



Connections

“The making of new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

First UMC Bethany

November 2013

We Are Blessed By God

Our worship service on Sunday, October 27, was a blessing to everyone as we consecrated the new Yamaha baby grand piano to God. Through countless hours Barb Shelby coordinated the purchase and the consecration. Through the generosity of so many people, church members, friends and Nicholas Shelby's memorial fund, the piano is now on our chancel.



Special piano solos by Christine Hunt and Laura Shelby Kilpatrick filled our sanctuary with the most beautiful, melodic music that many of us had a tear or two in our eyes. Then the choir, which included Barb's children, spouses and a grandchild, along with our choir members, continued the awe inspiring worship service with the song *You Raised Me Up*.



Before the first note was played on that special morning, Barb, spoke about the journey for this grand piano to our church. From the group that traveled to Kansas City where Christine and Laura played many pianos to choose just the right one to her appreciation to everyone who contributed to make this purchase possible, Barb offered her deepest gratitude.

Pastor Susan offered the Scripture from Psalm 150 and we “praised the Lord” with our voices. She spoke about how we praise the Lord with sharing our gifts just as the choir and musicians had shared their gifts with God and us on this special Sunday. As she said, this is a gift we offer God, ourselves...



We ended the special Sunday with a delicious lunch and everyone said, “this was a great Sunday!” And it was...



Great Fellowship, Food and A Scary Hayride



Happy chatter filled the air as children and adults enjoyed the fall festival at the church Sunday night October 20. The evening began with a tasty hotdog roast and other great food such as chili, chips, cup cakes, pumpkin bars and smores. While some ate, others played games and enjoyed the play area. Some adults sat on bales of straw around the dancing fire and visited while they nervously checked the score of the KC Chiefs game. Others enjoyed visiting around tables inside.

Hayrides began at 6:15 for the smaller children and their parents. They enjoyed a pleasant ride along the lake as Bob spun a wild yarn about a man called wild and crazy Bill. Riders were encouraged to scream as they responded to Boo. When the wagon turned into "spooky valley" the riders were filled with excited anticipation as they saw signs which told them to keep out! They passed a mysterious cemetery where crazy Bill's cousins were buried. Then they came upon a spooky witch brewing some poison while "she" danced and chanted. As the wagon moved into the grove of cedars a giant man yelled as he burst from the trees with his chainsaw ripping into the night. Some of the children were so scared that they went on the hayride three times. By the third ride they were telling the new riders what would happen next. Thanks to Janie, Alice, Tammy, Bob and all the volunteers!

Stewardship and You

Pastor Susan will be starting a series of sermons on stewardship and finance. This activity normally occurs in the fall when we focus on our financial commitment to the church. We have done very well with our building note for the new church. The cost of the church was \$789,000 and the note is now \$125,150 in a little over two years. Great job!! But, we must continue to work on the note. The interest is still a little over \$20 per day. In addition to paying the building note, we have the normal operating expenses. We are doing fine with these expenses except for the apportionments which are a bit in arrears. Please consider what you can do to keep our church in a strong financial position.

Dick Graner, Finance Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 13 JAM 3:30pm-5:00pm
Church Council at 6:30pm**
- Nov 17 Full Breakfast 8:30am-9:15am**
- Nov 20 Annual Turkey Dinner 5pm-7pm**
- Nov 28 Office Closed-Thanksgiving**

Food Pantry Item for November-Peanut butter

Daylight Savings Time Ended November 3

PRAYER CONCERNS



Mike Oneal Family
 Bertha Parker Family
 Gina Myers Family
 Jordan Langfitt Family
 Mildred Parker-Health concerns
 Helyn Easton-Health concerns
 Leslie Ragan-Health concerns (niece of Phill & Janie Martz & Brent & Amy Ragan)
 Rex Lacy-Health concerns
 The Daisy Coleman Family-going through a very difficult time
 Marvin Stanton-Continued health concerns
 Anna Wyant-Health concerns
 Mike Wells-Recovering at home from bone Marrow transplant
 Juanita Poush-Continued health concerns
 Residents of Bethany Care Center and Crestview

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

*9:30 am Worship
 10:40 am Sunday School*

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3 9:30 am Worship 10:40 am Sunday School	4	5 9:00 am Lunch Box 9:00 am Prayer Team 9:30 am Prayer Shawl 5:00 pm Choir	6 3	7 9:00 am Lunch Box 9:30 am Prayer Shawl 7:00 pm Singles	8	9	
10 9:30 am Worship 10:40 am Sunday School	11	12 9:00 am Lunch Box 9:00 am Prayer Team 9:30 am Prayer Shawl 5:00 pm Choir	13 3:30-5:00 J AM 6:30 Church Council	14 9:00 am Lunch Box 9:30 am Prayer Shawl 7:00 pm Singles	15	16	
17 8:30-9:15 Full Breakfast 9:30 am Worship 10:40 am Sunday School	18	19 9:00 am Prayer Team 9:00 am Lunch Box 9:30 am Prayer Shawl 5:00 pm Choir	20 5:00-7:00 Turkey Dinner	21 9:00 am Lunch Box 9:30 Prayer Shawl 7:00 pm Singles	22	23	
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Birthdays:	
11-1 Alice Hammond	11-4- Juanita Poush
11-1 Verna Herzog	11-5 Ron Hunt 1
11-3 Debbie Woodring	11-5 Reece Littrell
11-3 Alexandria Easton	11-7 Whitney Thomas
	11-11 Gracyn Rongey
	11-15 Nadine Van Swearingen
	11-18 Phylus Dale
	11-18 Christine Hunt
	11-21 Donna Fish
	11-22 Levi Lenon
	11-22 Neva Everly



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Thank You!

Thank you from the Shelby family for the dream that came true with the realization of the new grand piano made possible by church members and friends. It truly was an experience that none of us will ever forget. Thanks again for everything and for all those who provided the wonderful meal. It was a wonderful Sunday and we know Nic was smiling down from heaven...

The Shelby Family

Fellowship for Christian Athletes

Our church is a part of FCA at South Harrison High School. We take a light breakfast to the students once a month that are a part of FCA. The students meet in Room 107 every Thursday morning at 7:30 am for a devotion, Scripture and fellowship. Last year 7 or 8 students participated. This year 28-30 participate. Many churches from the area are a part of this important ministry to our youth. The churches that are a part of this important youth ministry are Blue Ridge Christian Union, Bethany First Baptist, Immanuel Baptist and First United Methodist of Bethany. Anyone wanting to help with this ministry please see Janie.

New Middle School Class

The new middle school class, grades 4th-8th grade is going great! We have an average attendance of 6. We have learned a lot about prayer. Think of tacos when you pray. (Thanksgiving, adoration, confession, others and supplication).

Radio Ministry Sponsors

Nov 3-Shila & Andrew Callaway-In memory of Doris Stevens and Charlene Sperry
 Nov 10-In memory of Slade and Grandpa
 Nov 17-In memory of Joe Walter & Melvin Smith
 Nov 24-Rand & Jane Slama-In memory of Jane's Father

ATTENDANCE - SUNDAY SERVICE

October 6-102 October 13-81
 October 20-103 October 27-98

Annual Turkey Dinner

Our Annual Turkey Dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 20 from 5pm-7pm. Lots of good food! Hope everyone can join us! Come by the office for tickets.