**Sunday, October 14, 2018**

**Prelude**  Christina Ivanova

**\*Gathering Hymn** *We Bow Down* #154

**\*Call to Worship**  Pat Darland

**Leader: We gather to listen again to the prophetic words.**

**Church: Day after day we seek the Lord and delight to**

**know God’s ways.**

**Leader: We are seen honestly, broken and lacking as we**

**are.**

**Church: But the Lord will guide us continually. Happy**

**are those who fear the Lord.**

**Leader: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid**

**Unison: Let us lift up our hearts in praise and attention.**

**Let us worship the Lord.**

**\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer *(using sins)* Pat Darland**

**Scripture Reading Mark 10:17-31 Pat Darland**

**Worship Prayer** Pastor Janet

**\*Hymn** *The Love of God* #157

**Mission Moment Pat Darland**

**Children’s Message and Children’s Church**

**Scripture Reflection Pastor Janet**

Hebrews 4:12-16 “In Plain Sight”

**\*Hymn** *He Keeps Me Singing* #746

**Ministry Opportunities**  Pat Darland

Giving of Tithes and Offerings Ushers

\*Doxology #815

\*Prayer  Pat Darland

**\*Benediction**  Pastor Janet

**\*Postlude**  Christina Ivanova

***\*Please stand if you are able.***  *CCLI # 1631733*

**October: World Mission Offering Month**

It is time for the World Mission Offering collection. Each week we will have a mission moment. Please consider your donation to this worthy cause and give generously!

Pat Darland, Chair, Mission Board

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**Welcome Christina!**

Please give our guest pianist Christina Ivanova a warm New Bethel welcome this morning. Christina is substituting for Jaci Greig as Jaci takes some well-deserved vacation.

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**Prayer Chain**

Ron Billingsley(see Kevin Winton); Megan Caffrey (see Lisa Caffrey); Lori Chapman, Hannah, and family; Virginia Cotton (see Sue Winton); Denise Davison (see Barbara Fengya); Paul Downer; Father Doyle; flood victims; Jennifer Hiner; Adrianne and Bob Hunter; hurricane Florence victims; Indonesian people; Stephani Kuhn family (see Carol and Jerry Thomas); immigrant families; Nativity Catholic Church; Nicaraguan citizens; Jay Piety (see Carol and Jack Lucas); Chris Price (see Kevin Winton); Barbara and Charlie Purtlebaugh; Kevin Rose family; Kim Weaver Tolber (see Kevin Winton); victims of abuse, oppression, and violence; wild fires in the U.S.; victims of Hurricane Michael; Delcia Windsor.

Remember our shut-ins and care facility residents: Ethel Humphrey; Lee Joyce; Dick and Betty Morgan; Betty Rabourn; Helen Walker; Billie Whittle; and Delcia Windsor.

Our Military:1st Lt. Matt Knox and Captain Robert Shoemaker.

**Calendar**

Today World Mission Offering month

1-3 p.m., Youth meet at Zion UCC

3:30 p.m., Pizza Pick-Up

Oct 17 10 a.m., Bible Study, Romans 12

11:30 a.m., Chair Yoga, Fellowship Hall

1-3 p.m., Euchre Club, Fellowship Hall

20 8:15 a.m., Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, Wheatley’s 9-3 p.m., Sacred Conversations (see article inside)

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**Looking Ahead**

21 2 p.m., Crop Walk, see Kevin Stone

27 6:30-8 p.m., Trunk/Treat

Nov 11 Noon, Quarterly Business Meeting in Fellowship Hall after worship

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**Hearing Assistance Headsets**

Hearing assistance headsets are available for your use during

worship. Please see a Deacon or a sound operator to use one.



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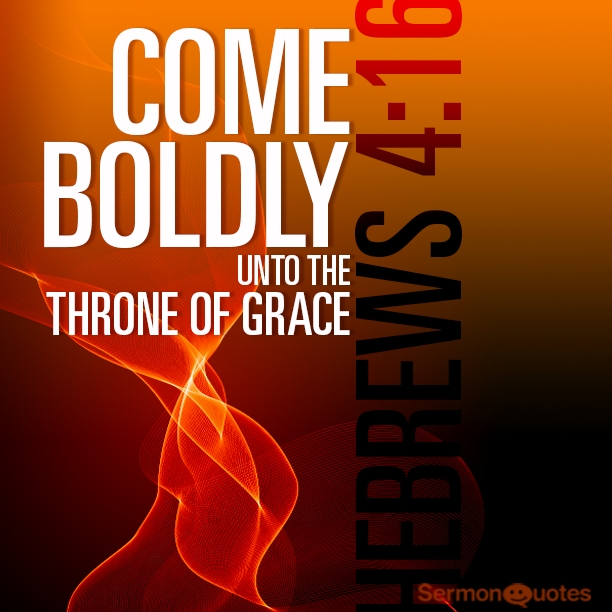
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**From the NBBC Webmaster**

Greetings Friends!



