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Toy Drive Receives Help From Local Students

The IMPACT Bethel Christmas toy drive is in full swing thanks in part to our township's students. This year students from Tecumseh Local Schools partnered with IMPACT Bethel to provide toys and other Christmas items to families in need. The elementary schools donated toys while the middle school donated gift cards. The High

School held a "pie in the face" contest whereby students could vote for their favorite teacher or administrator to be "pied". This event culminated in an assembly where several teachers and principals received pumpkin pie in their faces. The high school students raised over \$700 for the toy drive! Thank you to all of the teachers, administrators

and staff who helped this year. Without you the toy drive could not be a success. IMPACT will be serving families throughout the month of December. If you have any questions about the toy drive or wish to volunteer please contact Kelley Berner at kelley@impactbethel.org or give Carrie Arblaster a call at 845-3753.

Upcoming Events

Church Forum

The next church forum will be held January 6th at the BC Café at 7 pm. We will revisit our conversation regarding hunger in Bethel Township and outline any future plans. Also, we will begin discussing the financial crisis facing county social services. As the economy continues to decline we can expect further federal, state and local budget cuts. The time for the church to rise up has come. Be in prayer regarding this meeting. Pray that the churches of Bethel Township will have the faith needed to follow the will of God and that the Lord will provide the resources we need to do His work.

Annual Community Meeting

IMPACT will hold its second annual community meeting Wednesday January 21st at 7 pm at Lake Avenue Christian Church. The meeting will provide an overview of what was accomplished throughout the 2008 year. We will also outline our goals for 2009.

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A Merry Christmas to you and yours!

Isaiah 9: 1-7

“Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.

For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Every warrior’s boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.”

May the joy of Christ’s birth fill your homes and the lives of your family. In this time of great need let us not forget the power of this holy day and allow the spirit of Christ to rule our hearts. Merry Christmas friends and God Bless!

*“What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, “Go I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?”
James 2:14-16*

“Let’s IMPACT this Community one person at a time.”

Volunteer Christmas Party

IMPACT will hold its first volunteer Christmas party December 12th from 6-10 pm at 1 W Main St. in Donnelsville. We as an organization would not be where we are today if it were not for the help of our volunteers. So come and celebrate the birth of Christ with us and be encouraged by one another. We hope to see you there!

Impact World Tour

Thank you to all the IMPACT Bethel volunteers who helped making the YWAM Impact World Tour event at Tecumseh High School this past October 25th a huge success! Team Extreme performed crushing blocks, bending bars and defying human strength as they shared their testimonies with children and families of Bethel Township and other local communities.