

# BETHEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

NOVEMBER 16, 2008 - MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

DR. J. MARK BEACH

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Silent Prayer - Organ Response  
\*Votum and Salutation  
\*Song of Praise: # 187 (1,2,4,5) - *"Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise"*  
Reading of God's Law  
Assurance of Pardon  
Song of Response: # 121 - *"O God, to Us Show Mercy"*  
Congregational Prayer  
Giving of Our Offerings: General Fund  
\*Song of Preparation: # 79 - *"Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth"*  
Scripture Reading: Acts 16:1-15  
Sermon: **THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD'S MISSION TEAM**  
Prayer of Application  
Song of Dedication: # 36 - *"The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"*  
\*Benediction  
\*Doxology: # 493 - *"Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"*  
    "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
    Praise Him all creatures here below;  
    Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
    Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen"  
\*Postlude

*Organist:* Laura Zandstra

*\*Indicates congregation standing, if you are able.*

# EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

MR. MATTHEW NUIVER

Prelude  
5:20 pm - Song Service  
Choral Introit: *"Lord, You Gave the Great Commission"* Rowthorn/Taylor  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
Silent Prayer - Choral Response  
\*Votum & Salutation  
\*Song of Adoration: # 327 - *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*  
\*Apostles' Creed (p. 3)  
\*Song of Response: # 321 - *"O Day of Rest and Gladness"*  
Congregational Prayer  
Giving of our Offerings: Biblical Counseling Center  
\*Song of Preparation: # 253 - *"O Lord, Thy Perfect Righteousness"*  
Choral Anthem: *"Softly and Tenderly"* York  
Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:1-23  
Sermon: **PLANS**  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song of Dedication: # 463 - *"He Leadeth Me"*  
\*Benediction  
\*Doxology: # 469 - *"By the Sea of Crystal"*  
    "Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,  
    And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone!  
    God has wrought salvation, He did wondrous things;  
    Who shall not extol Thee, Holy King of Kings?"  
\*Postlude

*Organist:* Laura Zandstra

*Pianist:* Marcia Helms

*Song Service Leader/Choir Director:* Gaylord Haan

## SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** AM Greg & Ruthann Kroll  
PM Jim & Harriet Meekhof

**Coffee:** AM Brent & Rachel Bomers  
PM Tricia Plank family

**Ushers: (AM and PM)** – Herm Scholten, Doug DeWeerd, Jerry Brower, Dan Lubberts

**Nursery:** AM Jaime Barbrick, Val Nobel, Karilyn Barbrick  
PM Stacey Mulder, Sarah Steenwyk

**Library:** (following PM Service) – Lynda DeVries & Kelly Vanden Berg

**Nursery Cleaner:** Stacey Mulder

## SERVING NEXT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 23

**Greeters:** AM Glenn & Leah Kutzli  
PM Ted & Gloria Miedema

**Coffee:** AM Mike & Amber Vanden Berg  
PM Al & Cynthia Gemmen

**Ushers: (AM and PM)** – Mike Mulder, Randy Mulder, Paul Van Noord, Mike Reitsma

**Nursery:** AM Jill Brower, Amber Uitvlugt, Luke Barbrick  
PM Arlene Nobel, Mary Timmer

**Library:** (following PM Service) – Eleanor Dykema & Haley Zandstra

**Bus Driver:** Marv Elders

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING!!**

***Bethel Television Broadcast:*** Public Access Channel WCET (25) on Sundays at 11:30 am and Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. In the northern viewing area we are also on Channel 38 WMKG out of Muskegon, and Comcast Cable Channel 295 at 6 pm on Sunday evenings.

## NOVEMBER 16, 2008

***A warm welcome is extended to all worshiping with us today.*** Please stay for a time of coffee & fellowship after both services in our Fellowship Room. Our visitors are encouraged to either sign our guest book in the narthex or fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering basket.

***As part of our Mission Emphasis Week*** Dr. J. Mark Beach will be preaching this morning. He is Professor of Ministerial and Doctrinal Studies at Mid-America Reformed Seminary, and Associate Pastor of Redeemer URC in Dyer, Indiana. This evening, Mr. Matthew Nuiver of Middle East Reformed Fellowship will be preaching, and also will be displaying information about MERF.

