

# THE BETHEL BREEZE

Bethel United  
Methodist Church

Fall 2016

## Come Join Us For Sunday School!



*Any Sines, teacher of the children's classes*

"Everything falls into place when we put God first," says Amy Sines. Amy will begin classes for children on Sunday, September 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Her curriculum will include lessons on How to Pray, God's Promises, Fruits of the Spirit and many more. Each class will have a lesson, a game and a craft.

Amy has taught at the YWCA Fun Factory for 14 years and has taught Sunday school at Bethel in the past. She urges all children to come and join in the fun!

If you knew there was a well-researched and statistically proven program that on average can:

- \* increase the average life expectancy of your children by 8 years
- \* significantly reduce your children's use and risk from alcohol, tobacco and drugs
- \* dramatically lower their risk of suicide
- \* help them rebound from depression 70% faster
- \* dramatically reduce their risk for committing a crime
- \* improve their attitudes (and possibly their grades) at school
- \* reduce their risk for rebelliousness
- \* reduce the likelihood that they would binge drink in college
- \* improve their odds for a "very happy" life

among other positive bene-

fits, would you be interested in having your children participate in it?

Guess what? There is—it's called Sunday school! And guess what else? You can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity by bringing your children (and yourself) to Sunday school this Sunday, and every Sunday, at Bethel Church.

With the start of the new school year, Sunday school is also starting a new year, and we have an excellent, experienced teacher to work with your children. (See the write-up about Amy Sines, at left.)

While your children are attending Sunday school, you can participate in the adult class which will be starting a new study on September 18th, *Half Truths*, by Adam Hamilton. (Please read the description on p. 3 of the newsletter.)

We hope to see you on Sunday!



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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**at 10:00 am**

**WORSHIP**  
**at 11:15 am**

**Fellowship dinner on the 4th Sunday of the**

## Scholarships for Higher Education Awarded

On Sunday, August 21, Lance Hummer, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, awarded scholarships to students to be used for higher education this school year.

This year there were four recipients for the awards: Brianne Come, Cody Sines, Mikayla Bean and Matt Kerr.

Brianne will continue work on her

advanced degree at Slippery Rock University; Mikaela is attending Edinboro University and will enter her sophomore year; Cody is enrolled at Thiel College and is also a sophomore; Matt will enter main campus of Penn State University as a freshman.

The Bethel congregation is very proud of our young people and pleased that we are able to help them reach their educational goals.



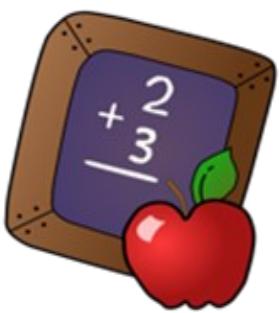


As school begins for another year, we can help fill LoveINC backpacks so needy children will have food for the weekends.

These are some items needed:

Juice boxes Cereal  
Oatmeal Soup  
Easy Mac  
Crackers  
Fruit Snacks  
Pudding  
Chefboyardees  
Fruit Cups

Please leave items in the box at the front of the sanctuary.



## *From the Pastor's Pen . . .*

### *"Waiting"*

#### **Psalm 40:1-3** **A Prayer for Help**

*I patiently waited, Lord, for you to hear my prayer. You listened<sup>2</sup> and pulled me from a lonely pit full of mud and mire. You let me stand on a rock with my feet firm,<sup>3</sup> and you gave me a new song, a*

*song of praise to you.*

*Many will see this,  
and they will honor  
and trust you, the Lord God.*

How many times do we wait for things? As a child, waiting

for Christmas seemed a very long time. We wait up for our children to get home at night. We wait in traffic. We wait for doctor appointments and we wait for test results. It seems the more important the event, the more difficult waiting can be.

With all the events my husband and I have experienced in recent months, it seems we spend a lot of time waiting. We can complain and become frustrated or we can use the time in a more positive way.

While waiting for the Family House shuttle, I found it helped to pass the time if I pulled out my book to read, work on my grocery list or just started to silently pray for the folks as they walked out to their cars. I didn't know the people I prayed for but I didn't need to. God knew and he's the one to answer the needs. I would never know if God answered any of my prayers as I waited but I was sure there would be some very special answers.

