

THE TOWER

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From the Pastor's Desk

Two brothers were born into a family from Noyon, France. John became studious and thoughtful. At an early age, he wrote one of the world's most influential books, *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*. When John Calvin died at Geneva in 1564, he bequeathed a great legacy of faith to the world.

His brother Charles, however, pursued a life of profligacy and dissipation that was as worthless and infamous as his brother's was noble and faithful. How do you explain the difference between these two lives? Not in heredity, not in environment...the same home and the same early influences. The difference is to be explained by choice alone.

- C. E. Macartney

The Growth and Strengthening Committee will meet on March 22nd, at 7:00 pm. All church members interested



in joining the Visitation Committee are asked to please attend.

Communion will be held on March 13th - the First Sunday of Lent.



The 2010 Annual Reports will be available in the Church Office beginning March 15th. If you would like a copy please let the Church Secretary know. Thank you!

The Bethel Presbyterian Church Scholarship/Loan Fund was established some years ago due to the generosity of an anonymous donor to assist young people in furthering their education. Aid from this fund is available for any post-high school education, including vocational schools, nursing, etc. Applications are available in the Church Office.



If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members, Bill Brubeck, Billy Wade or John Wooddell. The deadline for return of the completed applications together with attachments is April 15th, 2011. Completed applications may be left in the Church Office or given to any member of the committee.

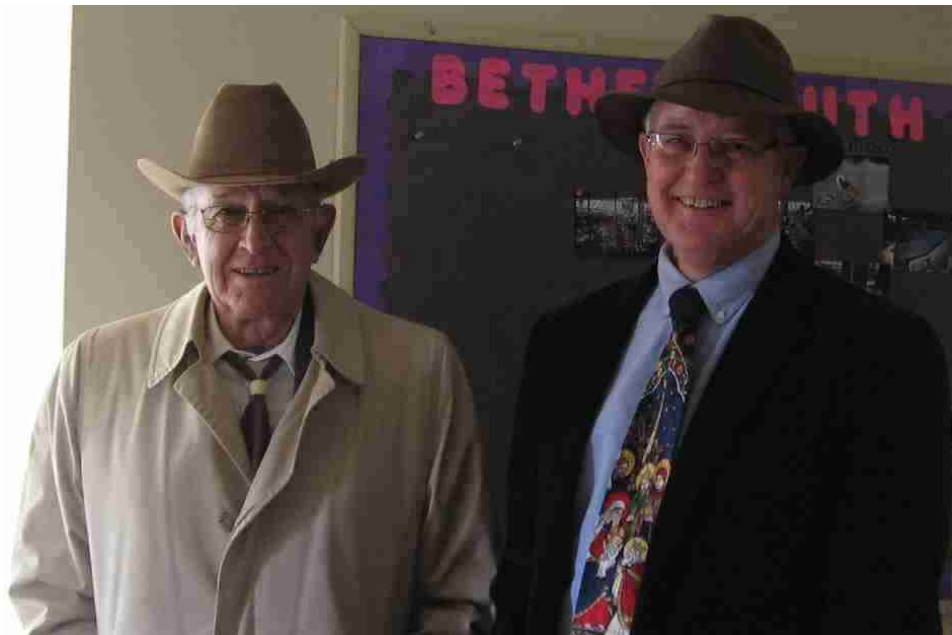
Kingsway continues to need all types of non-perishable food: cereal, peanut butter, canned goods, dried beans, etc. They are also requesting donations of large men's clothes and household goods. Please place your donations in the designated basket in Memorial Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



Remember the Lenten season is fast approaching! The season will begin with the community Ash Wednesday service on March 9th. The service will be at Bethel and will begin at 7:30 pm. The complete 2011 Lenten schedule is on page 3 of your Tower.