***The Classis- wide pulpit exchange*** will take place next Sunday evening. Rev. Vander Meulen is scheduled to preach at Eastmanville URC while Rev. Freswick will lead us in worship.

***Plan ahead:*** The Thanksgiving Day worship service will be at 9:30 am on Thursday, November 27.

## OUR OFFERINGS

This Morning: General Fund

This Evening: Biblical Counseling Center

Next Sunday Morning: General Fund

Next Sunday Evening: Bethel Debt Reduction

## CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

### ***Today:***

- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:45 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:00 am - Leadership Training
- 11:05 am - Catechism Classes (LD II)
- Adult Sunday School
- 5:20 pm - Song Service
- 5:30 pm - Worship Service
- 6:45 pm - Coffee & Fellowship
- Visit the Library
- 7:00 pm - Middle/Youth/Post-High
- Young Couples

### ***Tuesday:***

- 9:45 am - Titus
- 7:00 pm - Choir

### ***Wednesday:***

- 6:00 pm - Family Night

### ***Saturday:***

- 9:30 am - Bridal Shower

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Special Birthday:** Gesena Scholma - November 23

**Special Anniversaries:** Rev. Sy & Marty Voortman - November 22

Jake & Eunice Jonkman - November 26

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** We express our sympathy to Marie Vlieg, whose sister-in-law, Dena Vlieg, passed away last Sunday.

~Please remember John Vander Helm and Herman Van Eck in your prayers.

**"With thanksgiving to God,** in whom we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28), we invite our congregation to share cake and coffee with us after the morning service next Sunday, November 23, as part of our celebration of our 85<sup>th</sup> birthdays."

- Herm Scholten (November 13) and Sy Voortman (December 5)

**"Dear Bethel Family,** we want to thank you for keeping our family in your prayers during our Mom, Grandma & Aunt's recent hospitalization and home going. We are so comforted to know that she is with her Lord, free from all of the struggles and health issues she endured for so many years. Your prayers, cards, and expressions of concern were greatly appreciated. 'When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be, when we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!'"

In Christ Alone, The Veldkamp, Evertsberg & Plank families

**"From the bottom of our hearts, we thank our loving Bethel family** for your support for us at our adoption fundraiser dinner. Together we raised about \$22,500 in donations and pledges! We give God the praise for His provision thus far, and are confident He will continue to be faithful to supply the funding needed as we move forward in bringing our children home. A huge THANK YOU also to everyone who contributed food and helped set-up, prepare and serve dinner. You all made the evening go smoothly and we are very grateful for your help."

Love, Dan and Patti Vannette & Kurt and Jill Brower

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adult Sunday School** will meet this morning, DV, in the room next to the nursery. We will continue viewing Dr. R.C. Sproul on "The Task of Apologetics" from the Ligonier's DVD Contending for the Truth. All those not involved in Catechism or the Men's Leadership Training Class are invited to attend.

**Men's Leadership Training Class** will meet downstairs after this morning's service. Be prepared to discuss the questions at the bottom of page 251 (beginning with question #3).

**The Middle School Group and the Youth Group/Post-High Singles** will meet at church immediately after the evening service for a time of singing in the sanctuary. Please bring your instruments to church.

**Youth Group/Post-High Singles** will meet tonight, DV, at the Veldink home. We will continue viewing the Answers in Genesis DVD Demolishing Strongholds. All those in high school and post-high school singles are invited to join us. Supper will be provided.

**Young Couples Bible Study** will meet this evening. We will be discussing chapter 7 in "Each for the Other."

**Titus Women's Bible Study**- Tuesday, 9:45 am - Lesson 6 Snack: Janis Drew

**Family Night:** Wednesday, 6 pm. We will be having all different kinds of pizza from Papa Murphy's, so please sign up in the narthex if you will be coming for dinner.

Adult Bible Study: Ephesians 3 (lesson 3) Cadets: Lesson 6 B (7B for extra credit)

Boys Club and Girl's Club will also be meeting.

