part but of many. If the foot would say, because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, how would it hear? If all were a single part, where would the body be?

Verse 18, “But as it is, God arranged the parts in the body, each one of them as he chose.” Verse 27, **NOW YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST** and individually part of it. Then the Word of God goes into the “Love Chapter” teaching the Church as the Body of Christ how to love one another. (1 Corinthians 13)

I encourage you in your prayer time to “pursue love and strive for spiritual gifts”. In Love and Compassion, Pastor Chris

Enjoy
The
News



Mineral Point News
By: Carol Paynter

It is hard to believe that summer is more than half over!

Congratulations to Dick and Beth Gribble who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary here on July 11th!

The parsonage is now listed for sale. Please thank Rich and Karla Vogel who weeded all around the church and parsonage!

A celebration of life service for Dick Brewer, who passed away on June 13th, will be held on August 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the Mendota Shelter off County M. Dick is the husband of retired Pastor Marilyn Brewer. A picnic lunch will follow, desserts would be appreciated. Pontoon rides weather permitting.

The funeral for Wayne Argall was held here on July 8th. Wayne was a 58 year member of our church and will be missed.

Susan Aebersold, a former member, passed away on July 3rd. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Nominations: People are needed for: Fund Raising, Sunday School, Nurture and Care, Choir, Trustees, SPRC, & Parish Visitor Collation. If you are willing to help with any of the above please contact Beth Gribble at 987-2634 or Pastor Chris.

It is so nice to go out in public and talk to friends and acquaintances now that the Covid quarantine has been lifted. I hope the rest of you feel the same. Isolation is not good. We are also looking forward to the upcoming Iowa County Fair and Cornish Fest! Also, the Choir resumes the second Sunday of September – please join us – we need new members!

Please call or email me or email the office if you would like to share your news in the Parish Visitor.

Linden News
By: Dixie Edge

Aaron Edge and Hannah Miller were married on May 28th in New “Glarus at an outdoor wedding at Anthony Edge’s home. It was a beautiful day for the celebration surrounded with family and close friends. Aaron is the son of Dixie and Randy Edge and grandson of Lois Alton.

Carley Richards and Matt Drakas exchanged vows on June 4th in an outdoor wedding at the Octagon Barn in Spring Green. Pastor Gerhardt Miller came from Minnesota to officiate at this special occasion. Carley is the daughter of Chris and Janice Richards.

Clarisa Linholm and Richard Aide were married on June 4th at the Aide family farm. Clarisa is the daughter of Kevin and Carolyn Butteris and the granddaughter of Linda Nichols.

Congratulations to the newlyweds, wishing you all much love and happiness in your future together.

Condolences to the Katie and Bill Spurley families. Bill Spurley passed away on May 28th and his mother Katie died on June 21st. Deepest sympathy to the families.

Condolences also to the Will Rule family. Will passed on June 30, 2022 and is the son of Donna Rule, brother of Charlie Rule and Rhoda Rule-Anderson. Our sympathy to his wife Paula, daughters Angie and Joyel and all of his family and friends.

At the Admin. Council meeting on June 30th, Brittany Spurley Clay came to discuss the interest in starting Sunday School this fall. She explained that there are other parents that are willing to help. This is great news! Brittany has posted the announcement on the Church Facebook page. Follow along for updates and watch for information to be included also in the Linden news in the Chronicle.

It was reported at the meeting that there are a couple of big projects that the Trustees are getting bids on for the general maintenance of

the Church building. Several contractors have been contacted about doing work on the steeple. The Trustees are also getting quotes for painting the interior of the Church. These projects will require some creative fund raising for our congregation.

Harvest Home Auction will be Saturday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. This is always a fun filled night with many great items to bid on. Pies, cakes, cookies, English saffron, tea biscuits, breads, pasties, candy, plants and garden produce, crafts – something for everyone. And, half the fun is bidding against your family and friends! Mark your calendars and as always all donations for the auction are welcome.

The Council also discussed the Christmas bake sale and possibly a pasty sale, a committee would be needed to organize these or any other event. If you are interested in being on that committee please contact Dixie or Pam!

Golden Rule: Matthew 7:12 “In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.” This rule of conduct is a summary of the Christian’s duty to his neighbor. Be KIND to everyone!!!

Bethel News

By: Cindy Reynolds-Doyle

Summer is in full swing as we find special ways to enjoy the sunny fun days of the season. Family events top the list for many including picnics, reunions, vacations, and a wide range of activities. Once again people are out and about after the Covid shut down. Many events that were canceled the last year or two are now a go. Hopefully, you can participate in the festivities of summer. Enjoy as it goes by quickly.

Once August arrives the backpacks are filled, and young people are preparing for the beginning of a new school year. Do you remember the excitement of getting brand new school supplies, new clothing items and new shoes for the start of the school year? Meeting new teachers and making new friends all were part of the great anticipation. Learning is what it is all about. We often hear learning is for all

ages. Be part of the learning experience and challenge yourself by trying new things. Sharing what you learn with others is even better and can be very rewarding. Happy learning everyone and a great big thank you to all our teachers and staff for making it happen!

