**Welcome to New Bethel Baptist Church**

**Sunday, June 14, 2020**

**Prelude** Dr. Christina Romero-Ivanova

\***Gathering Hymn** *Joy of My Desire*  #744

**\*Call to Worship**

One: What can we offer the Lord for all Christ has done

for us?

**Many: We can offer ourselves as a witness.**

One: What can we offer the Lord for all our Creator has

done for us?

**Many: We can offer our unconditional love to our**

**neighbors.**

One: What can we offer the Lord for all Christ has done

for us?

**Many: We can do justice, love mercy and walk**

**humbly with our God.**

One: What can we offer the Lord for all our Creator has

done for us?

**All: We can spread the unconditional love given to**

**us by our Creator and Savior.**

**\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer** (*using “sins”*) Karen Pappas

**Scripture Reading** Romans 5:1-8 Karen Pappas

**Worship Prayer**   Julianne Thomas

**\*Hymn** *The Servant Song*#424

**Children’s Message** Lisa Caffrey

**Scripture Reflection**  Acts 1:6-11 Julianne Thomas

**\*Hymn** *O How He Loves You and Me* #349

**Ministry Opportunities** Karen Pappas

How to Give Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology #815

\*Prayer Karen Pappas

**Benediction** Julianne Thomas

**Postlude** Dr. Christina Romero-Ivanova

**Update to the NBBC Website**

Find Pastor Janet’s e-mail messages, Daily Scripture Readings, Online Giving, Today’s Thoughts, and other information about our online ministry on a tab entitled “Weekly Online Ministry” on the church website — http://www.newbethelbapt.org

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**Thank You and Blessings to . . .**

* Thank you to Julianne Thomas for leading us in worship today.
* Thank you to all those who have stepped up to give help to God’s Bounty in our community.

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**Daily Scripture Readings for This Week**

Monday, June 15, 2020: Psalm 126; Genesis 23:1-19;

1 Thessalonians 3:1-5 or Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45;

Joshua 1:1-11;

Tuesday, June 16, 2020: Psalm 126; Genesis 25:7-11;

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5 or Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45;

1 Samuel 3:1-9

Wednesday, June 17, 2020: Psalm 126; Psalm 126;

Nehemiah 9:1-8; Luke 6:12-19 or Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Proverbs 4:10-27

Thursday, June 18, 2020: Psalm 86:1-10; Exodus 12:43-49;

Hebrews 2:5-9 or Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah 18:12-17;

Friday, June 19, 2020: Psalm 86:1-10; Genesis 35:1-4; Acts 5:17-26

or Psalm 69:7-10. 16-18; Jeremiah 18:18-23

Saturday, June 20, 2020: Psalm 86:1-10; Ezekiel 29:3-7;

Luke 11:53-12:3 or Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah 20:1-6

Sunday, June 21, 2020: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;

Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

**Welcome to New Bethel Baptist Church**

**We are blessed by your presence!**

**Sunday, June 14, 2020**



**Guests and Members:**  If you have questions or would like more information about New Bethel, please feel free to contact the church office. Thank you!

*An American Baptist*

*Congregation*

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**All Are Welcome**

**Weekly Activities Online Only**

Wednesdays online Bible Study 10 a.m.

Wednesdays online Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

Thursdays online Book Discussion, *If Grace Is True,* 1 p.m.

