

# Bethany Beacon

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## Drive On *By Pastor Eric*

As I was preparing my E-mail for the first Beacon of 2011, I looked at some older January articles to bring some inspiration. As I read them, I came across the following article written two years ago. It seems even more relevant today than the day I wrote it. Here's some of what it said...

*"Arriving at Bethany it was not my intention to bring change for change's sake. It was my time to get on board with the activities and the life of our church. In a sense, I've been on a "ride along" with everybody experiencing the traditions and becoming a part of the culture of this family. I'm glad I made that decision too. If I had come here with the idea of doing things the way that I've always done them, I wouldn't have experienced the joy of the Maundy Thursday service, listening to the Chime Choir, supporting a different mission each month or my favorite, being challenged every Sunday with the Mystery Sermon Box. Really, 2008 was a time of settling in; for Bethany and for me..."*

*...In 2009 we'll pull out the*

*road map and examine the journey on which God is taking us. (Because, truly, God is the one behind the wheel.) We'll ask God where he plans on taking us and who we're going to pick up along the way. We'll inspect our own vehicle and determine the type of road we're equipped to drive down. A Jeep is good for off-roading and a limousine requires smooth streets and wide turns. What kind of road has God paved for us? ... or not paved?*

*That's our goal for 2009. To examine ourselves, take stock of our gifts and resources, and explore the road God has for us. And to pray, pray, pray, about the destination he has set. After all, without a destination, we're just driving in circles!*

*This is exciting stuff! And I look forward to our times together..."*

Since the above words the session has made great strides toward discovering our future. We started by examining our past. We

discussed the changing culture and its impact on the Church. We shared our fears of the future and determined they were all at least somewhat to completely controllable. We created a list of negotiables and non-negotiables to determine and protect our core values. These are all important scenes along the road that bring us closer to our goal.

As we continue down the road God has paved for us we will come closer and closer to discovering the mission God has for Bethany. Of course there have been bumps. Of course we will get tired and need some breaks. So we'll "pull over" to play together and rest up from the road.

One does not reach a destination without moving toward it. The fun part is, everybody loves a good road trip! Let's fill up our tanks with prayer, strap on the seat belt of brotherhood, and let His Word be a light unto our path! Blessings,

*Pastor Eric*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

PS. A belated THANK YOU! For the cards and gifts from Pastor Appreciation month. Jen and I have enjoyed some much appreciated time over dinner together with the gift cards.

— Pastor Eric

## X is for Xylocarp

A xylocarp is a hard woody fruit. The Bible talks about fruit.

God's Word says in Luke 6:43-45

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briars. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart."

How are you living? Is your life producing "fruit" that is honoring to God?

## Meet The Wyatts!

Bruce and Sarah Wyatt met 31 years ago while roller skating at the Tree Roller Skating Rink. Bruce grew up going to Bethany and Sarah grew up attending both Westminster and First Presbyterian Church. After going together a couple of years we got married in 1981 and settled in Loves Park where Bruce was a volunteer for the Loves Park Fire Department for 26 years. In 1984 our first son Brad was born and in 1989 our second son Phil was born. Brad and Phil both attended youth group at Bethany. We have 2 cats Tigger and Mario and a dog Rusty. Bruce is currently a Trustee at Bethany, works for Pacific Bearing Co. and likes spending time golfing, fishing and reading. Sarah is currently a Deacon at Bethany, works for Endries International and likes spending time doing card making, sewing, knitting and golf. Both of our boys are into cars and both work at Firestone Tire & Auto. All of us enjoy family time out to dinner.

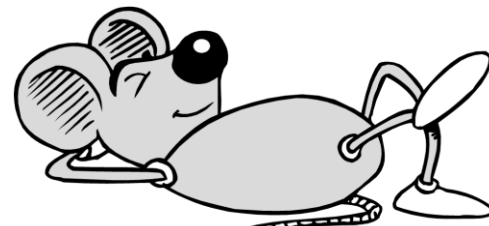


## Presbyterian Heritage

A missionary friend, who visits our church, was a principal in the Jureer, Pakistan, language school from June through September this past year. This was in the Northern part of Pakistan. One of the young men went back down to his Presbyterian church in the lower part of Pakistan. Since then, the church has experienced revival and now the parishioners (which most consists of older people) are going out into their community and helping those who need help and are also presenting the Gospel of Christ to them. Please pray for these Godly people, that the Lord will protect them and help them in their ministry.