Three Smiths



**Men
in
Hats**

Lenten Schedule 2011



Service: Ash Wednesday Service Date: March 9th
Time: 7:30 pm Speaker: Rev. JoAnn Bunn
Location: Bethel Presbyterian Church

Service: 1st Lenten Service Date: March 16th Time: 7:30 pm
Speaker: Rev. Marilyn Heishmann Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church

Service: 2nd Lenten Service Date: March 23rd Time: 7:30 pm
Speaker: Rev. Joel Thornton Location: St. John's Reformed Church

Service: 3rd Lenten Service Date: March 30th Time: 7:30 pm
Speaker: Rev. Marilyn Heishmann Location: Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

Service: 4th Lenten Service Date: April 6th Time: 7:30 pm
Speaker: Rev. JoAnn Bunn Location: Bethel Presbyterian Church

Service: 5th Lenten Service Date: April 13th Time: 7:30 pm
Speaker: Rev. Joel Thornton Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church

Service: Maundy Thursday - Traditional Service and Meal
Date: April 21st Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Bethel Presbyterian Church

Service: Good Friday Service Date: April 22nd Time: 7:30 pm
Tenebrae Service Location: Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

Service: Easter Sunrise Service Date: April 24th Time: TBA
Location: Mt. Herman Cemetery in Newport
(service followed by breakfast at Redeemer Lutheran Church)



If you have any corrections for recipes in the 2009 cookbook,
and have not yet submitted them, please notify Joyce Miller at
rincorpjm@gmail.com or call (540) 337-0828.



Nursery

Presbyterian Women - March 2011
Emphasis - Lent, Easter



*The Afternoon Circle will meet on March 8th, 2011, at 2:30 pm at Bethel.

*The Evening Circle will meet on March 8th, 2011, at 7:00 pm at Bethel.



March 6th - Christian Women United meeting - 3:00 pm at Bethel

Bethel Presbyterian Women Mission Project
Sewing For Missions



The Bethel Presbyterian Women are participating in the annual Sewing for Missions project. The following items are being collected for worldwide distribution to areas of need:

- New sheets (twin flat sheets are preferred)
- New blankets (twin or double thermal blankets)
- Baby gowns for newborns (small sizes)
- Baby receiving blankets (approximate size - 36"x45")
- Baby caps for newborns
- Baby undershirts (no "onesies")

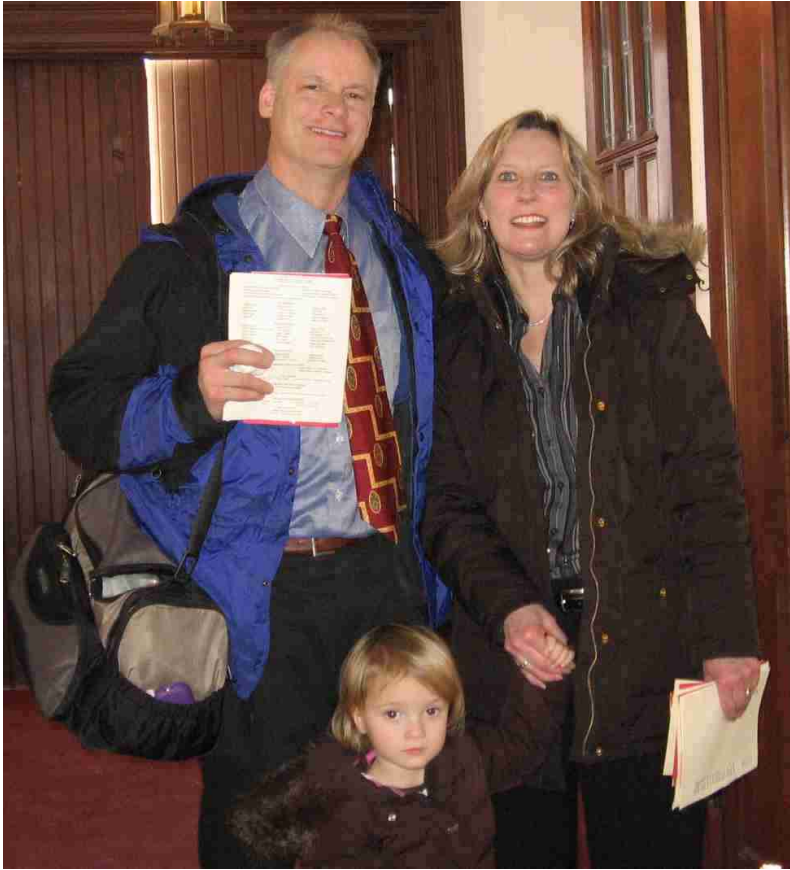
All Sewing for Missions items need to be turned in by April 1st. A collection bin for the items will be placed in Memorial Hall. If you have questions, please contact Lee Ann Heizer (540) 886-8174.

