

January  
2012

# BMZ News

## "Systems of the Church: Stewardship Part II"

*"BMZ: a place where the unchurched, de-churched, and over-churched can become deeply committed Christians."* What does a deeply committed Christian look like? A deeply committed Christian is a person that Knows God, Loves People and Serves the World consistently. Why? We want to "Change the World for Good One Child at a Time!" Every person you meet and don't meet is a potential child of God and God wants that person to get to know Him through His Son, Jesus the Christ. AND, our Bibles say that Jesus wants to use the "Church" to be the place where people can become fully developing followers of Jesus Christ.

I believe that God dreams of a Church that is filled with developing followers of Jesus the Christ. I believe that God desires for His Church to GROW! How do we know that? How do we know that God is not pleased if we choose to just to be a club of people who are alike and like spending time with each other at the expense of those who do not know Jesus? Because our Bibles tell us that it is not okay! As followers of Jesus, here are his orders: *"And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Over the past couple of months I have been using this article to talk about the 8 systems of the church. Each church has 8 systems that are in action all of the time. Sometimes they are good systems and sometimes they are not. At BMZ we are attempting to improve on our systems. So far, I have written on the "Evangelism System (what we do to get non-attenders to attend worship)", the "Assimilation/Merge System (moving individuals from guests to involved members)" and, last month, we started with the "Stewardship System". Reminder: starting in January, we will have a new envelope system. Every bulletin/program will have an envelope right inside of it. That

way our guests and new attenders will feel like everyone else when it comes to offering time.

I am learning about stewardship systems that we have to offer different avenues of giving to the church. Instead of people only being able to give on Sunday morning during worship if they have cash or a check on them, we need to offer options. We now offer online giving through our website. That gives people a chance to give 24/7. The envelope that people get inside their bulletin every Sunday will be postage paid, so if they want to take it home and send something later in the week, they can. We also have in place automated giving; a way for people's tithe/offering to be deposited directly from their checking account. More people are becoming comfortable giving this way.

Another thing I am learning about stewardship systems is that churches often times do a poor job of explaining what the Bible says about money, where the money goes and why it is important for people to give. I believe that it's impossible for a person to become a fully developing follower of Jesus unless they are a fully developing steward of God's resources. Jesus used 2/3 of his parables to talk/teach about money and possessions. Jesus knew that the biggest competition He had for people's faith was their money. Many of us tend to put our faith in our money ... what we can earn and save and keep. But, I hope we have also realized that money is not all that stable (check the market). What Jesus says again and again is "trust Me!" ... "believe in Me" ... "place your faith and your eternity in My hands"!

One way to do that is through a Biblical tithe. Tithing is giving 10% of one's earned wages to the home church so that ministry for The Kingdom can continue. Here at BMZ we encourage people toward a Biblical tithe, knowing that God's plan for how we spend our money is usually better than ours. If a person cannot see how they can possibly give 10%, then we encourage them toward percentage giving with growth toward 10%.

Here's what that looks like: Figure out in your budget what you could possibly give to the Church reasonably. In other words, you can figure out how everything will still get paid. Then, add a percentage and trust God for it. So, if you can figure out how to make ends meet giving 5% of your income back to God through the church; give 6% and tell God that you are trusting Him to come through (that's practicing FAITH!). Once you realize that God has your back, you can increase toward 10% and beyond. I challenge you to find out how good God is!

Here's the thing about money and God. So many people think that Church is set up to get something FROM people (money). BUT, in

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reality, the Church is set up to get something FOR people (blessings and an eternal relationship with God). In order to discover who God really is, we have to get to the point that we will trust God to care for our money and stuff.

The systems that we are attempting to learn and are using are a tool used to partner with the Holy Spirit to bring people to a faith in Jesus. That's it. We are just trying to find ways to introduce people to Jesus and start them on the road to discipleship.

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations..."* (Matthew 28:19a).

Those are Jesus' (Lord and Commanding Officer) marching orders. That's what we are following here at BMZ.

Over the next few months I will continue sharing in this article more about the systems of the church and what we are doing to improve ours at BMZ.

