



EVANGEL HEIGHTS UMC BEACON

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Pastor's
Thought

The paintings by our church artists are arriving and being hung on the walls of the Sanctuary. I have been in contact with Jeshua Franklin, the director of The Voices of Triumph, at Bethel College, who will provide music this Sunday. This Sunday promises to be a great experience in both visual and musical art forms. God is good. He fills our lives with so much creativity. Two obscure figures come to my mind from the pages of Scripture, Bezalel and Oholiab. Who? They were the two craftsmen God chose to aid in the construction of the tabernacle, the holy tent where God dwelled in the midst of His people. Bezalel, in particular, was filled with God's Spirit (Exodus 31:2–3), a rare occurrence in Old Testament times. Scattered through Exodus 31 – 37 are fleeting reminders of their important work. Each of us have abilities, time, giftedness and passion. It does our soul good to employ these God-given capabilities on behalf of others and God's Kingdom.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Pat



First Quarter (January – March) Financial Update

The first quarter of 2018 has been rough with income falling short of expenses by \$8,591.15.

Income: \$63,082.09 Expenses: \$71,673.24 Shortfall: \$8,591.15

What makes this more alarming is that there were no exceptional expenses, other than a slightly more difficult winter than the past two years. For several years, we have not experienced such a shortfall. Certain things may have contributed to this, such as a fewer number of Sundays in 2018's first quarter versus years past, and, the full impact of numerous out-of-area moves by people once actively in our church.

We have always had a great Finance Team and they will be evaluating trends closely. In the meantime, awareness of this need is important, just as Paul, in the New Testament honestly addressed similar needs with the early churches. Thank you, as you prayerfully receive this information. We have been exceedingly blessed, and continue to promote God's Kingdom in all the ways He calls us: Stephen Ministry, prayer ministry, Disability Ministry, our work at Hope, Bashor and Broadway, outreach to Ghana and Honduras, PDO ministry, Lamb Ministry. The lives of thousands of people, worldwide, have been touched through your faithfulness. Thank you.

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CALENDAR FOR APRIL 22 THROUGH APRIL 28

Sunday, April 22

- 8:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- noon Healing Service
- 2:00 p.m. MYM in Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, April 23

- 12:30 p.m. Ladies Bridge
- 2:15 p.m. Stephen Ministers

Tuesday, April 24

- 10:15 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer

Wednesday, April 25

- 11:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 12:30 p.m. Mosaic Spiritual Enrichment
- 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday, April 26

- 8:00 a.m. Broadway Breakfast
- 6:00 p.m. LOG Team – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Evangel Ringers' Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 27

- 6:30 p.m. God Sightings at Deethardt's Home



We will be hosting a baby shower for James and Kimberly

Thompson on May 12th from 2-4 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. We only ask that you RSVP for food preparation purposes.



Last Week's Beacon Follows





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“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it...” These words inspire me to ponder all that our senses can take in. Sometimes our world becomes small.

Our routines, traditions and preferences create controlled and comforting walls. What we miss, however, is the expanse of God’s Creation, the exuberance and joy that is still evident around us. When we draw our world small, we will likewise make God small, make hope small, make redemption and transformation small. As the title of the great J.B. Phillips book suggests, *Your God Is Too Small*.

This single verse assists me to wake up in the morning and stretch my arms out wide, to consider the height and depth and length and width of who God is, his love and redemptive work.

Over the next few weeks we will witness some of God’s creative work through musicians and artists.

This Sunday, April 15, Maria Casarella, gifted soprano soloist and Dr. Anthony Beer will share their musical gifts.

Sunday, April 22, Voices of Triumph, led by Jeshua Franklin, from Bethel College will provide special music. (A full concert will be held on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary.)

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Pastor's Message Continued:

Sunday, May 13, in addition to our choir, a trio from the Idyllwild Arts Academy in California will provide some of our music. The trio is competing in the internationally renowned Fischhoff Competition being held at The University of Notre Dame that same weekend.

We praise and glorify the Lord through many expressions of creativity. Yes, the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!

See you Sunday,

Pastor Pat

Neither February-like temperatures nor March like winds will deter **JOY FELLOWSHIP** from meeting Monday, April 16th at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall.

A carry-in dinner will be followed by our own JoEllen Hess telling us more about her trip to Honduras last summer. If you missed Jo and Penny's presentation during Lent, you missed a great opportunity! You have a second opportunity to learn about this country in South America and Lindsey's mission work there. Hope to see you. Don't miss it!

Crystal Clear



We have some coupons in the church office for golf course deals and wineries. If these interest you, please stop in and pick up some for yourself or your group. (example: Four Lakes has a coupon for 2 for 1 golf – cart included). There are 16 golf courses and 16 wineries offering savings.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER at Battell Center, 904 North Main Street, Mishawaka, Thursday, May 3, 2018, noon – 1:00. For more information there is a poster on the bulletin board. www.nationaldayofprayer.org

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 15 THROUGH APRIL 21

Sunday, April 15

- 8:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 2:00 p.m. LOG
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group at Epworth UMC
- 5:30 p.m. MYM Dinner/Annual Meeting

Monday, April 16

- 11:15 a.m. JOY Fellowship
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Tuesday, April 17

- 10:15 a.m. Worship Design
- 11:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. God Sightings/Caregivers at Robison's Home

Wednesday, April 18

- 11:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. Hearth Worship Service
- 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon
- 6:30 p.m. Trustees' Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday, April 19

- 8:00 a.m. Broadway Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. District Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Evangel Ringers' Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 20

- 6:30 p.m. God Sightings at Deethardt's Home

