

# THE BETHEL BREEZE

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## Devine Inspirations Scheduled To Perform at Bethel Church



On the evening of Sunday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m., the Devine Inspirations, a musical group made up of a young family of five from Sandy Lake, PA, will present a contemporary Christian concert at Bethel United Methodist Church.

The Devines, both parents and children, use all of their talents to praise God. The Devine children include two girls and one boy who dance, sing and share art work with the audience. Their routines include costume changes which add to the color and excitement of their performance. The concert will

feature many songs made popular by favorite Christian artists.

The family seeks to inspire and share God's word as they entertain. Their program is designed to appeal to people of all ages. They have performed at churches, community events, music clubs, senior centers and nursing homes in the area.

Mark the date on your calendar and invite your relatives, friends and neighbors! Children will love this presentation. All are invited to enjoy light refreshments immediately following the program.



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**Sunday School  
at 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship  
at 11:00 a.m.**

**Fellowship Dinner  
4th Sunday of the  
month following the  
worship service**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



*“The Word on the Street” — Choosing*

**Calling all  
Men —  
Don't forget the  
MEN'S  
BREAKFAST  
Saturday,  
October 18th  
at 7:30 a.m.**



A downside to the arrival of the fall season can be all the projects that we've put on hold because we wanted to do other things all summer. Now, with winter approaching and a growing sense of urgency we begin to review our choices and those lists. The siding, the deck, the garden, the shed clean up, the flower garden expansion, the boat or camper, the roof repair, the trees...the list goes on and on.

The sense of urgency comes with the awareness that there are fewer days to get things done. Winter will arrive. Of course we could do what we often do – postpone till next year. Yet we know that some items on the list have been postponed for several years. So, evaluation time has arrived.

What must be accomplished this year? What can be delayed for another year? Time, ener-

gy, money and the weather will all contribute to our choices in our rush to get “caught up” with the summer projects.

The life of a congregation has similar rhythms requiring similar choices. What must be done? Are we willing to commit ourselves to accomplish the project? What could we do with a little push of energy? Postponing and delaying important congregational life matters could have long term implications.

As seasonal changes prompt choices around our homes and families, so too do the choices we make with our shared congregational life. The lists may be long, but let's determine to accomplish a few important projects for the good of the family.

*Pastor Jerry*



### **The Wonder of Jesus: An Advent Bible Study**

*“If Christianity is not rooted in things that actually happened in first-century Palestine, we might as well be Buddhists, Marxists, or almost anything else. And if Jesus never existed, or if he was quite different from what the Gospels and the church's worship affirms him to have been, then we are indeed living in a cloud-cuckoo-land.” N. T. Wright, **The Challenge of Jesus**, 1999.*

This study will focus on four topics that will help us rediscover who Jesus was and increase our own self-awareness as Christians living in this western, modern world.

1. Jesus and the Kingdom—Why did Jesus preach so often about the Kingdom of God?
2. Jesus and Judaism—How did Jesus fit into the Judaism of his day?
3. Jesus and God—Did Jesus think he was God?
4. Jesus and the Light of the World—How Israel's history with God came to its climax in Jesus.

The sessions will all be held at noon on the following days:

Wednesday, November 12

Wednesday, November 19

Thanksgiving Week Break on November 26

Wednesday, December 3

Wednesday, December 10

All sessions will be held in the Bethel Church Fellowship Hall.

# Church News

Church Council met recently to go over several items and to prepare for the upcoming Charge Conference to be held on November 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Hydetown UMC.

The United Methodist Women have again received an award for filling requirements as a 5 Star Unit. The women have been centering their programs at meetings on issues surrounding immigration and human trafficking.

The quilters are at it again making beautiful, warm quilts and lap robes to be distributed where they are needed. They are very happy with the cupboard constructed by Cub Knapp and Scott Beach to hold the materials for the

quilts. The cupboard is full!

This year's recipients of scholarship funds were Jacquelyn Slater, Seth Come (both working on advanced degrees), and Brianne Come. We, as a church family, are very proud of our scholars and wish them well in their studies.