Next month = "Discipleship / Growth Groups System"

See You in Worship (Watch for the new envelopes!),

Stan Pegram

# Upcoming Opportunities...

## Grocery Carry Program

The Man Group is pleased to offer a grocery delivery program, starting on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. All you need to do is call Piggly Wiggly on Wednesday between 1:00 and 3:00pm and ask for Don Karasek. Don will take the order, put up the order and have someone from the Man Group deliver the groceries to your home. Payment is due either by check or cash. For those people who sign up before January 1<sup>st</sup> - you are eligible to win a drawing. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is a box of groceries, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is a \$10 gift certificate for groceries at Piggly Wiggly. Any questions, please call Don Karasek @ 608-553-0110. Please take advantage of this great opportunity. If you know of someone who can use this opportunity, please let them know.

*New Year's Day Worship Schedule*

*9:00am Boscobel Campus (no 7:30am)*

*10:45am Mt. Zion Campus*

**BMZ YOUTH TACO DINNERS**

Everyone is invited to TACO TUESDAYS!! These Dinners are fundraisers to help High School Youth go on their Summer Mission Trip to West Virginia.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**January 3, February 7, March 6, April 3**

**4:30-7:00pm**

**All you can eat Tacos at Boscobel UMC**

**Bring your friends!!**

If anyone would like to donate hamburger meat to this effort, please sign up on the white board in the lobby. Thanks for your support!

**Mt. Zion UMC  
Community Supper**

**Date:** January 26, 2012

**Serving Starts At:** 5 pm

**Place:** Mt. Zion Campus



Mt. Zion will host a Community Supper the last Thursday of each month September – April. There is no charge for this meal. Invite a friend and come enjoy this great community event. For more information, please contact Carol Roth @ 608-279-2293.

**WORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITY at 9AM**

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall during 9am Worship each Sunday for a more casual worship experience! We are simulcasting Worship LIVE. You can choose to sit in a chair or at a table. Tables have fun, quiet activities for the kid, young-at-heart, doodler, and diligent note-taker. There are even snacks. **NOTE: Children must be accompanied by their own parents.** Please join us!

**HOSPITALITY TEAMS & WORSHIP PARTNERS**  
**January 2012 – Boscobel Campus (9:00am)**

Purple People

**January 1** DL: Ashley Bell, Chris Shriver, FH: Margaret Siegenthaler, Iris Wagner, JJ: Nikki Wetter

**January 8** DL: Bill Ewoldt, Bill Fast, FH: Kathy Wanek, Terra Ward, JJ: Ginger Fast

**January 15** DL: Aimee Nelson, Diane Turner, FH: Doug & Cindy Knoble, JJ: JoAnn Tisdale

**January 22** DL: Marge Siegenthaler, Iris Wagner, FH: Ashley Bell, Lora Roling, JJ: Pat Roseliep

**January 29** DL: Tom Gilbertson, Terra Ward, FH: Alex & Michelle Christianson, JJ: Dawn Kvigne

Host/Usher

**December 25 & January 1**

Larry & Marlene Wetter

Travis & Michele Wetter

**January 8 & 15**

Josh & Sarah Miles

Justin & Lindsey Rounds

**January 22 & 29**

Greg & JoAnn Tisdale

Bryce & Deb Updike

Nursery Attendant

**Jan. 1** Bob & Gail Shimpach

**Jan. 8** Denise Moran

**Jan. 15** Holly Jillson

**Jan. 22** Gail Wetter

**Jan. 29** Don & Darla Karasek

Liturgist

**Jan. 1** Tracy Wagner

**Jan. 8** Sara Watters

**Jan. 15** Tanya Miller

**Jan. 22** Denise Moran

**Jan. 29** Nikki Wetter

Sound/Video System

**January 1**

Mike Wagner/Tyler Buss

**January 8**

Bomber Merwin/Todd Miller

**January 15**

Nate Jones/Chris Shriver

**January 22**

Greg Patchak/Bomber Merwin

**January 29**

Mike Wagner/Lori Roth

Projection System

**January 1** Ashlin Wetter

**January 8** Molly Pegram

**January 15** Allie Pickett

**January 22** Ashlin Wetter

**January 29** Nicole Pegram

**February 5** Molly Pegram

**BMZ Communion Servers February 5**

**Boscobel 9:00am**

Don & Darla Karasek, Mary Kerr, Doug & Cindy Knoble,  
Diane Turner, Grant & Shelly Williams

**Mt. Zion 10:45am**

Wayne & Caroline Mindham

(Please note that this group was supposed to serve on January 1<sup>st</sup> but we will not be having communion in January so you have been moved to the February list. Thank you.)

