



# THE BETHEL NEWS



"I am bringing  
you good news  
of great joy  
for all the  
people."

Luke 2:10, NRSV



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Christmas  
Eve  
Worship



4:00PM

7:00PM

10:00PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24



## From Pastor Bret:

I don't know if you feel the same way as I do, but I still can't believe that we are less than a month away from Christmas. It just seems like yesterday that summer was still around. Well we need to come to terms with the reality that winter is upon us, and we should thank the Lord for all the mild weather we have had so far. I guess the old saying is true...that the older you get the faster time flies! Is your life feeling like it is moving at the speed of light...with little time to enjoy what is truly meaningful? Are you feeling like you are so busy that you have no time in your life for anything else? Have you put out a No Vacancy sign to Jesus this holiday season, because you just can't find the time to let him in your life or you are too busy buying presents, having and going to parties, etc? Remember what Linus said to Charlie Brown, "that's just not what Christmas is about Charlie Brown." We need to prioritize our lives so that we use this Holiday Season to become so spiritually full from the presence of Jesus in our hearts, that there is No Room in our hearts for anything else BUT JESUS! Let the Lord be (re)born inside of you for the first time, or the hundredth time. Yes, even those of us who made a commitment to let Jesus be the Lord of our life years ago need to find spiritual renewal/reawakening from time to time. Let's use this Holiday Season to Make Jesus Known to all who don't know the true meaning of Christmas. We will accomplish this by being so filled by Jesus we are beaming with anticipation to let others know how he can bring a truly abundant life to them too. Where do I start Pastor? You can start with PRAYER! Pray daily to Jesus! Ask him to lead your life today. Ask him to fill you with His Spirit today, so that all the meaningless other things in your life that are left won't fit anymore. Ask Him to use you as a fisher of men (and women). Don't be disappointed if all you achieve this Christmas spiritually is a clearer picture of where the Lord is calling you. The Lord's birth in your heart this Holiday Season is meant to uplift you to serve during AND beyond Christmas. So when December 26<sup>th</sup> occurs and the rest of the world forgets Christmas...YOU won't! Jesus is the reason for the season!! Merry Christmas-Happy New Year!

Peace, Love, Joy, PBret



*Merry Christmas*

## GREETINGS

### WELCOME COMMITTEE MESSAGE

With the birth of our savior, cold weather, and snow approaching, the Welcome Committee is thinking about our church picnic already for next year.

We are asking for your input, as it is vital for the success this coming year. Do you prefer we have our picnic, at Bethel, the Saxon Club, Boardman Park, or if you desire, no picnic at all. If we have the picnic at Bethel, would you like to continue with the traditional outdoor service or prefer to hold the church service in the sanctuary. What would you prefer for lunch, the traditional covered casserole, a pig roast, corn roast, hot dogs over the fire, or any other venue?

The church picnic is only one responsibility assigned to the Welcome Committee. Don Peterson assigns greeters for all the church services. If you would be willing to help with this ministry please talk to Don. Don also assigns and monitors shepherds for our newest members. Shepherds are existing members that help new members with meeting others, introducing them to programs and organizations and encourages them to become involved in the life of our congregation.

We are also responsible to act as a focal point in the community outreach, coordinating Bethel's efforts for disaster relief programs, and encourage members to express the Biblical stand on issues of social concerns.

The Welcome Committee would appreciate your input and help with these important ministries.

*Sincerely*  
*Dolores Ipe*



## DECEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

### On Going Prayers

Helen Bendel	Deanna Brannigan
Mary Burkey	Rosemary Brocius
Don Beckett	Elaine Brocius
Cora Dixon	Dottie Coffin
	Johnny Conti Jr.
June Dahlgren	Betty Deskin
Peggy Emery	Donna Fredrickson
Garnet Floor	Mary Gleckler
Bob Graves	Dale Goehring
Mark Guthridge	Howard Hagan
Arvella Harris	Lin Henry
Norm Johnson	Freda Hofmeister
	Charlotte Kinnick
John Kanna	Marlene Luzik
Alberta Nelson	Richie Martin
John Masko	Bonnie MacKeown
Howard Hagan	Dick Mumma
Wes Midgley	Rich Neff
Becky Nilsson	Janet Phelps
Leroy Robison	Lillian Robison
Tom Ring	Marie Schneider
Sally Shilliday	Jack Sommerlad
Betty Stevens	Ruth Thomas
Sue Span	Jackie Watson
Kay Varga	Stan Wittenauer
Bea Wilkin	Ginny Zetterquist
Pastor Chuck Lundquist	



### A Look at our Loyalty

The Church is a gift...assembly required.

#### Our Worship Attendance

10/30	135
11/06	179
11/13	155
11/20	164

#### Sunday School

10/30	21
11/06	25
11/13	??
11/20	28

#### General Operations Fund

To cover our 2011 approved budget,

We need to bring in \$24,168 per month to our general fund.

