

2020 Christian Education Report

Bethel Missionary Church

For many years Bethel had a Christian education director. Time has marched on and we have no longer been doing that. Christian Education planning has been an ongoing work between me as the Pastor and the CE board.

Christian Education Board

Pastor Rick Ferguson - Chairman / Adult ministries
Dan Rhein - Youth ministry Director
Rochelle Murray - Children's ministry
Ruth Walters - Secretary
Barb Schember - at-large member

The first 2 1/2 months of 2020 were normal with Willard Hortop & Alex Jovanovic teaching adult Sunday school classes, Dan Rhein teaching the Youth Sunday school class and Rochelle Murray teaching the children's classes.

Beginning March 22, 2020 our ministry changed drastically.

Online Ministry

Our Adult Sunday school transitioned to a Zoom (interactive) study led by Alex Jovanovic. As the Pandemic shut down many things we also shut down our in person services until the first Sunday in June.

Rochelle Murray worked hard at connecting with her children via zoom classes. This was met with very limited success. She transitioned into pre-recorded lessons which Pastor Jeff Pohlman produced weekly posting them on our YouTube channel.
Dan Rhein connected with the youth several times while things were shut down.

For a while we had a hybrid Zoom / in person class with Alex Jovanovic during the summer.

Fall 2020

After Brown City Camp we began to have our Adult Sunday school exclusively with our in person format though Rochelle continued with the videos for the children.

After some discussion with Dan Rhein he needed to cut back on responsibilities. I began to teach the Youth Sunday school class.

Christmas Program

We decided with the increase of Covid cases that we would cancel the full Christmas program this year. We did have a couple specials in lieu.

Next Year

We are trying to adapt to these unprecedented changes. The challenges are real and the risk is real. However, we believe that we cannot ignore our responsibility in training and education. Online ministry will be major part of both now and the future!

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work on organizing our education and training the best it can be.

- Pastor Rick Ferguson