**HOSPITALITY TEAMS & WORSHIP PARTNERS**

**January 2012 – Boscobel Campus (7:30am)**

Purple People

**January 1** Marcella Gardner, Nancy Rutherford, Kathy Wanek

**January 8** Ashley Bell, Marcella Gardner, Nancy Rutherford

**January 15** Marcella Gardner, Laura Merwin, Sandy Vold

**January 22** Marcella Gardner, Jamie & Cindy Kraemer

**January 29** Marcella Gardner, Laurie Richardson, Nancy Rutherford

**HOSPITALITY TEAMS & WORSHIP PARTNERS**

**January 2012 – Mt. Zion Campus (10:45am)**

Blessed Bean/Host

**January 1**

Joe & Tina Belz, Aaron & Tabitha Benzing

**January 8 & 15**

Dave & Sharon Benzing Justin & Casey Goodrich

**January 22 & 29**

Josh & Sunni Jerrett, Dennis & Linda Merwin, Edith Roth

Children's Message &  
Ministry Table

**Jan. 1** Joyce Roth

**Jan. 8** Tracy Jacobus

**Jan. 15** Orsa Cornwall

**Jan. 22** Carol Roth

**Jan. 29** Caleb Jacobus

Purple People

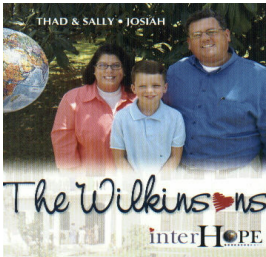
**Jan. 1** Sue Fry, Gina Walmer

**Jan. 8** Linda Bray, Caleb Jacobus

**Jan. 15** Caroline Mindham,  
Joyce Roth

**Jan. 22** Tracy Jacobus, Hollis Roth

**Jan. 29** Bruce & Kathryn Pittsley



# Missions

Check out their website!

[www.orphansave.org](http://www.orphansave.org)

User name: friend Password: friend

Please keep The Wilkinson Family in your prayers as they minister to orphaned and abandoned children in St. Vincent, Croatia, Bosnia, Cambodia & India. Any donations you would like to make can be marked "The Wilkinsons" and we'll send them in for you.

**BMZ Donations**  
**collected in November:**  
\$670

## *LOOSE CHANGE FOR CHANGE*

Each month Boscobel & Mt. Zion United Methodist Churches support a mission by donating all coins given in offering. These designated missions range from local, to national and international organizations.

In November, we collected the following to give to BURMA Orphanage: \$241.33

## *LOOSE CHANGE FOR CHANGE*

### **January Mission Project "Church World Service Blanket Program"**

All coins in the offering will be given to support this United Methodist Mission, which provides blankets for families that are in need or have been through some sort of tragedy/disaster.

**Gays Mills Food Pantry**  
**210 School Street, Gays Mills**

### Hours of Operation:

**2-4pm** First Three Wednesdays of each month.

**9-11am** First Saturday of each month.

Volunteers and donations are always appreciated.

*Any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sue Fry @ 485-0541.*

**Gays Mills Mobile Food Pantry**  
**@ Community Building**  
**212 Main Street, Gays Mills**

Open 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 2:00pm

Please bring your own bags, boxes or baskets.

*Contact Sue Fry  
@ 485-0541 if you have questions  
or would like to volunteer.*

# Feed My Sheep

BMZ (at Boscobel Campus) will have its next Food Pantry open on  
Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30am-10:00am.

**Workers** meet at 8:00am to prepare.

Food and/or money donations would be appreciated. Food can be  
dropped off in the Food Pantry box in the lobby at the Boscobel  
Campus.

*Sign up on the White Board if you would like to volunteer. Contact  
Sanford Miller if you have any questions.*

## January Items Needed:

12 egg noodles, 12 instant potatoes

12 boxes hamburger/tuna dinners, 12 flavored potatoes

60 cans pasta, 24 cans bean soup, 24 cans chicken noodle soup

12 cans chicken, 12 cans luncheon meat, 36 cans tuna,

12 jars spaghetti sauce, 20 jars peanut butter

12 cans pears, 12 cans peaches, 12 jars applesauce

## BUILD BURMA

This Christmas we are selling T-shirts for \$50 each (available  
in lobby and online) to support the building of Galilee Home  
orphanage in Rangoon, Burma. All proceeds will go to  
feeding, clothing, teaching and caring for children who have  
been rescued from around Rangoon.

