

Be Part of Bethel-Bethany's Future

On Sunday, April 30, the Community of Christ (Bethel-Bethany United Church of Christ) will gather for Worship (as we do every Sunday) and "celebrate and share God's Love ... as an inclusive Christian Church."

At the beginning of worship, we'll sing the hymn "Gather Us In" by Marty Haugen; a song that has become a sort of theme song for our congregation. A hymn that proclaims in the first verse:

*Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
shadows of doubt are vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in; our spirits in flame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise to the sound of our name.*

Here in this place, Bethel-Bethany United Church of Christ is seeking to be a place where the light of God's love streams in and where people of all ages and backgrounds can cast away our fears and dream of a day when God's "kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven."

In this time and place, God is calling us to awaken to our mission of love.

Whether you are a life time member, a recent member, or someone interested in becoming a member of our faith community, please plan to stay after worship, as the congregation prayerfully plans for the future.

Please make the commitment to be part of this important congregational meeting.

Celebrating Community, Pastor Tim

Congregational Meeting about Pastoral Transition

Sunday, April 30

After church on Sunday, April 30, the Council in partnership with the Pastoral Transition Team invites members and friends of BB to attend a Congregational Meeting, where we will be discussing and voting on how the congregation wishes to move forward into the process of calling a new pastor, as we prepare for Pastor's Tim's retirement in the first half of 2019. The Pastoral Transition Team has been studying the many transition models and will be presenting the pros and cons of two models, including the financial implications of both.

Please come, listen, ask questions, vote and be heard.

If you have any questions before or after the meeting, please feel free to talk with Bart Versteegh (Pastoral Transition Team Chair) or Chris Chance, Council President.

Adult Education

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - On Wednesday, May 3, the First and Third Wednesday Bible Study will begin a series on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. We will be using the UCC's Bible Study in the "Listen Up!" series. In these Bible studies, you will be encouraged to listen as we reflect with Paul on what it means to be a healthy and vital church. Books are available on loan or can be purchased for \$5.00.

Wednesday "Great Courses" Series - Join us on May 10 & 24, June 14 & 28 (2nd and 4th Wednesdays) from 9:00 - 10:30 am for our Great Courses series as we explore "The World of Biblical Israel" with Cynthia Chapman from Oberlin College. Our course will conclude on the fourth Wednesday of June.

Kids' Rock

We meet three more times in May—May 14, 21, and 28. Celebrate our wonderful teachers on the second Sunday in June during worship.

First Sundays—we are offering an enrichment time during the sermon—May 7 is a Mother's Day project and June 4 is a Father's Day Project.

Summer kids programming is in development—if you are willing and able to help this summer, please see Val Sauv , Scott Bennett, or Pastor Tim.

Feed Your Spirit

The UCC has several different online ways for you to connect with the word every day.

Go to: http://www.ucc.org/feed_your_spirit and you will find

YESTERDAY TODAY TOMORROW
EVERYDAY
start your day with the stillspeaking daily devotional

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delivered to your email or your phone,

Congregations Weekly—stories from real congregations about real connections

and

Weekly Seeds—

A bible study that can be used by anyone, anywhere based on the coming week's lectionary



Joya's last two Sundays at B-B

We are happy to announce that Joya and Kiyoo will be moving to New York City at the end of June as Kiyoo begins as a Visiting Assistant Professor at CUNY (City University of New York) Law School. We wish them both well on the next chapter of their life journey.

Joya will be preaching two more times at Bethel—Bethany on May 7 and June 4 (Pentecost).



Lectionary Readings

May 7

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 21

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 14—Mother's Day

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 28— Memorial Day

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Silent Auction

SOLD

"SILENT AUCTION OF GIFTS & TALENTS"

starts **May 21**

Please consider a donation of items or services to the **Annual Silent Auction!** Auction items can include:

- Useful things, new or gently used
- Art Objects
- Handmade Crafts
- Gift Certificates
- Hosting a Dinner or other Gathering
- Special Talent or service you can provide (cooking, baking, cleaning, gardening, sewing, driving or any service that might help someone).

Please fill out the donation forms

(located at the back of the church or in Fellowship Hall)

return to Mark Plumb or Chris Chance.

Auction ends of Father's Day—June 18.

Journals for Guest House

Do you keep a #Journal at home? If you do, you might know how important reflection can be!

The Guest House is collecting new journals to be used by guests in one of their programs specifically focused on recovery. As part of their program, these guests will keep a journal about their recovery journey. The journals can be in all shapes, sizes, and colors! Just keep in mind they will be used by men, so please consider journals with a bit more masculine preference.

A collection box is set up in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Krahenbuhl.



Cultivating Community

(Center to Burleigh/51st to 60th)

Thank you to all who came and helped with the neighborhood clean up on Saturday, April 22.