10:30 a.m., Sunday Worship, live-stream only

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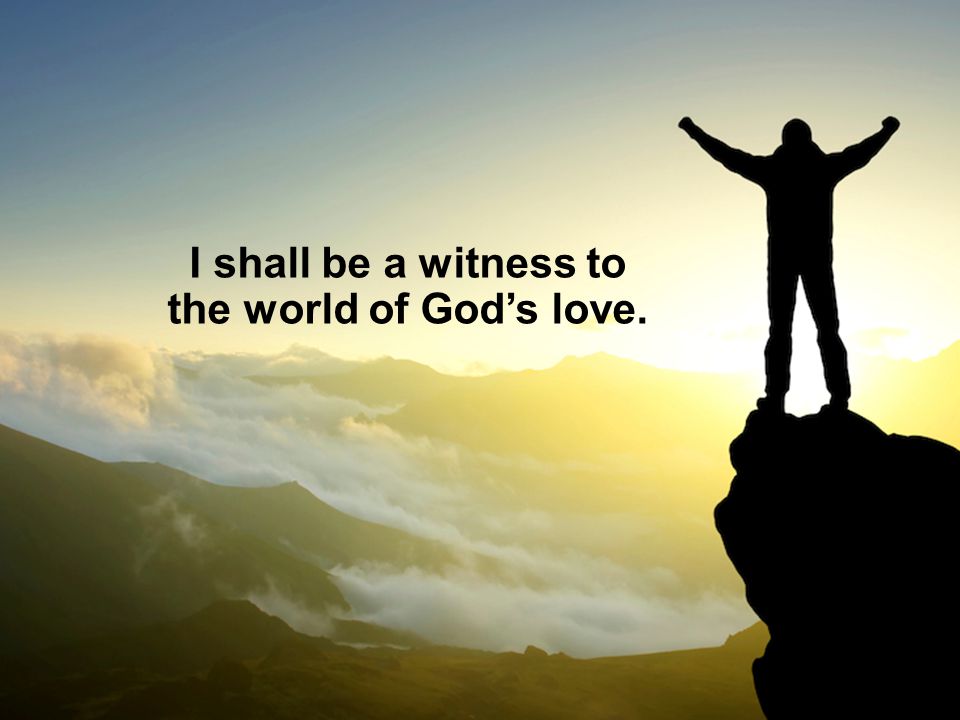
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Rev. Dr. Janet F. Hoover, Pastor

Jan Nagle, Secretary

Church Office Hours: contact Pastor or NBBC Secretary



*We are one, and through solidarity*

*we more clearly identify and name*

*the systems that separate us.*

*We find in ourselves and in the other*

*the true “image of God”*

*in which we are*

*created and connected.*

*—* Richard Rohr

**Covid-19 Causes Changes**

The Center for Congregations is offering all of its workshops online and free-of-charge. To see what is being offered just go to the Center for Congregations website. Click on workshops at www.centerfor congregations.org to see your options.

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The Lions Club has officially canceled the Old Settlers Day street fair for this year.

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NBBC’s Strawberry Festival is cancelled for this year.

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The day of the ABC-GI Annual Gathering has been changed to Sunday, August 2nd. We will be hosted by Lebanon First. If you have already sent in your registration, it will be held for the new date.

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**Happening This Week**

Today Flag Day

Live-stream worship only

June 17 10 a.m., Online Bible Study, contact Pastor for

connection information to Zoom, weekly

scriptures in bulletin and on website

7 p.m., Online Prayer Meeting using Zoom, general

connection information on website and in Today’s Thoughts; contact John Huddleston for the password

18 1 p.m., Online Book Discussion, *If Grace Is True,*

contact Pastor for connection information to Zoom

June 21 Father’s Day

**Zoom Bible Study and Book Discussion Group**

To join Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. or the discussion of the book *If Grace Is True* on Thursdays at 1 p.m., please contact me for connection information.

Godspeed, Pastor Janet

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*If one of the primary markers of a Christian life*

*is solidarity as modeled by Jesus,*

*I am afraid that most of us still have a long way to go.*

— Richard Rohr

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**Worship Music Copyright and Live-Streaming Permissions**

“Joy of My Desire” text and music by Jennifer Randolph;

“The Servant Song’’ text and music by Richard Gilliard;

“O How He Loves You and Me” text and music by Kurt Kaiser;

“Doxology” text by Thomas Ken and music by *Genevan Psalter;*

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“Blessings” by Laura Story;

“The Prayer” by Carol Bayer Sager and David Foster;

“Yaweh is My Song” by Christina Ivanova and Mihaela Williams;

“I Got Peace Like a River, I Give You Peace” by Rollie Mains;

“Pass It On” by Kurt Kaiser;

“Great is Thy Faithfullness” by Thomas Chisholm and

William M. Runyan;

“Quiet Place” by Ralph Carmichael;

“We Shall Behold Him” by Dottie Rambo;

“Jesus, Name Above All Names” by Nadia Hearn.