**This coming Saturday morning at 9 am is the bridal shower for Amber and Paul,** if you have not yet signed up and given your money, please do so no later than Tuesday. You can just place it in Christine Dykstra's mailbox. We look forward to sharing with fun and fellowship in celebration of this special time with Paul and Amber.

**Save the Date: The Middle-Agers** are planning an outing for the evening of Thursday, January 8. Please mark your calendars. More information will be coming.

**Men's Bible Study Please note:** Due to Thanksgiving day, our next meeting will be on Monday November 24 at 7 pm, at the church. Our study for the evening is from Acts chapter 8. Outlines can be found on the table in the narthex. We trust to see many of our men come and study and discuss the Word of God together.

**Secret Pal Breakfast Sign-up** ~ Saturday, December 6 at 9 am. Please sign up for a wonderful morning of fellowship and devotion. We welcome EVERY woman to come. Even if you do not participate in the "Secret Pal", we would love to see you there! The cost is \$5 per person and that can be given to Deb Folkema or Lori Reitsma.

**The Congregational Life Committee** has purchased a CD duplicator. There is now a request sheet for sermon CDs on the back table. We are no longer making cassettes. *You can also listen to sermons each week on our website: [www.jenisonbethel.org](http://www.jenisonbethel.org).*

**Has anyone seen the church's punchbowl??** Please return it to the upstairs kitchen. Thanks!

**Library Volunteers** ~ Due to computer issues, some Library Volunteers have been "lost". A sign-up sheet is on the back table, please take a moment and sign-up again as a new schedule will be coming out soon. If you're currently not a volunteer, but would like to be, we would love to have your help, thank you. - The Library Committee

**Love INC Gift Closet:** Soon it will be time to open the Gift Closet for Christmas shopping each Monday night and Saturday morning (10 am - noon) for 2 hours in December before Christmas. As usual, additional help will be needed, but especially this year since both Marilyn and Lil are recovering from surgery. There is a sign up sheet on the back table if you can help, or see Art Gaunt. Your reward will be to see happy faces from those that shop there!

**Tune into "The White Horse Inn"** radio program this evening at 9:00 on 102.9 FM WFUR. Tonight's topic: **"Christless Christianity, Revisited"** On this edition the hosts discuss the launch of Michael Horton's new book, *Christless Christianity: The Alternative Gospel of the American Church*. "Christless Christianity" has been the overall theme for the WHI throughout 2008, and now the hosts take another close look at this topic and interact with interviews from respected journalists and theologians from across the spectrum on this important matter.

**You've got to hear this!!** Rev. Murphy's timely message on The Great Commission, presented at the Classis Michigan Missions Rally, is available from the Dutton URC office, phone 698-6850.

**LOGOS 2009 single adults winter retreat** will be held January 1-3, 2009 at the Kettunen Retreat Center in Tustin, MI, Lord willing. Rev. Jeremy Veldman will speak on the topic: "Who's In Control?" Registration and payment due by December 10. Cost is \$145. Go to the RYS website located at [reformedyouthservices.org](http://reformedyouthservices.org) to register or email [rys@iserv.net](mailto:rys@iserv.net).

**This month we are collecting** Spartan UPC codes, Campbell's labels, and Box Tops for Education for Hudsonville Christian School. Please place them in the box in the narthex. Thank you!

**Little Mountaineer Fun Night:** Mark your calendars! December 6, 2008 from 5-8 pm the 11<sup>th</sup> graders of Zion Christian School will be hosting a night of fun and games for your children (Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade). The event will be adult and teacher chaperoned and will benefit the Junior/Senior Banquet fund. This is a great opportunity for parents to do some Christmas shopping or just have a quiet dinner together. More details coming soon.

**IMMEDIATE NEED:** Do you have a heart for low-income children and their families? The Pregnancy Resource Center has an **URGENT** need for ENFAMIL LIPIL milk-based formula (or brand equivalent), snowsuits, coats, mittens (birth to 4T) winter boots to size 4T, diapers size 4 and 5, and baby bottles. Call Deb or Cindy at 616-261-0014. For other needed items, please see our website [www.prcforlife.org](http://www.prcforlife.org).