At the Community Dinner on Wednesday, May 3, we will be learning about how we can help with the Sherman Park Community Association's "Housing Survey," Common Ground's initiatives on Center Street, and general efforts of the Tri-Block Neighborhood Group.

In collaboration with SPCA, Common Ground, Tri-Block, Safe and Sound, Interfaith, and our congregational neighbors including St. Catherine's and Mt. Calvary, we are "cultivating a community that's healthier and more peaceful for all"

For more information, please talk to Pastor Tim.

Common Ground



Greetings Bethel-Bethany,

We know that you hunger for a better community. Well, this month you'll have an opportunity to satisfy that hunger while enjoying a delicious meal!

The next B-B Core Team meeting will be the Community Dinner—

Wednesday May 3 from 6-8 pm.

We want to invite all of our team members (and the congregation) to come have dinner, mingle with our church neighbors, and talk about Common Ground. We also hope to say a few words during the program about the Common Ground mission and the successful Delegates Assembly which many of us were blessed to attend April 25. So mark your calendar and bring your appetite — for good food and better communities.

S.E. Association Meeting

This year's meeting was held at Trinity UCC in Brookfield on April 29. Paul and Maris Fried represented our congregation and are available to answer questions about the meeting.

Rev. Ruth Krymkowski was nominated for a 3 year term on the Association's Church and Ministry Team.



**GENERATION
WAKING UP**

Saturday, May 6

10:30-12:00 pm

Intro Session

The Generation Waking Up Experience (or the "WakeUp" for short) is an interactive, multi-media, peer-led workshop, that empowers young people to wake up to a clear sense of identity and purpose, as members of a generation-wide movement for a **thriving, just, sustainable world**.

Through inspiring multimedia presentation, dynamic group interaction, and engaging dialogue, the WakeUp takes participants through a transformative exploration of the critical questions facing young people and society today.

Join other young adult B-B members (20's and 30's) to explore the program with Kirsten Shedd from the Interfaith Conference and Pastor Tim.

Lunch will be provided at 12.

Please text Pastor Tim at 414-403-0221 or e-mail at perkdrews@aol.com.



Dear Members and Friends of the Southeast Association,

Please accept this invitation to join us:

Ecclesiastical Council for Joshua Simon

Plymouth United Church of Christ,

2717 E. Hampshire Ave., Milwaukee, WI

1:00pm Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Joshua will make a presentation related to his ordination paper, followed by a period of discussion with those present, who are invited to dialogue with him about his faith journey to this milestone moment as well as asking him to expand on the content of his ordination paper.

Following the dialogue, a vote will be taken that will affirm the wider church's support of his candidacy for ordination. All pastors may vote, and lay delegates may also vote.

Men's Breakfast

Faith, Food & Fellowship

8:00am – Sat., May 20

at El Greco Restaurant
(91st St. & Appleton Ave.).

26th Annual B-B Campout

August 4-6, 2017

Reserve sites between 806 and 823 (or close by). Questions? Please contact Bonnie Andrews



Camp Registration

Summer camp registrations for Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach UCC Camps are open. Ask for a B-B scholarship form and how to apply for a UCC scholarship. Class schedules and pricing are online at www.ucci.org.



MATC faculty will lead discussions about various aspects of diversity and effects on our neighborhoods, state, region and nation.

DIVERSITY DIALOGUES

Washington High School of Information Technology - Cafeteria
2525 N. Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee (Use the entrance on the north end of the building that faces Sherman Blvd.)

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

May 13: “Celebrating Diversity”

**in the cafeteria
at Washington High School,
2525 N. Sherman Blvd.**

Inspired by efforts to rebuild relationships in the Sherman Park community after the violence broke out last summer, the free, public forums on second Saturday of each month are designed to gather the community to learn and share ideas about race, ethnicity, gender, ability, sexual orientation, age, religion and other forms of cultural diversity.

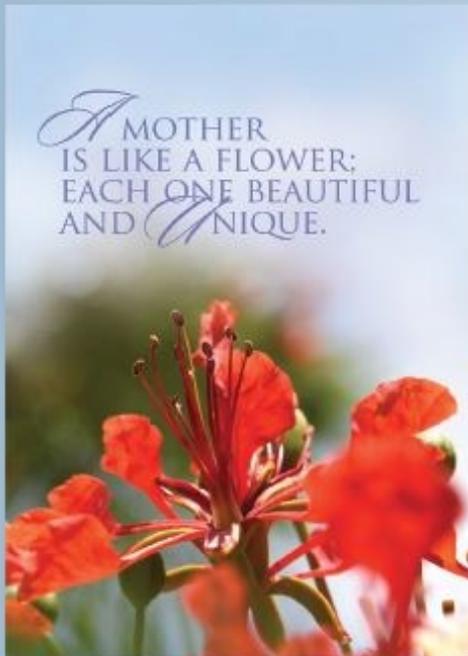
Sponsored by MATC’s School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call Jennifer Mikulay, MATC associate dean of liberal arts and sciences, at [\(414\) 456-5325](tel:4144565325).