Bethel Church continues our outreach to local, national and global ministries by setting our missions goals for making contributions to the following:

- Associated Charities of the Titusville Area
- St. James House
- United Methodist Alliance
- LoveINC
- Wycliff Bible Translators
- Global Ministry Supply

# HUNTERS LUNCHEON

Monday, December 1st  
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

*Choice of Soups*

*Hot Dogs Sloppy Joes*

*Homemade Pie*

## Erie United Methodist Alliance



Kurt B. Crays,  
EUMA Director

Today, through EUMA, United Methodists in the Erie-Meadville District and throughout the conference are annually working to end homelessness for nearly 3,000 people in Western Pennsylvania!

### Did you know?

- EUMA operates the only emergency and transitional family shelter system in the region where Mom, Dad and their children can stay together as a family - **The Refuge and Hope House**.
- United Methodists, through EUMA served 3 out of every 4 homeless children seeking support in Erie County.
- 63% of all homeless families in the county received temporary shelter care and other services that moved them into a permanent home.
- 25% of all male honorably discharged homeless veterans were part of EUMA's transitional shelter program - **Liberty House**.
- All community members, who identify persons in need of care, can call our 24/7 hotline number (814.323.4001) and reach an EUMA rapid response **Outreach** team member who gets people off the street and on a pathway to permanent housing and self-sufficiency.
- EUMA manages Erie County's only **homeless management information system** (HMIS) that is used by all homeless service providers to both ensure clients are getting the services they need and tracks our success.
- EUMA runs the only region-wide voucher program and thrift store - **Rainbow Connection** - at which people can get the clothes they and their children need for work and for school free of charge. Last fiscal year, we distributed over \$50,000 worth of clothes and small household items to people qualified to receive it.

**Without the time, talent and treasure of local congregations like Bethel Church, little of this would be possible.**

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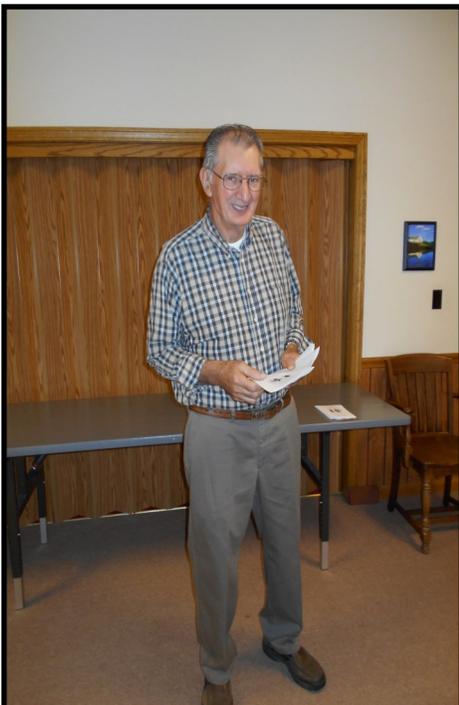
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## Volunteer of the Year

This past April, “Cub” Knapp was honored at the annual Titusville Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Dinner as Bethel Church’s Volunteer of the Year.

Cub is a very busy person here at Bethel, accomplishing many things. He has built and installed roomy cupboards in the kitchen, and shelves for storage behind the altar in the sanctuary. He and Scott Beach revamped the room formerly used for storage into an office, conveniently located in the church building rather than in the parsonage.

Of course, one of the main uses for the room which became the office was as a place for the quilters to keep their supplies of fabrics and other things used for making quilts and lap robes. What to do about this was no problem for Cub! He, again with Scott’s assistance, created a beautiful cupboard in the little room off the kitchen to meet the quilters’ specifications for storage for their fabrics. If you peek inside, you will see their materials organized neatly into categories with a compartment for each color or type. If you’d ask one of the ladies, they would surely tell you how much better and easier it is for them to find and work with their materials.

Every Sunday morning before the worship service, you will find Cub with a big welcoming smile passing out bulletins, as he is in the photo. We are very grateful to Cub for all he does for Bethel Church!