Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
October 11, 2026

Bell Ringing
Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 106: 1-5)

L: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His loving kindness is everlasting.
C: **Who can speak of the mighty deeds of the Lord or can show forth all His praise?**
L: How blessed are those who keep justice, who practice righteousness at all times!
C: **Remember me, O Lord, in Your favor toward Your people; visit me with Your salvation.**
All: **That I may see the prosperity of Your chosen one, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance.**

*HYMN #25 UCC *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

* UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God of power and might, You call us to be of one mind and heart. You call us as a community to be trustworthy of our commitment to You. Open us to the ways and actions needed to serve. Provide the vision of Your divine will for our lives. Lead us now in the time of worship and the week ahead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You have exalted Jesus above all creation because He embodied humility and faithful servanthood. We look at our lives and see how we have not followed His example. Too many times we have embodied selfish ambitions, including regarding ourselves as better than others. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us more humility and to look out for the interests of others. Help us to have the same mind as Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pre-K to Grade 2 children dismiss to church entryway for Sunday School

HYMN #387 SS *Have Thine Own Way*

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of love, for all You have given, we give You thanks. May the gifts we bring now, as well as our lives be engaged in Your mission and witness. Help us to see the opportunities You place before us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3: 23-29
Matthew 22:1-14

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

*HYMN #183 UCC *Renew Thy Church*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – Pastor Joel Schlatter

The annual hayride and fellowship activity is TODAY at 6 p.m. at Pastor Joel's home north of Hamilton. Water, soda, table service, and condiments will be provided. We hope all can join for an enjoyable event!

Sunday, November 8, is the Men's Event. Randy Brackensick is the speaker. Volunteers are needed to make macaroni & cheese, cookies, and pies. Please contact Shirley or Tami Roskamp to volunteer. The meal also includes pulled pork and green beans.

The November-December Upper Rooms are now available in the entryway of the church.

The Warsaw Historical Society & Museum will hold a tour of the Oakland Cemetery TODAY from 3-5 p.m. See the bulletin strip for parking and ticketing information.

SAVE THE DATES:
- Hayride at Pastor Joel's: TODAY, October 11, 6 p.m.
- Men's Event: Sunday, November 8, 6 p.m.

- Women's Bible Study: Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
- Pre-K-6th Sunday School: Sundays, 9 a.m.

Leon Wood is greeter today, Teresa Beeler next week. Thanks to the greeter, Pastor Joel, the musician, AV tech – all who helped with the service.

WELCOME ALL! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register and come again.

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