**Welcome to New Bethel Baptist Church**

**We are blessed by your presence!**

**October 14, 2018**

Guests and Members: Please sign the attendance register in your pew. Remember to include your address, e-mail, and telephone number. Please leave the signed sheet in the register.

If you have questions or would like more information about New Bethel, please contact the church office. Thanks!

**Thank You!**

* Thank you to Julianne Thomas for singing, and Vicky Clark for her reading of *Amazing Grace* for Special Music.
* Thank you to John Huddleston for volunteering to do weekly basic cleaning: bathrooms, dusting, and sweeping.

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**Sacred Conversations**

Sacred Conversations is an opportunity to discuss the topic of race from our shared faith perspective with persons from multiple ethnicities. The event, sponsored by ABC-GI Multicultural Ministries Team, is Saturday, October 20th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Oasis of Hope Baptist Church, 1701 East 25th Street, 46218.

In order to ensure a racial balance of participants, please confirm your intentions to participate as soon as possible. There is a suggested $10 donation for lunch. Please contact the ABC-GI office at [office@abcgi.org](mailto:office@abcgi.org) or call 317-484-9327 to confirm your attendance and/or to ask questions.

Rev. Joan C. Friesen

Executive Minister, ABC-GI

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**The Lord’s Prayer**

For your convenience, copies of the Lord’s Prayer have been placed in the pews. Feel free to take a copy home with you!

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**Worship Team Ministry Needs Volunteers**

Would you like to volunteer to be a lay leader or provide special music? The Worship Ministry Team invites you to sign-up on the volunteer sheet outside the sanctuary. I will be happy to talk with you about the role and give you any assistance you need to be more at ease.

Julianne Thomas, Worship Ministry Team

**Member’s Post-sermon Thought**

Note*: I received the e-mail below from Rob Thomas after my sermon last Sunday. It is being printed with Rob’s permission. If you have a thought to share with the congregation about a sermon topic or the scripture, please send it to me, and we will try to publish it. Thanks, PJ*

I thought of another example for salt. Endurance athletes must maintain their body's saltiness and replace salt lost through sweat. If they don't and simply drink water that can actually dilute their blood and put themselves into a condition called hyponatremia, that in severe cases can be fatal. So being the salt in the world can literally save lives.

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. **2019 Budget Process and Vote**

The 2019 Budget process and vote is as follows:

* October 21st, the 2019 proposed budget published and available to the congregation
* October 28th and November 4th, Budget Question and Answer sessions in the sanctuary following worship
* November 11th, vote on proposed 2019 budget during Quarterly Business Meeting; vote on Nominating Committee slate of officers and leaders.

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**From the Mailbox**

Because if is no longer safe for them to be in the Congo, Bill and Ann Clemmer are now in the United States. There has been an outbreak of Ebola in the area, an African disease that is usually fatal. There is also a military uprising that is adding to the unrest. Please keep them in your prayers in this time of uncertainty.

Jim and Wilma Waters

**Trunk and Treat Is Coming**

There is a tub in the CE hall for your donated candy for Trunk or Treat Halloween event. Please leave your bags of candy for all the children that will be here for the food and fun!

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**Trash Bags**

We have white, blue, and yellow trash bags for $10 a roll. Please see me if you would like to purchase trash bags.

John Huddleston

CE Board

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**Notice from the Deacon Board**

*This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24

As the months of this year pass there has been more and more in the news about crimes against our children, our youth, our young adults, and others. In our growing concern to protect the children of this church, whom we love, the Board of Deacons at their September meeting established a document giving steps to be taken to prevent harm coming to our children.

This document is designed to protect adults as well as the children. The document will be filed with the church insurance company and should protect us from being sued and losing all assets the church has. It will also protect the adults who work with our children.

If you would like to see this document, you are invited to do so. Copies are located on the table outside the church office.

The current document will be refined and updated in the following weeks as we peruse other documents of this type and glean pertinent information from them that relates to our purposes.