**Pastor Janet**

*For those of you who may not know of the struggles Pastor Janet and her husband, Lynn, have faced over these past several months, Lynn has been very ill and unable to work. He is now waiting for a liver transplant. The latest news is that he is on the transplant list and is ready whenever the transplant team members can do their work. Please keep him, Pastor Janet and their family in your prayers.*

### ***A Note from the Heart***

There have been moments during the last several months when I wasn't sure how things were going to work out. There have been moments wondering how I would keep heart and home together. Every time I began to doubt my sanity a card or phone call would come from someone at church. It has reminded over and over how I am not alone in this but I have a whole army of Jesus disciples praying for Lynn and me.

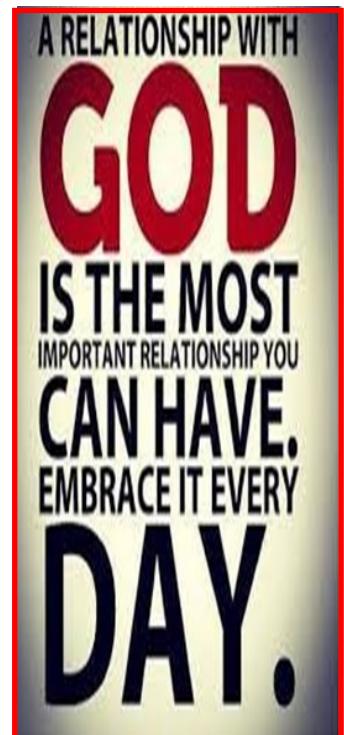
Along with your prayers and love, you have given to help with our financial needs. That has been an

incredible unexpected blessing too. Those gifts have enabled me to spend time with Lynn and help pay our bills. God is caring for us in so many ways and you are his faithful caregivers.

Thank you just doesn't seem to say enough. You have loved me and as we journey through this I feel your prayers and support giving me hope. Bless you all from both Lynn and me. God loves you all and so do we.

Love in Christ,

***Pastor Janet and Lynn***



## Cake Decorating Fun!



*Just another little squeeze of frosting, Evelyn!*



*Beautiful work, Barb and Janet!  
They look delicious!!*



*Be careful now, Treva—  
not too much!*

This April at Bethel Church several people enjoyed the cake decorating class, as you can probably tell from the photos above. We are always trying to think of “classes” to offer using the talents of our members. If you have an idea of something you would like to learn or teach, please give your idea to Evelyn Kerr and we’ll see what we can do about bringing it about.



## Adult Sunday School Class to Begin New Study

Has anyone ever said to you, at a time when you were at a loss after something horrible had happened in your life, “Everything happens for a reason.” Or maybe when you were struggling to accomplish something or to overcome a setback someone might have stated, “God helps those who help themselves.”

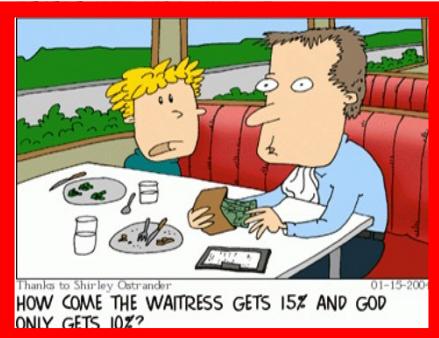
Author Adam Hamilton calls both of these statements “half truths” in his book *Half Truths: God Helps*

*Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say.*

These are just two of the ideas that many Christians embrace that may not be entirely true. They may be partially supported by Scripture and appear to have the ring of truth. When they are closely examined, however, we discover that, at best, they are half truths. At worst, despite our best intentions, they can become stumbling blocks both for those who use them and those to whom they are spoken.

Over the next couple months, starting on September 18th, the adult class which meets at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall will look closely at these and other statements that we often hear being used in various situations to see if they really meet the test of being true.

We invite you to join us as we enjoy examining and discussing these statements. For further information, please contact Carole Hall, teacher of the class.



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**Sunday Worship**

**11:15 am**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## Deep Sea Adventure -Bible School 2016



What a great week we had singing songs, learning about God and Jesus, playing fun games and exploring the deep sea! Many thanks to all—kids, teachers and parents for helping to bring this exciting and wonderful time together.