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**Twelve Ways to Love Your Neighbor During COVID-19**

by Molly Stillman

1. If you have the ability to sew, make masks for those who need them.
2. Coordinate a neighborhood “social distancing” gathering. . . . just bring out a chair at the end of [the] driveway and laugh and talk with each other.
3. Become a pen pal for a grand-friend. . . . [write] letters of encouragement to people who are in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, etc. just trying to brighten their day!
4. Send a random postcard or . . . snail mail to [someone] you know could use a pick-me-up. … sending a letter or note to someone telling them why you are grateful for them could be just the message they need to hear at that moment!
5. Call and check in on friends or family members.
6. Contact your local food bank or food distribution center to find out what immediate needs they have.
7. Reach out to your church and find out if there is a family (or two) [that has] any immediate needs.
8. Offer to go grocery shopping or pickup groceries for a neighbor who is elderly, disabled, immune-compromised, a single parent, [those] out of work, etc.
9. Send a gift card to a local restaurant or restaurant delivery service to someone you know could use a blessing of a meal. This is really a double blessing because not only are you supporting a local business that could be hurting right now, but you are also blessing a family!
10. Take some sidewalk chalk and walk . . . your neighborhood and write encouraging verses of scripture, quotes, etc. to encourage others as they go about their day!
11. Offer to cut your neighbor’s grass or do any yard work that might need to be done.
12. Sponsor a child in poverty. The health systems of even the highest-income nations . . . have been pushed to the limits by this pandemic. And lower-income nations are far less equipped to deal with the consequences. There has never been a better time to connect with a child through a sponsorship program.

**Audio/Visual Grant Project Update**

New Bethel will soon welcome new technology and equipment to improve and enhance your worship experience! After much discussion amongst your lay-leaders, we have decided to hire Designed Sound & Audio to make the updates to our system.

This means that NBBC will soon be the owner of new equipment: a camcorder, two wireless mics, a computer, needed internet and electrical components, and a fancy-dancy camera.

The new wireless mics are set such that there will be no interference from others using radio signals in our area, such as the police.

The new camcorder will replace our ten-year-old camera. The old camcorder is still usable, but the technology has advanced so much that the old one is nearly obsolete.

The computer is needed to keep Rob from having to use his personal computer to run the audio/visual equipment.

The camera will hang in the sanctuary. It will be *especially* helpful when we reopen our facility and have some of you live-streaming from home and some of you in the sanctuary for worship. Also, the camera has programmable settings, meaning that it will not have to be adjusted manually throughout worship. Additionally, it will be easier to train new folks to run the camera.

This project = ~$8,000. The Center for Congregations Grant is worth $5,000, making our expense about $3,000.

I did not mention replacing the broken speakers. We tested the one we want, and it was great — no squeals or squeaks! But we need about $4,000 more to replace the speakers, and your leaders decided to wait on that purchase. In the meantime, you will notice two Fellowship Hall “speakers” on the platform in the sanctuary. This will be our “look” and sound until new speakers are purchased.

Let me know if you have questions or if you have about $4,000 looking for a place to call home! 😊

Blessings, Pastor Janet

**ABC Camps Re-Imagined**

Regular camp may be cancelled but leaders have devised a new camp idea made to fit our current Covid-19 context. See the notice in this bulletin about “Camp Connect” for more information, and check the camp websites for more details.

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**From ABC-GI Executive Minister Joan Freisen**

***As You Look to Re-Open Your Building***

While things change, they still stay the same. At the end of the week the stay-at-home order will be lifted for all of Indiana. And while you will have the freedom to gather once again, we urge great caution in moving too quickly.

Protecting vulnerable groups (those over sixty and those with medical conditions) is a key factor in making your decisions. We are anxious and ready to be gathered together for worship. We miss seeing one another! At the same time at least five of our churches will face the grief of having had members die from COVID-19 and caring for others who are sick.