Christian Women United

Sunday, March 6th, 2011 - 3:00 pm
Bethel Presbyterian Church



The Christian Women United will meet at Bethel on Sunday, March 6th, 2011, at 3:00 pm. The meeting will consist of the Election of Officers and light refreshments will be served. Come and join us for fun and fellowship! Please contact Joan McLaughlin if you have any questions.



Visitors



Sisters

Witness Committee News

The Witness Committee will meet on March 20th, after the worship service.



Pork Loin Dinner
March 27th, 2011 at 5 pm
Bethel Fellowship Hall

Come one, come all to the Olson pork loin dinner on March 27th, beginning at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations are requested but not necessary. Free will donations will be accepted to help with expenses for this year's Bethel mission projects.

Menu: Roast Pork Loin, Green Beans, Baked Potatoes, Rolls, the famous "Olson Sauerkraut" and Dessert. Carry out is available. Make reservations through the Church Office (886-6041; bethelpc@gmail.com) or by contacting Betty Olson (885-0266; rollintheroad@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!!!

The Witness Committee will sponsor a Food Booth at The Meating Place on Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd. The hours will be 9 am until 3 pm and if you would like to help, please contact Peggy or Jug Smith. Baked goods will be needed for both days. (Packaging examples: 1/2 cake, 6 rolls, 2 brownies, 4 cookies, a pie, or whole cakes that can be divided.) Please contact Peggy or Jug Smith if you will be able to donate any baked goods.



Session News



Ken Miller, Chairman of the Deacons, gave an extensive report of repairs that have been done and also of things to be done.

The Deacons are discussing the possibility of a booth at Middlebrook Days on May 7th, 2011.

The Growth and Strengthening Committee is planning the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th with April 23rd as a makeup day in case of inclement weather. There are also plans for a congregational picnic on June 25th from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm in the afternoon.

Two venues were approved to be held at the church to raise money for missions.

Bill Brubeck reported his attendance of the Presbytery meeting held at Covenant Presbyterian Church on February 12th, 2011.



Working

Cookie Exchange





Deacon's Notes February 2011

The Deacons were active in several areas in the last month.

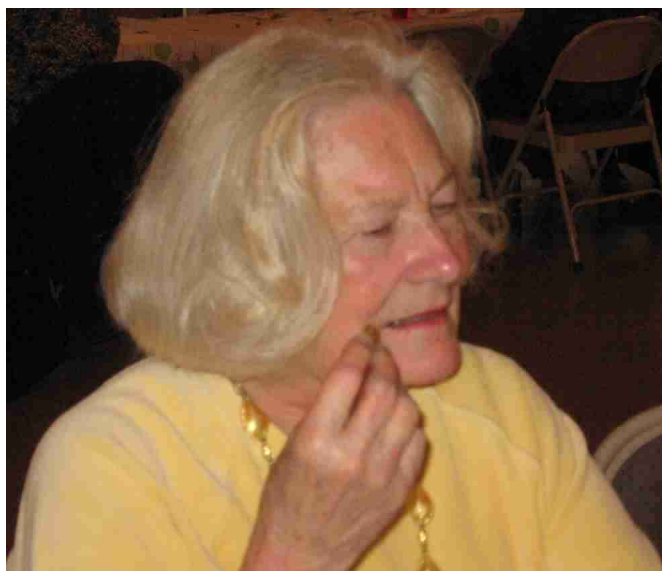
The Lathrop Trust was moved to the Bethel account at Fidelity Investments. This brings the total endowment account of over \$300,000 under Bethel's active management. Endowment funds were donated with designated areas for where income from the funds will be spent. The two principal areas are Youth and Capital Improvements. Endowment funds are managed by the Trustees and invested by a Bethel Finance Committee reporting to the Trustees.

In the January joint officers meeting, two objectives were discussed: to increase community involvement and to ensure we meet the needs of our congregation. The **Congregational Care Committee** is planning activities to address both objectives. The committee is working to increase contact with shut-in members and those on the Prayer List, and is contacting members that have been out of touch for a while. To improve communications in general, we are expanding our email lists for both members and friends of Bethel in the community. For both members and friends lists, we send the Tower electronically as well as email notices for social events. We had significant participation in the Pizza Dinner event from community friends. If you have friends who would be interested in receiving the Tower and church announcements, please send us their email address. We are considering whether to have a Bethel Booth in the Middlebrook Days festival on May 7th.