HOLLANDALE HOMECOMING DINNER

Our church congregation will once again prepare and serve the Hollandale Alumni Homecoming Dinner on Saturday, September 10th. This is one of our fundraising projects and we work together to provide a delicious meal for all attending. Serving time will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hollandale Fire Station. We ask members of our church family to help as needed to make this a successful event. We will need help preparing food, dining area set up, ticket takers, food servers, beverage servers and cleanup crew. Please let Jeanne or Cindy know if you can help. The support from many is greatly appreciated!

BETHEL FALL HARVEST SUPPER & AUCTION

Our Fall Supper, Bazaar and Auction will be held on Wednesday, October 19th. We hope you will mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Invite your family and friends to join us for tasty food and friendly fellowship. The meal in the dining room begins at 4:30 p.m. The menu includes barbeque, ham and pulled pork sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, salads, pickles, and a cheese tray. Along with an excellent selection of pies, cakes, and desserts. Beverages include chocolate and white milk, lemonade, and coffee. We will happily prepare carry out meals for anyone wishing to take meals to go.

A Country Bazaar opens at 4:30 p.m. in the church entryway. Tables will be filled with colorful produce, delicious baked goods, and a variety of handcrafted items. You are sure to find a special take home treat for yourself or a friend.

The Live Auction will take place immediately following the supper. This long-standing tradition at Bethel tops off the evening in a fun way. A nice variety of items will be auctioned off and you are sure to get some good deals.

Everyone can be a bidder and with luck you just might be the buyer of something special. Our Fall Harvest Supper, Bazaar and Auction is our one big yearly event held at Bethel Church. We look forward to bringing back this event after two years of cancelation. We welcome everyone to come join us on Wednesday, October 19th.

BAPTISMS AT BETHEL

The baptism of Sophie Pearl Jacobson, daughter of Trevor and Melissa (Doyle) Jacobson, took place at the morning worship service on Sunday, June 12th. The church pews were filled with family and friends on this special day in the life of Sophie. Grandparents attending included Dennis and LuAnn Jacobson and Mike Doyle and Cindy Reynolds Doyle. Uncle Justin and Aunt Livia Doyle were honored to be Sophie's Godparents. Pastor Chris Droste conducted the service. Following the service all attending were invited to a delicious breakfast in the church dining room. Swedish pancakes in honor of Sophie's heritage on her Father's side and Saffron Cake representing her Mother's Cornish heritage. Sausage, gravy, biscuits, breakfast casseroles, cheesy potatoes, sliced ham, fruit bowl, cheese tray and more filled the buffet counter. Melissa made strawberry cheesecake cupcakes frosted and decorated with tiny pearl sprinkles arranged on a large tray in the shape of a cross. Melissa and Trevor thank all who joined them for Sophie's baptism and the loving support of the Bethel Church Family. It was a day to remember as Sophie, my little granddaughter became a fourth generation of our family to be baptized at Bethel Church.

Cora AnneMarie Reed, daughter of Matthew and Danielle (James) Reed, was baptized on Sunday, July 17th at the morning worship service. A sunny summer day welcomed the many family members and friends attending. Pastor Chris Droste presided over the service. Cora wore a beautiful baptismal gown created from the wedding dresses of her grandmother and Great grandmother. Cora's grandparents include Carol and Chester Small, Brian and Susan James, Idell and Donald Myers and Ralph and Debra Reed.

We welcome Sophie and Cora into our Bethel Church Family and wish them a lifetime of God's blessings.

IOWA COUNTY FAIR SEPTEMBER (1st – 5th) Good luck to all exhibitors! This event is a showcase of project work for many of our young people. Support them as they take pride in their accomplishments. Enjoy the fair, a long-time tradition in Iowa County.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Cory Palzkill (14th), Caleb Wersal (26th)

AUGUST ANNIVERSARYS: Dave & Virginia Jensen (9th)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Theron Oellerich (5th), Grace Wersal (8th), Perry Baker (14th), Rose Mohlmann (19th), Ellery Massey (20th), Gentry Doyle (21st) and Jeanne Massey (23rd).

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARYS: Darlene & Cory Palzkill (14th) and Tanner & Bree Ann (Reynolds) Terrill (14th).

MAY YOUR BLESSINGS BE MANY IN YOUR DAY TO DAY JOURNEY!

ATTENDANCE

<u>June</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>
Bethel	10	48	15	22
First	11	26	28	27
Linden	-0-	09	09	07
Facebook	n/a	06	04	07

<u>July</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>31</u>
Bethel	17	21	41	13	
First	24	24	25	25	
Linden	13	08	11	07	
Facebook	06	08	07	04	

10 Ways to Love:

LISTEN without interrupting, **SPEAK** without accusing, **GIVE** without sparing, **PRAY** without ceasing, **ANSWER** without arguing, **SHARE** without pretending, **ENJOY** without complaint, **TRUST** without wavering, **FORGIVE** without punishing and **PROMISE** without forgetting.



