

Bethel Weekly Update

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Announcements and Updates

WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEKEND -- This Sunday, November 22nd, we'll have in-person worship again -- as well as having our services live-streamed. Pastor Mark shares his message "The Time of Gratitude" with verses from 1 Samuel 7:1-14. Due to changes with COVID19, we will not be writing messages on bricks and putting them in a pile in the front of the sanctuary (like we did last year), but we will have an active response time that focuses on sharing our gratitude.

NO THANKSGIVING SERVICE ON THURSDAY -- The joint service with Pease CRC on Thursday morning *has been cancelled*, due to coronavirus concerns. This week, Pastor Mark will be sending you materials to use to create your own "Thanksgiving Mini-Retreat" sometime on Thursday.

DEBT REDUCTION OFFERING 11/29/20 -- Bethel members are asked to prayerfully consider a special offering next Sunday that will go toward the principal on the building loan as a means of debt reduction. We ask for this four times a year, whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month. Contributions for this may be made using the on-line link, mailing in a check with designation on the memo line, or by using the green envelope that has been placed in your box at church and dropping in the offering plate with the regular offering on 11/29. As always, we appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity in giving to God's work at Bethel.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ANNUAL REPORT -- We will have our annual meeting on Sunday, December 6, shortly after our morning worship service. In preparation for this, we are making our annual report available (which include a report of last year's actions, budget, and proposed plans and budgets for next year). We will send these reports out via email later this week, and some will be available at the church on Sunday. If you need a hard copy of this report sent to you, please contact Jen at the office.

LAST SUNDAY AT BETHEL -- In case you missed it, here's video of the sermon from last Sunday ("The Time of Lament"), along with a discussion some of us had via zoom that goes into further detail about the sermon:

- **Sermon Video:** <https://youtu.be/hYzoqPf9IIY?t=1680>
- **Q and A Video:** <https://youtu.be/pIXOMfyhMkg>
- **Sermon Notes:** <http://www.bethelprinceton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Sermon-Notes-TIME2-Ps13.pdf>

IGNITE - We have decided to postpone our in-person Wednesday night program. There were a lot of different factors going into this, but the main concern was for the health and safety of all involved - students and leaders alike. Please know that I understand this is frustrating. It wasn't our goal to do livestream only this year, but this is the right call. We will be livestreaming our messages every Wednesday night which is then followed by Zoom Small Groups. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or want the link to the Small Group - my email is mitchelljdehaan@gmail.com. Cell # 320-362-0484. Thank you, stay healthy, and God bless. --Mitch

We are Family

Prayer Corner

Blessings:

There is so much to be thankful for as we look back. Highlights include:

- *God's grace and strength to make it through nearly a year of long workweeks and zoom*
- *Amazing help from so many tireless friends packing operation christmas child boxes. We couldn't have made it without you!*
- *Notes and gifts of encouragement from many customers and friends*
- *Many in the Congregation have been positive and continue to recover quickly!*
- *The hard work of staff to transition to digital service*
- *The list could go on and on. . .*

We are thankful that God positioned us in this place at this time to bless so many in the church. Happy Thanksgiving Bethel

Requests:

- *Please continue to be in prayer for Rob Barun's friend's surgery*

Our prayer team is here to pray for you! Please reach out via our comment card, call the office or email bethelprinceton@gmail.com

November Birthdays

Bob S.	1	Tony D.	10	Brenda B.	18	Sandy G.	29
Chelsey M.	4	Kim E.	13	Rachel O.	24		
Tracy R.	5	Karen S.	14	Brenda V. H.	28		

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<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>+/-VARIANCE</u>
Offering Received 11/08/20	\$ 2,060.00	\$ 5,363.06	\$ 3,303.06
Offerings Received YTD:	\$ 222,213.26	\$ 241,337.70	\$ 19,124.44
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>			
Debt Reduction Received YTD 2020		\$ 1,117.00	