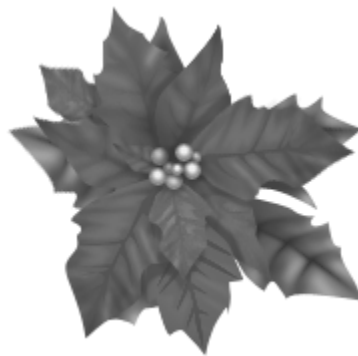
Granny church mouse sez:  
*When you get all wrinkled up with care and worry, it's a good time to get your faith lifted.*

Deacon church mouse sez:  
*Lack of faith in God is like a mouse in a corn crib, worrying about whether it has enough to live on or not.*



## Poinsettia Donations

DONORS	IN MEMORY OF/IN HONOR OF
Carol Heidenreich	IN MEMORY OF my husband Wilbur
The Munger Family	IN MEMORY OF Judy Schleicher IN MEMORY OF Andy Schleicher
Betty Barclay	IN MEMORY OF my mother
Ruth Ann Zipperer	IN MEMORY OF my mother and father, Hilda and George Moore
Wallace Zipperer	IN MEMORY OF my mother, Monie Zipperer
Hope Fosler	IN MEMORY OF parents Alice & John Aue
Diane, Amanda, Ryan, Heather, Austin, Waylon & Adelynn Johnson, with love	IN MEMORY OF Kirk, our loving husband, dad and grandpa
Dolores Deitrick	IN MEMORY OF George Deitrick
Bill and Carol Shearrow and Kaya	IN MEMORY OF our parents and great-grandparents
Ray and Cheryl Olson	IN MEMORY OF Glenn and Louise Gaer
Stuart and Polly Smith	IN MEMORY OF Emily and Brian
Joetta Wyatt, Bruce, Sarah Wyatt and family	IN MEMORY OF Gail Wyatt, Joe and Elva Mace, Ural and Elsie Wyatt
Diane Johnson, with love	IN HONOR OF my wonderful parents, Richard and Mary Lou Dresser, who have truly taught me the love of Jesus!
Terry and Lori Mitchell	IN MEMORY OF LaVerne and Barbara Mitchell and Robert Akers
Clara Perkins	IN HONOR OF the birth of our Lord IN MEMORY OF Buddie Perkins, my loving husband
Dan Bock	IN MEMORY OF Harry and Gladys Bock, father and mother of Dan Bock
Eric and Jen Keller	IN MEMORY OF Harry and Gladys Bock, Grandparents of David, Justin and Stephany



## MoMints – Moderator

### Minutes (from December 2010)

The session took the following action at December's meeting:

- We approved a new Girl Scout troop using the facility.
- We approved the 2011 budget proposed by the Budget and Stewardship committee
- We approved the purchase of new music equipment for the benefit of worship

Your Moderator,

Pastor Eric

## Bethany Women's Report

The fall brunch was held November 20, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Host circles were Hannah and BYKOTA. Hannah Circle decorated the tables in a fall motif and the two circles served a delicious brunch of egg casseroles, fruit, breads, juice and coffee. The BYKOTA Circle did the clean up. We did not have a guest speaker this year, although it is common to do so, since we had a full business agenda of electing all officers and reviewing the Association booklet. When we completed our business at hand, this was the result.

Marilyn Buske and Kathy Metcalf were elected co-chairs for two year terms 2010-2012; Sandy Hewitt, Secretary, and Gayle Wood, Treasurer, were elected to one year terms 2010-2011. This allows off year elections for the secretary and treasurer to avoid electing an entire slate every two years. Our thank you to the outgoing officers Jen Keller and Sherry Zahorik (co-chairs) and Pam Easton (Secretary). And to Gayle Wood (Treasurer), thank you for your continuing service. During the 2009 and 2010 years, under Jen and Sherry's leadership, the Association contributed \$2000 to the Roof Fund and \$1549.32

## Trustees Report

### Notes

The December Trustee meeting did not take place due to most members not being available.