Live beneath your means. Return everything you borrow. Stop blaming other people. Admit it when you make a mistake. Give clothes not worn to charity. Do something nice and try not to get caught. Listen more; talk less, every day take a 30-minute walk. Strive for excellence, not perfection. Don't make excuses. Don't argue. Get organized. Be kind to people. Be kind to unkind people. Let someone cut ahead of you in line. Take time to be alone. Cultivate good manners. Be humble. Realize and accept that life isn't fair. Know when to keep your mouth shut. Go an entire day without criticizing anyone. Learn from the past. Plan for the future. Live in the present. Don't sweat the small stuff. It's all small stuff.

Top 16 Things Money Can't Buy:

Time, Happiness, Inner Peace, Integrity, Love, Character, Manners, Health, Respect, Morals, Trust, Patience, Class, Common Sense, Dignity and Salvation.

Below please find the Parish Visitor Rotating Church Collation Schedule for 2022. Our goal is to mail our newsletter out by the last week of every other month:

<u>Parish Visitor:</u>	<u>Article Deadline:</u>	<u>Church Collates:</u>
Feb/March-First	Jan 17	Jan 27
April/May-Linden	March 21	March 31
June/July-Bethel	May 16	May 26
Aug/Sept-First	July 18	July 28
Oct/Nov-Linden	Sept 19	Sept 29
Dec/Jan-Bethel	Nov 17	Dec 1



SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS:

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 year s old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember – good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!!



When we give from the heart, we receive unexpected blessings—especially the joy of making a difference in someone's life.

August 07	Iowa County Hospice
August 14	Apportionments
August 21	Boiler Fund
August 28	Improvement Fund
September 04	Badger Chapter Red Cross (Iowa Cty)
September 11	Apportionments
September 18	Organ Restoration & Service
September 25	Improvement Fund



AUGUST 2022

31 	1	2	3	4 National Clown Day	5	6 Gallery Night
7 (Friendship Day) 8:00 Bethel Svc. with Communion 9:15 First Svc. 10:45 Linden Svc. with Communion	8	9 Partisan Primary Book Lovers Day	10 Aug10-13 9 th annual "Paint the Point"	11 7:00 Ad Council at 1 st	12 6:00-8:00 Jammin' on the Porch, Orchard Lawn City Wide Garage Sales: Map: Mineralpoint.com Middle Child Day	13 City Wide Garage Sales 11am svc for Dick Brewer Mendota Shelter, Cty M Left-Handers Day
14 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 First Svc. with Communion 10:45 Linden Svc.	15	16 5:30-7:00 VBS Linden (ages 5-12)	17 5:30-7:00 VBS Linden (ages 5-12)	18 5:30-7:00 VBS Linden (ages 5-12)	19 MP Blues & Roots Fest, Orchard Lawn Aug 19-20 7:00 pm Green Bay & Saints play	20 Shake Rag Alley Stage Reading Series
21 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 First Svc. 10:45 Linden Svc.	22	23	24	25	26 11:00 a.m. Margaret Summer's Celebration of Life Service at FUMC National Dog Day	27 Shake Rag Alley Art Adventure Vendor Night
28 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 First Svc. 10:45 Linden Svc.	29	30	31 Eat Outside Day	1  County Fair	2  County Fair	3  County Fair

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>28</p> <p>September</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>County Fair 9/1-5 Iowa County Fair</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>County Fair</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>County Fair</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc. with Communion 9:15 First Svc. 10:45 Linden Svc. with Communion</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>County Fair</p> <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 Trustees 7:15 Ad Council at FUMC</p> <p>Pardon Day; a day of forgiveness</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00-8:00 Jammin' on the Porch, Orchard Lawn</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Hollandale Homecoming Dinner Bethel Serves.</p> <p>7:00 Harvest Home Auction At Linden</p>
<p>11</p> <p>(Patriot Day: 9/11) 8:00 Bethel Svc. 8:30 Choir Practice at 1st 9:15 First Svc. with Choir and Communion 10:45 Linden Svc.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Chocolate Milkshake Day</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Shake Rag Alley Art Party</p> <p>Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Constitution Day</p> <p>Citizenship Day</p> <p>Nat'l Play-Doh Day</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 First Svc. 10:45 Linden Svc.</p> <p>7:20 pm Green Bay & Bears play</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>Talk Like a Pirate Day</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Hobbit Day</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9/23-25 Cornish Festival,</p> <p>Pendarvis Pub Night</p> <p>1st Day of Autumn</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>9/23-25 Cornish Festival</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc. 8:30 Choir Practice at 1st 9:15 First Svc. with Choir 10:45 Linden Svc. (Rosh Hashanah)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>PUMPKINS!</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ask a Stupid Question Day</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Collate Parish Visitor (Linden)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>