The **Buildings and Grounds Committee** had a lot of activity in the last month. We completed extensive painting, window and wall repairs, bathroom repairs, playground maintenance, furnace room door replacement, and the punch list on the hallway. The building appearance is significantly improved in the last few weeks. Tom and Lee Ann Heizer rotated pew cushions. The Snow Response Team kept our parking lots and walkways clear. Repairs were made to the boiler and the downstairs water fountain. The Women of the Church have contracted for professional cleaning and waterproofing of our upholstered folding chairs, scheduled for February 21st. A bidder was selected to remove the deteriorating maple tree directly in front of the Sanctuary. A second day of cutting firewood for charity is being planned by Mac Williams.

(Deacon's Notes continued)

Ladies



(Deacon's Notes continued)

The **Manse Committee** repaired a gutter and water pressure problems at the Manse.

The **Scout and Property Committee** participated in Scout Sunday at Bethel this month. John Pilson received an award for his lifetime of service in Scouting at the Ruritan National Convention.

Contact the **Transportation Committee** if there is a need for transportation for church functions, medical, or other needs.

Deacon's Prayer List



Edith Beahm, Powhatan Bouldin, Covie Brandt, Marjorie Brooks, Lorine Caldwell, Jim Crosby, Aggie Dodson, Jessie Earhart, Nellie Hamilton, Anne Jones, Flora Law, Lucy Miller, Judy Olson and family, Les Prickett, Tom Small, Richard Smith, Charlotte Swortzel, David Turner

YOUTH NEWS


The Middle and High

School Youth will meet on Sunday, March 13th at 4 pm at Bethel to carpool to Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church for the "Relationships . . . Let's Talk" presentation. The details of this program are on the Bethel Youth bulletin board and have been mailed out to each youth and their family.



The Bethel Youth would like to thank everyone who gave donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring. We collected \$360.00 and 30 food items for Kingsway. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Nursery Schedule
March 2011



March 6th - Susan McCutchen-Smith;
Sydney Smith

March 13th - James and Cynthia Williams

March 20th - Sue Whitesell; Lee Ann Whitesell



March 27th - Mary Ann Anderson; Mason

Deacons
Offering
Schedule
March 2011



Aggie Dodson
Tom Heizer
Tabby Moore
John Pilson

Flower Schedule
March 2011



March 6th - Cathy Hill

March 13th - Meagan Smith - Communion -
1st Sunday in Lent

March 20th - Evelyn LaPorte

March 27th - Jackie Law

Yvonne Goodson announced her retirement from the choir in December. We take this opportunity to give her a heartfelt THANKS for her faithfulness and dedication to 43 plus years of service. Yvonne we miss you and we wish you well.

Thank You!

Thanks to the Folsom family and all those who contributed to the pizza dinner on Sunday. The music by the band "Leaning Wheel" was very enjoyable. Also, thanks to those who contributed to the silent auction. Everyone who attended helped to support our mission work for the upcoming year. We raised \$3,100.00 for the Bethel mission fund. Thanks for your continuing support! - Bethel Witness Committee

Dear Friends,
Thank you for all the beautiful cards you sent us on our birthdays. Thanks as well for all the cards, calls, and visits throughout the year. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. Fondly, Joel and Nellie Hamilton





Elder and Deacon Emeritus

During the Church Service on January 30th, 2011, Billy Wade represented the Session in honoring individuals to be recognized for their leadership, their expertise and long and faithful service to the Lord Jesus Christ and

Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Framed Emeritus Certificates were presented by Jill Webb to the Elders and by Joe F. Williams to the Deacons.

It was our pleasure to grant Emeritus status to the following individuals:

Deacons

Covie Brandt
Joel Hamilton
Eloise Moore
Hugh Ralston
Tom Small
David Turner

Elders

Charles Beard
Kenneth LaPorte
Judy Olson
Sarah Frances Ralston



Don't Forget!!

March 13th - Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 17th - St. Patrick's Day
March 20th - 1st Day of Spring

TAKE A MOMENT TO PRAY FOR ALL WHO STAND IN NEED