### Planned & In Progress

- adjust narthex entrance doors for more consistent self-closing (Andy)
- repair strike plate on door frame of AC closet in fellowship hall (Wallace)
- repair shelf in the shed (Wallace)
- replace neighbor's fence corner post; need two posts due to a concrete footer from the broken post (Wallace)
- repair wood frame on outside sign; functionally complete - paint or AL capping and sealing remaining (Andy)
- install second door chime (Andy)
- cement walking path between two lots (Bruce & Wallace)
- possibly replace garden and oval brick between parking lots with grass for lower maintenance (Cheryl)
- cover Stronghold drawing in storage classroom with plexi-glass (Bruce)
- baby changing station in narthex bathroom & possibly the cry room - \$185 per station – wait until after first of the year (Sandy)

- repair sanctuary window sills; Sandy to get quote from Freehan Brothers Construction
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- ### Completed
- Roof over narthex and office has been replaced (November)
  - Fix baseboard between the car port and the elevator (November)
  - annual elevator inspection is due in the fall (November)

## Deacons Report

No Deacons report

for the Kitchen Remodeling project as well as smaller sums to internal missions.

Our next brunch will be in the spring and it is the hope of the officers to present a guest speaker at that time. The entire booklet has been reviewed and hopefully will be printed in time for the December meeting. Anyone wishing a copy of this booklet please see one of the co-chairs and she will get one for you. It is our intention to keep the entire congregation updated on our activities to allow the women in a circle and NOT in a circle to take advantage of these opportunities. The circles have wonderful and informative Bible Studies monthly as well as the commonality of Christian fellowship so join one

One of the activities of interest we are

exploring for 2011 is the Christian Concert Series at Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson this summer. It includes a delicious buffet lunch and matinee concert on a Tuesday in June and a Tuesday in August, 2011. We will keep you alerted to the details. We are also planning another Mother Daughter Tea the first Saturday in May, 2011. We had such a success last year, we are hoping for equal or better results this year. We are also considering a 'stamp' nite. Card Stamping that is. It's the latest thing! With enough interest, we may try it. It looks to be an exciting year for the Association; don't you want to be a part of it?

In His service,

Marilyn Buske and Kathy Metcalf,  
Women's Association Co-chairs

## January Calendar

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						<b>1</b> Happy New Year! Pastor Eric on Vacation
<b>2</b> 9:00am: Sunday School 10:15am: Worship Celebration Pastor Eric on Vacation	<b>3</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6pm: Cub Scouts 6:30pm: Trustee meeting Pastor Eric on Vacation	<b>4</b> 7pm: AA Meeting 7pm: AI-Anon 7pm: AI-Ateen	<b>5</b> Session Reports Due! 5pm: Girl Scouts	<b>6</b> 5:30 Nominating Committee 6:30pm: Cub Scouts 7pm: AI-Anon	<b>7</b> 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	<b>8</b> 9am: Take down decorations
<b>9</b> 9:00am: Sunday School 10:15am: Worship Celebration	<b>10</b> 5pm: Daisy Troop 6pm: Cub Scouts 7pm: Session	<b>11</b> 7pm: Uriel Circle 7pm: AA Meeting 7pm: AI-Anon 7pm: AI-Ateen	<b>12</b> 5pm: Girl Scouts 6:30pm: Praise Team practice 7:30pm: Choir practice	<b>13</b> 6:30pm: Cub Scouts 7pm: AI-Anon	<b>14</b> 4:30pm: Julie Badowski 7:30: AI-Anon Area Convention	<b>15</b> Beacon Articles Due! 8am: AI-Anon Area Convention
<b>16</b> 9:00am: Sunday School 10:15am: Worship Celebration	<b>17</b> 6pm: Cub Scouts 7pm: Deacons Meeting	<b>18</b> 7pm: AA Meeting 7pm: AI-Anon 7pm: AI-Ateen	<b>19</b> Hannah Circle 5pm: Girl Scouts 6:30pm: Praise Team practice 7:30pm: Choir practice	<b>20</b> 9am: BYKOTA circle 6:30pm: Cub Scouts 7pm: M&M circle 7pm: AI-Anon	<b>21</b> 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	<b>22</b>
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