Cathedral Center Mother’s Day Donation Cards

For a \$10 donation, this heartfelt message will be sent directly to any woman in your life you wish to honor for Mother’s Day. The Cathedral Center was “home” to 125 children in 2016. We are proud to offer hope to women and families when they need it most.

Deadline for orders is May 8.

Order online at www.cathedral-center.org/donations, contact Emily Brown at 414-831-0394 ext 2125 or email at ebrown@cathedral-center.org



Recent Prayers

Easter Breakfast

Thanks to Nick Kory-Krohn for coordinating with Ric and Matthew, Steve Coleman and Anna Contreras assisting.

Thanks to everyone who brought muffins, helped set up, cook, and clean up.

Dear Beloved Friends (Family),

You dear people have just overwhelmed me with your prayers, card, care packages, and kind words... how loved you have made me feel. At Easter service we were asked to think of those in our lives who make resurrection real to us—and you know I thought of you all!

I am healing steadily—and have only a little more treatment time... I am counting on a glorious summer!

God's peace and grace sustain you always—Rebecca Ferguson

Graduation News

Are you or a member of your family graduating from high school or college or a specialized program? We would like to celebrate the accomplishments of our church members in the June Beacon. Please send information to Lisa at the office or by e-mail at bethelbethanyucc@gmail.com

Easter Flower

Our lovely flowering plants were donated by the following:



Norm Hanson & Betty Haas, Jeanne Fehr, Theresa Dawson, Cindy Krahenbuhl, Brian Klabunde and Val Sauve', Cindy Krause, Maris and Paul Fried, Louise Versteegh, Bonnie Andrews & Pastor Tim Perkins, Shawn Kennedy & Julie Hahn, Meredith Anderson, Teresa Boykin in honor of Carolyn and Charlie Pauls, Mary Gardner in memory of her sister Rev. Dorothy Palmer and Jerry Brauns in memory of Evelyn Bonin and Betty Sarff.

Office Hours

Office Closed on Mondays. Open Thursdays 9-4
and by Appointment rest of the week

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
	1 Office closed 6:30 pm Endowment	2 5:30 Community of Practice	3 9:00 Bible Study at Parish House 6-8 pm Community Dinner/Common Ground Meeting	4 7:00 Choir	5	6 10:30-12:00 Gen—Up 1 pm Joshua Si- mon Eccelsiatical Council
7 10:00 Worship/Communion —Joya Preaching Baby Blessing, Nursery 11:15 Fellowship	8 Office closed	9 6:30 pm Council	10 9:00 Great Courses at Parish House	11 7:00 Choir	12	13 10-12 Diversity Dialogues
14 10:00 Worship— Nursery, Kids' Rock 11:15 Fellowship	15 Office closed	16 6:00 Pastoral Care Mtg	17 9:00 Bible Study at Parish House	18 7:00 Choir	19	20 8:00 Men's Breakfast
21 10:00 Worship —Kids' Rock, Nursery 11:15 Fellowship	22 Office closed	23 5:30 Evangelism 7:00 Worship	24 9:00 Great Courses at Parish House	25 7:00 Choir	26	27
Jane Anderson, Assoc. Conference minister will be preaching May 21.						
28 10:00 Worship— Nursery, Kids' Rock 11:15 Fellowship	29 Office closed	30	31	1 June	2	3
4 PENTECOST 10:00 Worship/Communion —Joya Preaching New Members, Nursery 11:15 Fellowship	5 	6	7 9:00 Bible Study at Parish House	8	9	10
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**Community
Dinner
Wednesday,
May 3**

Community Dinner

6-8 pm in BB's Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a great meal, and partner with neighbors & leaders to improve our great neighborhood.

(Free-Will Offering.) Desserts are always welcome. Brought to you by:

Tri-Block Neighborhood Association & B-B's Evangelism Committee, and B-B's Common Ground Core Team



**Join us as we celebrate
ALL of the Mothers of the church
May 14**

Special Music by the Men's Choir

Special Fellowship by Klumbs, Pines, and Beerbowers



BABY DEDICATION May 7

Welcome to Julia (Waeffler) & Adam Psichuhlis' daughters Rosemary and Sophia

Church Staff
Pastor Rev. Dr. Tim Perkins
Ministers All Members
Music Director Deborah Cincotta
Admin. Asst. Lisa Quinn

Church Leaders
President Chris Chance
Vice Pres. Sara Smith
Secretary Karin Haug
Treasurer Kevin Wolf
Finance Sec. Jeanne Fehr
Finance Asst. Brian Klabunde
Council-at-large
Vieantay Lucas Maris Fried
Holger Foersterling Ric Kory-Kroh
Kathy Reed

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