



# Connections

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

First UMC Bethany

July 2014

## A Firm Foundation

One of my favorite old hymns to sing is "How Firm a Foundation." These words remind us that God has safely brought us to the present, and we have every indication that He will continue to guide us, and our church, to His will in the future. I have began my work as pastor to the Bethany community with this same hope for our congregation. God has used the work of so many members and pastors who have come before, and I am privileged to join you in ministry to our community. God has given so many of you talents and resources that I know will take us into a bright and glorious future. I am so thankful for the welcome I have received by all of you.

One of my interests in the short term is to get to know each of you and your families on a more personal level. I want to know what you love about our church, and some things that you would really like to see happen. Over the next few months, I will be looking for some hosts who would be willing to get a small group of folks from our congregation together for an hour or so to help me get acquainted. Perhaps you like to cook, or would rather just share a few cookies, or have a morning coffee at McDonalds-whatever suits you best. My hope is that over the course of the summer, I will have had the opportunity to visit with all of our members sometime other than on Sunday morning. If hosting a Table For (About) 7 would interest you, please contact me soon.

I am so grateful that God has brought me to serve as your Pastor. We have much to be excited about.

See You Sunday,

Pastor Michael

## Vacation Bible School

We had a wonderful VBS with Mike & Glenda for grades K-3. Our Bible School was titled A Super Sensation Rock Solid with illusions, puppets, balloons, Bible stories and music. We had 31 register for Bible School and 15 register for Mission Camp. The children were all so excited with the wonderful Bible stories (the children were a part of the Bible stories) the balloons they received each evening and the unique music. They had delicious meals each evening.

Bob had an exciting week with the Mission Camp. The children and all the helpers had a devotion, games and a mission each evening. They picked up trash along 136, went to Crestview and visited with the residents and did gardening.

Thanks to all the helpers and anyone that helped in any way make our Bible School such a success.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 16 12:30 pm Mary Martha Circle –  
Summer Get Together**

**July 16 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting**

**July 20 11:00 am Welcome Dinner for Pastor  
Michael**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Mary Morgan-Health concerns  
Cindy Mueller-Health concerns  
Rev Doug & Nicole Franklin-Health concerns  
Ronnie Graham-Health concerns  
(Trace Graham's Father)  
Fred Breit-Health concerns  
Michael Dunlap-Our new Pastor, our Church  
and all who serve this month  
Residents of Bethany Care Center and  
Crestview & Bristol Manor  
The Lunch Box Ministry



**Food Pantry Item for July  
Canned Fruit**

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

# July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 Prayer Team  9:30 Prayer Shawl  5:00 Choir <b>Bible School 6-8pm</b>	2   <b>Bible School 6-8pm</b>	3  9:30 Prayer Shawl  7:00 Singles	4  <b>4th of July</b>	5
6 9:30 Worship 10:40 Sunday School	7 <b>9:00 Lunch Box Monday through Friday</b>	8 9:00 Prayer Team  9:30 Prayer Shawl  5:00 Choir	9	10  9:30 Prayer Shawl  7:00 Singles	11	12
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## Birthdays

July 2	Aaron Abbott	July 18	Bob Butler	July 25	Beverly Schmile
July 8	Troy Slagle	July 18	Michael Dunlap	July 30	Ida Marie Robertson
July 8	Rita Page	July 18	Marilyn Fordyce	July 30	Carol Wells
July 9	Ann Graner	July 23	David Thomas	July 31	Shila Callaway
July 16	Tom O'Neil	July 24	Anna Wyant		



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**We want you to know that your donation makes it possible for more children with cancer to attend our camps and enables us to offer support to their families. We are grateful to you for your caring. Thank you for your donation to help our kids be kids again.**

**Camp Quality of Northwest MO**

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**Thank You**

**Thank you so much for your donation to the Festival. We saw 8 salvations, 8 rededications and gave out 247 Bibles at the Prayer Tent. Thank you for helping bring this outreach to our community.**

**Resound Fest Team**

<b>ATTENDANCE - SUNDAY SERVICE</b>	<b><u>Radio Ministry Sponsors</u></b>
June 1 - 177      June 15 - 136 June 8 - 100      June 22 - 57 June 29 - 127	June 1 - Marilyn & Dean Jamis - Anniversary June 8 - Chris & Bob Birdsell - In honor of Jessica & Jered Rolves 1st Anniversary & Fred & Kathleen Conner's 53rd Anniversary. June 15 - Melanie, Rob & Katie Harryman - In honor of Dad's birthday, Mom & Dad's anniversary and Tommy's wedding June 22 - Jeff & Cindy Mueller - Anniversary June 29 - Andrew & Shila Callaway & Girls