# January Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Tricia King  
2 Linda Merwin  
3 Elaine Bender  
3 Briant Russell  
4 Barbara Seeley  
5 John Hernan  
7 Lauren Belz  
7 John Hall  
8 John Kvigne  
8 Fred Staskal  
9 Jonathan Fraser  
10 T.J. Fischer  
10 Jessa Oler  
11 Taylor Ward  
12 Brenna Kvigne  
12 Caitlyn Wetter  
13 Kathy Wanek  
13 Jonathan Winger  
14 Dorothy Esters  
14 Joey Fraser  
16 Sue Connelly  
16 Betty Ledbury  
17 Evan Belz  
17 Julie Dillenburg  
18 Sue Fry  
18 Shaniah Peer  
18 Holly Roth

19 Jim Dillenburg  
19 Warren Knudtson  
20 Werner Siegenthaler  
22 Don Dudenbostel  
22 Lora Roling  
23 Lachen Esters  
23 Cody Mireles  
24 Jamie Kraemer  
25 Julie Henneman  
25 Roger Knoble  
25 Kole Wacker  
26 Sharon Hernan  
26 Noma Lathrop  
27 Morgan Klemm  
29 Ron Schmidt  
30 Owen Roth  
30 Charles Schwab  
31 Mallory Knoble  
31 Bruce Pittsley  
31 Marcia Russell



Congratulations to each of you!! If your special day does not appear or is incorrect, please contact the church office.

7 Phylis Taft & Vern Ward  
18 Paul & Elaine Bloyer  
19 Keith & Gloria Swenson  
21 Lyle & Judy Bender  
22 Nelson & Mildred Peer  
25 Tim & Sue Beinborn

# Church Family News

Our prayers and sympathy go out for the family of Mike Burns who passed away on November 3, 2011.

Congratulations to Brian & Amanda Pelock who were married November 12, 2011 at Boscobel UMC.

Congratulations to the family of Jensen Hertrampf who was born November 21, 2011. He is the son of Robi and Jenna Hertrampf.

Congratulations to Isabel Tisdale who was baptized December 11, 2011 at Boscobel UMC. She is the daughter of Brent and Amanda Tisdale.

The Personnel Team wishes to announce that Pastor Wayne Hull has been appointed by Bishop Linda Lee to serve the Viola UMC beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. He has been a blessing to many in the 6 months he served at BMZ. We wish him well in his ministry at Viola!

We will begin the search for a new Associate Pastor for BMZ.

The amount of children using the Nursery at BUMC has been growing over the past few months. It is wonderful to have so many families in worship with us each week. With that we need to make a few changes and updates to make the nursery safer and more organized.

BUMC has a group of dedicated and loving volunteers that help supervise the nursery each week. **Thanks to all of those special people!!!** We welcome additional adults who would like to join the Nursery Staff. Please call Holly Jillson @ 375-5717 if you would like to join the staff.

The Personnel Committee wishes to welcome Tammy Watters onto the custodial staff at BUMC!!

Sara Watters resigned at the end of November. Thanks for all of your work Sara! You will be missed!

Thanks to Judy Bender for 25 years of preparing communion for BUMC!! Every month Judy made sure we were prepared to worship through the sacrament of Holy Communion. Thanks again Judy!

## NEW STEWARDSHIP SYSTEM STARTING IN JANUARY 2012

In 2012, BMZ will be implementing a new stewardship system and it will start with new avenues for giving. Starting January 1st, every bulletin/program will have an envelope right inside of it. This way everyone has the same opportunity to think clearly about giving. Our guests and new attenders will feel like everyone else when it comes to offering time, instead of feeling like outsiders. On those envelopes will be options for how people can give besides just putting a check or cash in the envelope before the plates get to their row. We are learning that these days, many people do not carry a checkbook around with them and seldom carry significant amounts of cash, so, giving in worship can be a challenge.

One of the things we are learning about stewardship is that we have to offer people options in ways they can give to the church. Instead of people only being able to give on Sunday morning during worship, we need to offer different ways to give. We now offer online giving through our website. That gives people a chance to give 24/7 through PayPal. Also, the envelope that people get inside their bulletin every Sunday will be postage paid, so if they forgot their money and want to take it home and send something later in the week, they can. We also have in place automated giving; a way for people's tithe/offering to be deposited directly from their checking account. More people are becoming comfortable giving this way and we have a number of people from BMZ already signed up for this option. As hectic as life is, automated giving offers one less thing to be thinking about on Sunday morning.

