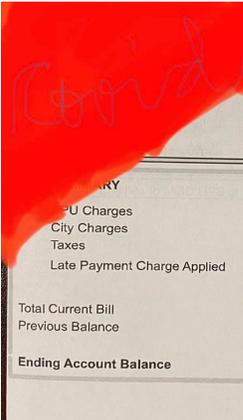




October Update



INQUIRIES CALL : (913) 573-9190	
PREVIOUS BILL 08/27/20	
CURRENT BILL 09/29/20	
UTILITY	
PU Charges	\$127.84
City Charges	\$78.62
Taxes	\$2.74
Late Payment Charge Applied	\$12.34
Total Current Bill	\$221.54
Previous Balance	\$1,110.00
Ending Account Balance	\$1,331.54

Dear Bethel friends and well-wishers,

The number of requests we received for emergency assistance with food, rent, and utilities has been very high since the month of June, and there is no sign of slowing down. We have seen many electric bills and house rents unpaid for months, a good number of our community members are likely to lose their homes as they are already behind in paying their mortgage! Some community members had/have their hours cut or the business they worked for closed down, and, for others, they were/are sick from Covid-19 or their co-workers or family members were/are sick and they have to quarantine at home for the second or even third time. It is a challenging time for everyone. Your prayers and financial support mean more to us than you will ever know. When you pray for us and make a donation, you are partnering with us in offering hope to those who need it the most. **Thank you so much** for your donation.



After three students graduated from our sewing class in the first week of September, we now have five new enthusiastic students in the sewing class. Due to Covid-19, we prefer to have one or two students at a time, and we limit the number of students. Although our students (instructors too) are required to wear their face masks for two to three hours, they do not complain but are all very happy learning a new skill that will help them secure employment in the future. The quilt dedication we had on September 27th at

Judson Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas, was very touching. Rev. Bill and Ann Say, the founders of **Once We Were Refugees**, brought 36 quilts made by our sewing students here at Bethel and those at the Gathering Table in Kansas City, MO. The quilts were dedicated before they were sent out to refugee camps in different parts of the world. We feel blessed partnering with them to help our community.

We currently have 74 students from grades 1-12 enrolled in our virtual afterschool program. Every week, we dedicate time to help our students with their homework, answer their questions, and even walk them through some of the problems. The students have mixed feelings about attending school online. Many have expressed that they miss seeing their friends and having in person instruction. There are some students who have said they prefer to learn online as it is easier than being in person. When they are not working on homework, they are able to do different art projects, play online games with their peers, and learn about how to become healthier - mentally and physically. We cannot wait to have our students back in the building!



The **Bethel Christmas Shop** is scheduled to take place in the second week of December. Instead of giving out Christmas presents to our families in one day, we will schedule one family at a time to pick up their presents to avoid a crowd. We asked our families what their needs are, and we hope to hear back from them in the middle of this month. Please let us know if you/your group is interested in helping us.

May God bless you and keep you healthy! Thank you once again for your generosity.

Rev. Mang & Nem Souna, Bethel Neighborhood Center