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BEDFORD FUMC NEWS



Vacation

Pastor Brammer is on vacation and taking a break from the newsletter this month.

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200th Anniversary Celebration

We will celebrate our 200th Anniversary on Sunday, October 25 at our 10:30 AM worship service. We invited six former ministers to attend and three of those, who are retired, have responded positively. Our district supervisor, Reverend John Hogsett, will preach and Reverend Terry Brammer will lead the service. Special music is planned and a catered meal will be held after the service. Please plan to join us and feel free to bring guests. If you know someone who previously attended church here, please invite them.

~Jerry Jackson

Celebrate

Soul Food

We will meet on Wednesday, October 7 at 10:30 AM. The book for this month is *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood. Sherry will be leading the discussion with lunch to follow our meeting.

Our book for Wednesday, November 4 is *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan.

Newcomers are always welcome to join us.

~Linda Schoonmaker

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Liturgists for 2027

Our liturgist pool has been steadily shrinking. Please consider being added to the liturgist rotation—you don't have to be a perfect public speaker—you just need to be willing to help. If this is something you can do, please let me know. Thank you.



~Tammy Dodds, administrative assistant

Advance Funeral Workshop



Day and Carter Mortuary is hosting an informative workshop on planning ahead. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, October 8 at 5:30 PM. Refreshments will be served. To RSVP, call 812-275-3389.

Day and Carter is located at 1133 Lincoln Avenue, Bedford, IN 47421.

Ham & Bean Supper

Good Food!!

The Fayetteville Community Lions Club is hosting a ham and bean supper on Saturday, October 10 from 4:30-7:00 PM.

The supper will be held at the Fayetteville Baptist Church. The cost is \$10 for adults; children six years old and under eat free. The meal includes ham and beans, cole slaw, cornbread, potatoes, hot dogs, dessert and a drink.

The church is located at 5485 State Road 158 Bedford, IN 47421.

A silent auction will also be held. Proceeds to toward the construction of a new T-ball field.



3 Linda Spaulding
5 Marilyn Langley
12 Nancy Poston
19 Shannon Minshall
26 Keith Wadsworth
28 Mabrey Minton



October 7, Soul Food at 10:30 AM
October 14, Hospitality Committee at 9:00 AM
October 14, Administrative Council at 5:00 PM
October 25, 200th Anniversary Celebration at 10:30 AM
Every Sunday, Chimes Practice, 8: 45 AM
Every Sunday, Choir Practice, 9:30 AM
Last Monday of the month, Euchre at 2:00 PM
Every Tuesday, Men's Breakfast at Denny's at 9:00 AM
Every Thursday, Fiber Time at 2:00 PM
Every Saturday, Gideons at 8:00 AM

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United Methodist Church is to
grow in faith in Christ and to
reach out in God's love to make
disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world.*

Bedford First United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2026

Present: Sally Alesia, Mary Barnes, Bill Barnes, Darryl Ivanson, Janet Jackson (Chair), Jerry Jackson, Jack Kenworthy, Karyn Price, Judy Quyle. Absent: Lee Cuba and Cole Quyle.

Janet opened the meeting at 5:00 pm. The opening prayer was provided by Karyn Price.

Review of the Minutes from July 8, 2026 completed with the following corrections: 1} Meeting called to order at 5:04 NOT 5:40 pm. 2) under Finance the number should read \$27,000 NOT \$20,000. M/S Jack Kenworthy /Bill Barnes to accept corrected minutes from July 8, 2026. Adopted

Reports

Finance: Jack Kenworthy – For the month of July the beginning balance was \$43,748.80; Ending Balance was \$26,128.24. July expenses were approximately \$17,620.56. This included payments for the Bell tower of \$13,870; plastering and painting, equipment rental etc. and some residual expenses associated with Pastor Judi all totaling approximately \$3750.56.

Trustees: Jerry Jackson – Repairs have been completed on the parsonage with the exception of the flooring. Bids were received for painting the upper half of the outside of the parsonage for \$1500 from Justin Plummer. He is booked through to 2027. Inside areas of the church have been painted and plastered with some areas to be completed such as the downstairs hallway leading to the restrooms.

SPRC: Karyn Price – Tammy Dodds is okay with the new job. Judy Quyle reported that the hospitality committee wants to make sure we have nursery help and the congregation is kept up-to-date on ad-council proceedings. Judy Quyle will have Rowena contact Madison to see if she is interested in continuing in the nursery. M/S Judy Quyle/Bill Barnes to put the approved Ad-council minutes in the monthly church newsletter. Approved

Old Business:

Electronic Circuit Rider – The new equipment has been installed and five people attended the training. Tammy Dodds and Mary Barnes are completing written procedures for the operation of the newly installed equipment.

Parsonage sales - Jack Kenworthy reported that the realtor has suggested that we lower the price on the parsonage. M/S Karyn Price / Jerry Jackson to lower the asking price to \$299,900. Adopted.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm. Next meeting will be on Wednesday September 9, 2026 at 5PM in the Friendship Classroom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Barnes (acting secretary)

Bedford First United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2026

Present: Pastor Terry, Janet Jackson, Jerry Jackson, Bill Barnes, Mary Barnes, Karyn Price, Jack Kenworthy, Lee Cuba, Judy Quyle, Darryl Ivanson, Sally Alesia.

Absent: .

Visitors: Rick Bell.

Janet opened the meeting at 5:00. Opening prayer Bill.

M/S, Jack Kenworthy, Bill Barnes, to approve August 12, 2026, minutes. Adopted.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Jack explained the balances for August. Beginning \$26,128, ending \$18,323.

Trustees: Jerry Reported everything at the parsonage is done. Getting quotes on the shingle repairs on the west roof. A new color copier is in the office. M/S, Jack K., Judy Q., to approve painting the awning over the kitchen exit. Adopted.

SPRC: Karyn reported that Tammy is good with the new position.

Unfinished business:

October 25 celebration is moving forward. M/S, Jack K., Karyn P., to approve a catered meal of up to \$3000.00. Adopted. M/S, Mary B., Jack K., to approve getting banners not to exceed \$600.00.

New business:

M/S, Bill B., Karyn P., to give Jerry and Jack leeway to handle the proceeds of the sale of the parsonage as they think is best. Adopted.

Notes:

The next meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday in October 10/14.

Adjournment: 6:07

Lee Cuba, Secretary