Sue Winton, Chair

Board of Deacons

**A Message from the Treasurer**

During the budgeting process each year, trends are revealed not only on the expenditure side, but also on the giving side. As we look at funding our projected expenses for 2019, we naturally review our giving and expenses for recent years.

Unfortunately, giving shows a downward trend. It is a result of vacations and missed Sundays here and there and not catching up, as well as our personal levels of giving.

I invite all of us to keep aware of our missed giving weeks and make a concerted effort to catch up, and also to work toward tithing.

Tithing is 10% of our annual income. It can be broken down in pay increments that are comfortable with our budgets; i.e., weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.

And if you want, you may choose to give beyond that ten percent!

Additionally, we as a congregation have planning ahead of us to do to meet the increasing utilities, building maintenance, and operating expenses over which we have little control.

No worries, I see light at the end of the tunnel!!

We have options to consider in order to improve our finances going forward. A few ideas I’ve thought of are 1) leasing our building for community meetings and activities that fit our facility; 2) considering additional use of our Legacy Funds; and 3) taking a fresh, creative look at money-making projects and teaching opportunities and/or activities.

I invite you to share your ideas as well—I know you have some.

I can't imagine Wanamaker without the thriving oasis of New Bethel Baptist Church!

Janie Bryant,

Treasurer

**Youth Pizza Fundraiser Update**

The Youth Group gives a big "Thank you!" to everyone who ordered pizzas. We sold forty-nine pizzas at New Bethel and thirty-three at Zion. We will split the proceeds accordingly.

The pizzas will be assembled today at NBBC. We ask that anyone who purchased pizzas please try to arrive around 3-3:30 p.m., and we will do our best to have all the pizzas ready at that time.

The proceeds after supplies were purchased is shown below. Thank you again!

Total Sales                            $882.00 NBBC $227.92

Total Supplies                    - $495.42 Zion $158.66

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| Net Proceeds | $386.58 |
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|  | Julianne and Rob Thomas | |
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**God’s Bounty Accepts Pizza Donations**

If you have purchased pizza(s) for God’s Bounty, please follow these procedures: pick up at NBBC, freeze, bring pizza(s) to the pantry this coming Wednesday between 6-7 p.m. We will gratefully accept them in this manner. Thank you!

Janie Bryant, President

God’s Bounty Board of Directors

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**Free Depression Screenings Offered**

Where: Christian Theological Seminary, 1050 West 42nd Street

When: Walk-in depression screenings are on Thursday, October

18th from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; screenings by appointment are

October 15-20th.

Call 317-924-5205 to discuss a free screening or make an

appointment.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

So many things happening!

First, I am glad to report that Ruth Ann Mills and John Huddleston have volunteered to be our OneCOP Congregational Coordinators! Thank you, Ruth Ann and John!

Our worship song leading has begun. This is helpful when singing unknown tunes. Thank you, John Huddleston, for your ministry!

If you are someone who would like to continue to work with children, please provide your social security number to Church Secretary Jan Nagle or me so I can do background checks. Thank you for helping us protect our children and leaders. And just to be clear: background check information will remain with me only.

Thank you to those who participated in the recent Sunday School special topic on hospital and home visitation. I appreciate your time and attention to this vital ministry.

Have you noticed the couch, two chairs, and table placed as a “conversation area” in Fellowship Hall? Thank you to the donors and the movers! Enjoy those *realllly* soft seats! 😊

The Worship Team is in conversation with the Deacons about our upcoming worship celebrations. November’s worship will generally have a theme of gratitude. As in recent years, the Deacons have purchased Advent devotionals for you. We are hoping to get our favorite liturgical dancers back before long as well. Watch for further announcements and invitations as the dates get closer.

I heard a news report on National Public Radio (NPR) recently about the accuracy and source of much of the news (so-called) that finds its way to Facebook. The results of a study show that about one-third of items had their source outside of the United States and were apparently constructed to create division amongst diverse groups in the United States.

Please use your most-wise and discerning self when determining if an item you see on Facebook is factual. Please use caution in repeating these items or jumping to conclusions about another body of people. Being curious and searching for other sources that report similar news instead of jumping on a bandwagon about the content of a news item may be the most helpful thing you can do for yourself and others.

The proposed budget will be printed and available on Sunday, October 21st. We will have two question and answer sessions about the proposed 2019 budget. The dates are October 28th and November 4th. The sessions will immediately follow worship. Come prepared with your questions as Moderator Kevin Winton leads those sessions. The vote on the 2019 budget will be November 11th at our business meeting.