Take things slow. Take precautions. Keep your masks and social distancing guidelines. Keep using on-line worship. All these things will help us be safe and healthy.

We are learning many ways to still be the church without meeting in our buildings. Others are seeing the care we have for our neighbors in providing food and other resources. God is using this time in ways we don't yet see.

A big thank you to those who have been providing extra funding for your church's ministry and are contributing to our regional work. Together we can do this!

Rev. Joan Friesen

**Here’s an Idea**

*From the Gottman Institute*

Here are items to consider as you self-reflect during this coming week.

This Instagram post from Redefining Our Womanhood suggests these four questions to check in with yourself:

* How can I give myself permission to accept joy in moments

of sorrow?

* What are ways I can cultivate stillness into my daily life?
* Have I been moving the negative energy out of my body?

How can I tend to my vessel?

* How can I honor my anger?

Self-care is important, especially in times of collective overwhelm. If you aren’t tending to your own experience with awareness, it’s harder to connect with and love others.

What does self-care look like for you? It doesn’t have to be a bubble bath or a mud mask, as nice as those may be.

How can you create time for yourself to take stock? If you are undertaking the work of confronting your own biases, how can you do that with self-compassion?

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**God’s Bounty Food Pantry**

COVID-19 has impacted God’s Bounty community mission. The mission is a drive-through for clients with volunteers working outside, and this probably will continue through June.

During the pandemic we have experienced a twenty-one percent increase in clients. Many of the clients are families with four to seven individuals in need. God’s Bounty has been blessed by additional funds from Meijer, funds from a grant from Gleaners Regional Food Bank, and an additional donation via Midwest Food Bank. All of these have facilitated our ability to serve more clients.

Some of the churches sponsoring God’s Bounty have stepped up and increased donations. God’s Bounty can always use any additional donations from NBBC. Also, some of our congregation members are volunteering to work in this difficult time, and others are committed to work and/or volunteer in the future as the grip of the pandemic and needed restrictions begin to relax.

If you can volunteer on Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. to receive donations or Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. for the Gleaners Truck or anytime during 1-6:30 p.m. on Thursdays to serve clients, please let me know via e-mail at KPY6767@att.net or by phone 317-862-6767.

God Bless, Paul Young

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**An Update From The Moderator**

Dear Friends,

I ran into a high school classmate at Kroger this weekend. The two of us had not crossed paths for at least two decades. We immediately reached out to shake hands out of habit without considering the guidelines set out by the Health and Hospital Board. We did get a couple of concerned looks from other shoppers. I did not realize how much I miss the simple act of shaking hands with a friend. We are working on a plan to safely and responsibly reopen the doors of New Bethel Baptist Church.

The Church Council is working to follow guidelines and protocol established by the CDC, Gov. Holcomb’s office, and the Marion County Health and Hospital Board. A church setting is unique as we gather in a confined area for an extended period of time and lift our voices in song. In talks with my school superintendent, we discussed the responsibility of making a decision that could have a major health impact on the community. The goal is to be able to continue to worship and keep all safe and healthy. Looking forward to a large celebration when we return to gather together.

We hope all understand the decision to remain closed at least through the month of July. Please continue to communicate with each other via email, text, and phone calls, as well as continue to worship with us on Sunday mornings. God will continue to work through us and bless each of us. Please look at the questions listed below. Please call your Deacon Flock Shepherd or your Deacon Chair Sue Winton with your response to the following:

**When would you be comfortable returning to a church setting**

**with masks required to attend worship?**

**a) Would you worship in the sanctuary if there were no singing**

**during the service?**

**b) Do you plan to wait to attend service until there is a vaccine**

**for COVID – 19?**

**c) I am ready now**

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving,*

*and his courts with praise.*

*Give thanks to him, bless his name.*

*For the Lord is good;*

*his steadfast love endures forever,*

*and his faithfulness to all generations.*

— Psalm 100: 4–5

Peace and Good Health,

Kevin Winton