We, as a Stewardship/Finance Team, feel like this new system will help us get better at receiving gifts. If we get better at receiving gifts as a church, then we can advance the mission of the church in "going into the whole world to make disciples" for Jesus Christ. We will be better at "Changing the World for Good, One Child at a Time".

Thank you BMZ for your cooperation and generosity.

**"Feed My Starving Children"  
Event coming to Boscobel!!**

At Charge Conference this year each Church in our circuit (13 of them) was challenged to fill a snack jar full of change. We decided to make a fun contest out of it to see which church can fill their jar first. Please see jars at each of the BMZ campuses. Fill them up quickly!! We need to raise around \$15,000 for the packing event in 2012.

Reminder, it costs 24 cents a meal to feed a child through this program! So every time you sit down to eat a meal set a quarter aside to bring for the jar. ☺

If you are interested in helping with any fundraisers or planning, please contact Katie Koestler (822-3986) or Mary Cramsey  
Thanks!

**BMZ HOSTS/USHERS  
LOOKING AHEAD...**

**Boscobel Campus**

**February 5 & 12**

Connie Dille,  
Lisa Folbrecht,  
Gretchen Graham,  
Marge Siegenthaler

**Mt. Zion Campus**

**February 5 & 12**

Hollis & Carol Roth,  
Gary & Marian Zimpel

**BMZ - Mt. Zion Campus  
Building Meeting**

On Sunday, January 8, 2012, immediately following Mt. Zion Campus worship, there will be an informational meeting about the upcoming building project at the Mt. Zion Campus of BMZ. Included in this meeting will be a vote for Mt. Zion members to agree to move ahead with said building project following the guidelines of the United Methodist Book of Discipline.

The Volunteer (Servant)  
Schedule is online at  
[www.bmzchurch.org](http://www.bmzchurch.org) under  
News & Events

**NEW:** BMZ Weekly Prayer  
Lists are available in 3 locations:

Boscobel Campus: Java Jct.

Mt. Zion Campus:  
Welcome Table

Website:  
[www.bmzchurch.org](http://www.bmzchurch.org)  
(under News & Events)

# January Dates to Remember:

## Wednesday Nights (during the school year):

6:30-7:30pm PreK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School

Jr. High "Fuel" Youth Group, Joy Class

7:45-9:00pm Sr. High "Fuel" Youth Group

- 1 Name Tag Sunday
  - 2 Communion/Worship at Nursing Home 10:30am
  - 3 Taco Dinner (B) 4:30-7:00pm
  - 5 Ad Council (MZ) 7:00pm
  - 8 All Church Meeting (MZ)
  - 9 Man Group Meeting (B) 6:30pm
  - 10 WIC Clinic (B) 8:30-3:30
  - 19 Finance Committee (B) 5:00pm
  - 19 Administrative Council Meeting (B) 6:00pm
  - 20 Winter Festival (B) 8:00-3:15
  - 20 February Newsletter Items Due
  - 21 Food Pantry Open (B) 8:30-10:00am
  - 26 Community Supper (MZ) 5:00-7:00pm
- (B) Boscobel Campus      (MZ) Mt. Zion Campus

WNSS and Fuel Youth Group will not be meeting during the month of January. They will begin again February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Each month the BMZ Newsletter gets mailed out to around 280 family units.

We have heard that some of you would enjoy receiving the newsletter via email instead of snail mail. So...if you are one of those who prefer getting your information from the computer, please let us know!! We would be glad to begin that service of sending the newsletter through email. Please contact the church office at [info@bmzchurch.org](mailto:info@bmzchurch.org).

# Monthly Stats

## **BOSCOBEL UMC**

Average November Worship Attendance:

68/163/20

(7:30am/9:00am/9:00am Internet)

Average November Wednesday Night Attendance:

PK-6<sup>th</sup> grade: 95 Jr/Sr. High: 50

### November Financial Report

\*2011 Budget: \$200,550

\*Contributions Needed Monthly for budget: \$19,157

Actual Donations Received General Account: \$14,067

Building Fund Balance: \$9,042

Memorial Fund Balance: \$1,344 New Building Fund Balance: \$7,600

## **MT. ZION UMC**

Average November Worship Attendance:

74

### November Financial Report

\*2011 Budget: \$34,998

\*Contributions Needed Monthly for budget: \$3,348

Actual Income Received: \$3,904

Building Fund Balance: \$13,077 Memorial Fund Balance: \$1,705