Along those same lines, Treasurer Janie Bryant has an article about our finances in this week’s bulletin. Please read it carefully.

Janie notes that we are behind in our giving in relationship to our expenses this year, mostly due to facility maintenance costs. This dynamic of lower giving and higher expenses could become an ongoing challenge for us. Our facility is aging, and as that happens, we will likely continue to have high maintenance costs.

Additionally, our giving and our expenses are signs of a larger challenge that we and literally hundreds of other U.S. congregations face: aging facilities and aging congregation members.

The average age of an American congregation member has been getting older and older for years. Most churches are much like us; i.e., the majority of our members are at least sixty years old. We have younger folks, of course, but there are not nearly as many of them as there are of us “old folks.”

I am not big on drama or crises thinking or jumping into panic mode. I don’t think it is helpful or necessary. However, it also does us no good to deny the reality that is before us.

We need intentional, honest, and faithful conversations about the future of New Bethel. Please be in prayer and consider your input.

Grace and peace to you as we trust in our Lord and our God,

Pastor Janet

**We Need Your Help**

The Sunday School and Children’s Church programs are going through a change. We need two adults present at all times when we are working with our children. There is no requirement to help other than be present. If you would like to participate, please do so! If there are no volunteers, we simply cannot have these programs.

The CE board, Youth Leaders, and Pastor Janet humbly request that all kids 7th grade and up remain in worship, instead of participating in Children’s Church.

I will be asking people to help anyway they can, or you may call me at 317-509-0644 to volunteer. With everyone’s help, we can offer great programs for our kids!

Ruth Ann Mills, Sunday School Superintendent

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**From the Moderator**



The Council is looking for a different way to approach nominations for committees this year. Several already serve on a committee, and many also serve on multiple committees. If you would like to continue serving another year on a committee or would like to be involved with one of the committees, the Council will have a list for each in Fellowship Hall following worship the next few Sundays. There are many opportunities to serve as well as enjoy the fellowship of others in the church.

All are invited to join after worship on November 11th for the last Quarterly Business Meeting for 2018. Board reports, 2019 budget, and the slate of officers and committee members will be presented.

The refreshment theme will be soup/crock pot for this quarter. Paper bowls, Saltine and Ritz crackers, and drinks will be available. You are more than welcome to bring your own place setting.

Please join in as we begin to plan for 2019.

Kevin Winton, Moderator

**New Bethel Baptist Trivia**

1989 Ed Logsdon made a cabinet for the TV and VCR used by the Sunday School.

The lot in the addition behind the church (was to be used to build a new parsonage) was sold and the money was used to connect to city sewer.

A new furnace was installed in the sanctuary and air conditioning was installed in Fellowship Hall.

1990 New windows were installed in Fellowship Hall.

Community meetings were held in Fellowship Hall with topics of gangs and AIDS.

1991 The first color picture directory was made.

1992 Community meetings were held for older adults, presented by St. Francis.

Don Leonard’s Last Will and Testament provided for the Common Investment Fund still held at Valley Forge, PA.

First Easter Egg Hunt was held.

Sue Winton was elected president of ABC-GI, the first husband and wife to that office.

1993 Rev. Frank Carlson was named Pastor Emeritus.

John Holmes Fund started in Common Investment Fund at Valley Forge, PA.

Kathryn Holmes became the first woman to be an Honorary Deacon.

1994 Euchre Club was started.

1995 NBBC honors those who have been members for fifty years, two are still living.

A community meeting was held to discuss funeral planning.



When my wife, Kihomi, and I first met Lumenia, she was a single mother living away from her children, working as a maid for a family at the Christian University of North Haiti. It was painful for her to be apart from her children, she shared with Kihomi, and she was deeply concerned because they were often ill. Kihomi offered prayer and support for Lumenia during this difficult time.

Lumenia eventually decided to return to her village. This was a turning point in her life. She learned how to care for her children and planted a garden to grow healthy food, and before long their health improved.

Today, Lumenia is proud to see her children thriving—one is a nurse, two are teachers and the fourth is an agriculture student. Lumenia has been able to buy a home and start a small business raising turkeys. Thank you for walking alongside us in the work of helping people like Lumenia and her family.

**Nzunga Mabudiga** | *IM missionary in Haiti*

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Mission Offering through your church or online at **www.worldmissionoffering.org**. Thank you!