

Bethel Women's Ministries
Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church
New Dundee



OUR WOMEN

Women of Bethel are enthusiastically involved in many areas of church and community life. This brochure outlines our Values, Vision, Purpose and initiatives. We hope you will take advantage of some of these programs and activities and join us as a participant or volunteer.

Values

Fellowship/Friendship, Modelling Christ, Relevance

Vision

- To promote fellowship/friendship among women of Bethel
- To provide relevant opportunities for the women of Bethel and the community
- To promote and increase interest and participation in Christian service
- To promote & support local & worldwide missions.

Purpose

To attempt to model Christ by responding to needs and encouraging spiritual growth among the women of Bethel and the community.

OUR ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 am at the church:
WOMEN'S BIBLE COFFEE HOUR – Rotating Study Leaders. Childcare is available.

Tuesdays Evenings, 7:30 pm at the church:
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL NIGHT

Wednesday Mornings, 10:15am at the Church:
MOMS AND TOTS – a fellowship time for community moms with preschoolers.

Last Sunday of Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, and May, after church, locations to be announced:
SINGLE WOMEN'S LUNCH – All single women welcome to enjoy a delicious lunch and a good time of sharing and mutual encouragement.

WOMEN'S DAY APART – An annual retreat day at the church, planned and hosted by conveners and open to women of Bethel and the community at large. This popular event features a speaker, workshops and a noon lunch.

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

SOCIAL SERVICE – This committee organizes food services for church-sponsored or BWM-sponsored activities, including for funerals as specified in the Policy for Funeral Lunches.

GOOD CHEER – This committee arranges cards, meals, baby showers, and other caring acts for Bethel congregants during times of need or celebration, and is governed by policy.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you have a prayer request you would like passed through these chains (email and phone), please write out your request as you would like it to appear and contact the prayer chain coordinator,

MISSIONARY NEWS – Our Missionary News Reporter gathers and compiles pertinent updates about missionaries and the organizations they represent, and makes this available at women's events. This keeps us up to date on the needs of our missionaries as we keep them in our prayers.

DECORATING COMMITTEE – These women are responsible for the provision of flowers and appropriate décor in the sanctuary and throughout the church. They provide floral arrangements for Sunday services and decorate the church for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

THE KW PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTRE

This agency provides counselling and resources for pregnant women. It provides free pregnancy tests, prenatal classes, referrals to adoption agencies, support groups for new moms, and post-abortion support. It also does sexual integrity presentations in schools.

THE WILMOT FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

A community-based agency that promotes the enrichment and well-being of all families and individuals living in Wilmot and Wellesley Townships by providing affordable social, educational and recreational services and programs. One of their most-used services is the FOOD BANK.

RAY OF HOPE

Ray of Hope has a Community Centre in downtown Kitchener which offers a place of safety and support to those struggling through poverty and homelessness. Donate men's socks and underwear, non-perishable food items for their food cupboard.

MORE WAYS TO HELP

The following can be left in their respective boxes in the church foyer: Campbell's Soup can labels, postage stamps, books etc. for the Christian Salvage Mission, and good used clothing for the Mennonite Central Committee Thrift Store.

HOW POSITIONS ARE FILLED

THE RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

Without this committee, much of what we are able to do would eventually grind to a halt. In the fall of each year these women distribute by church mailbox a *Suggested Volunteers for BWM Positions* form. When the completed forms are returned, the committee then contacts each person suggested to provide ministry descriptions and ascertain each one's willingness to let their name stand. The committee then prepares a nomination slate which is presented to the steering committee for ratification as 'Appointed Positions' for the upcoming year.

THE BWM STEERING COMMITTEE

The concept of a BWM Steering Committee is new in 2019. The positions on the Committee are: Leader, Secretary, Treasurer, and two additional members. Serving you in 2019 are: Heather Brose, Nancy Cressman, Linda Darkes, Linda Stoltz, Jean Winker, and Laurie Burkhart (advisory).

We are looking forward to an exciting year planning events that will offer encouragement and challenge to women, and that will be honoring to Jesus whom we serve.

Working Together

From time to time you may hear from us when we need more hands and fresh ideas.

And you don't have to wait to hear from the Recruitment Committee. We are happy to hear from you and will value your suggestions, and appreciate your willingness to volunteer.

For our contact information, please see the Bethel Church Directory, available in the church office.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Eph 2:10 NIV



COMING EVENTS IN 2019

More information about the events below will be available closer to the dates. Please watch the church bulletin or see Bethel's website.

March 15 – Family Games Night

Fun for families with young children. Lots of laughs, group games, snacks.

May 5 – Women's Lunch

Join us for lunch in the gym after Bethel's Sunday morning service. Our special guest will share with us on a topic of her choice.

June 8 – Women's Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast with friends before launching into your weekend schedule.

Sept 10 – Salad Supper

Back by popular demand, this salad potluck is a casual evening with good food, music and conversation.

Oct 26 – Women's Day Apart

In its 25th year, Women's Day Apart is a much anticipated retreat day each fall. . Our special guest will share what the Lord has been laying on her heart. Attend a workshop, and visit with friends old and new. Lunch is included in this day that runs from 9-3pm.

Dec 8 – Christmas Feast

A festive event for the whole family. Details for this vary from year to year and will be available at a later date.

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