Total received in October \$17,818

#### Building Fund Income

We need to bring in \$2155 per month to pay our building mortgage

Total received in October \$3052

Original cost of building \$850,000

We now owe (10/28/11) \$114,601.43

#### Assisting Pastor Bret

8:30 Fred Noday  
11:00 Steve Ausmann, Dig Coffin, Doris Gluck

#### Altar Flowers:

Dottie Coffin, scheduling  
330-758-4283

Ginny Zetterquist, treasure  
330-758-1892

#### Flower Deliverers:

Dottie Coffin 330-758-4283

#### Acolytes:

Teresa Reilly 330-757-8586

#### Counters:

Bill Conkey 330-270-0113

#### Greeters:

Don Peterson 330-533-4064

#### Ushers:

Andy Ragan 330-549-2376

Brian Klase 330-707-0508

#### Ushers this month

8:30 John Conti, Howard Wiff

11:00 Ed Larson, Paul Orend  
Frank Weaver, Bob Wright

#### Altar Group C For DECEMBER

JoAnn Johnson, Chairperson  
Becky Butcher Dolores Ipe  
Alice Hartig Barb Mauch  
Ruth Ragan Teresa Reilly  
Patsy Anne Zabel

### NEEDED:

**Volunteers are needed** to serve on communion groups to **PREPARE** communion for church services.

We have 4 groups, so you would only serve 3 times a year.

Contact JoAnn Johnson 330-757-9478



Communion groups: Check with Pastor each month you serve to see if there are any other times for communion. **Please remember to let the office know when any of the communion supplies are getting low.**

### Dear Members:

Contact for our e-mail for the Prayer chain is Diana Wiesner Her email is [RX300258@aol.com](mailto:RX300258@aol.com)

If you would like to be a part of the e-mail prayer chain, contact Diana. ~Thanks Diana!~

Dottie Coffin is the contact for the phone prayer chain 330-758-4283



**OUR PRAYER LIST is posted on Narthex Bulletin Board... so that you might be able to send cards to them.**

# BETHELNOTES & YOUTH NEWS



7:00 PM TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 6TH  
CHRISTIAN ED  
TEAM MEETING




*Christmas Party*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH  
6-8PM**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

\$5.00 UNISEX GIFT  
FOR GIFT EXCHANGE

AGES: PRE—AGE 12



**CHILDREN'S  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 18TH  
DURING THE  
11:00 SERVICE



Merry Christmas!



NO  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
OR  
NEW YEAR'S DAY

## DECEMBER TEAM MEETINGS

<b>Thursday</b>	December	1st	9:15 am Staff Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	December	6th	7:00 pm Christian Ed Team
<b>Tuesday</b>	December	13th	7:00 pm Support (Finance)
<b>Tuesday</b>	December	20th	6:30 pm Welcome
<b>Tuesday</b>	December	20th	7:30 pm COUNCIL

# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Women of the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA** 

## WELCA NEWS

### CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK AND HOMEMADE SOUP SALE



Mark your calendars now and start stocking up on baking supplies.

Our largest fundraiser of the year is Saturday, December 10th from 9-1 in Fellowship Hall.

There is a sign up for workers on the WELCA bulletin board.

Watch for a sign up for cookie bakers!

This sale is open to the public. Simply don a disposable glove, pick up one of our boxes and select your cookies.

Then you pay by the dozen at checkout!

Popular cookies are Buckeyes, clothespin, kiss cookies, butter balls, almond crescents, cut outs, anything fancy, chocolatey and pretty. Get your request in now!

Also we can use kolachi, pumpkin rolls, hard tack candy, and other Holiday goodies that can be sold separately.

Chairwomen are Sandy Dorman and Delaine DeChellis.

Homemade soups will be sold by the quart. They are wedding soup, chicken noodle soup and chicken farina dumpling soup.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS on sale until December 15th! Get yours today. They are \$30 until the 15th. They make great Christmas gifts or use the coupons now for your Christmas shopping!

CLOTHESPIN COOKIE MAKING! Have you ever wanted to learn the secrets to clothespin cookies? Come and join the gang for clothespin cookie making in the large kitchen off of Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. or whenever you can make it. You can bring apron, pizza cutter, rolling pin, parchment paper. All cookies baked (except for the tasting) will be sold at the Cookie Walk.

HAT & MITTEN TREE: A bare Christmas tree will be placed in the narthex. If you would like to donate new hats, scarves, mittens or gloves, please decorate the tree with these items. These articles will go to Needle's Eye in Youngstown for those in need.

PIECEMAKERS - Please come and visit our hand stitched items at the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 10th from 9-1. Beautiful table runners, quilts, lap robes and much more. Great gift ideas!!

ABIGAIL CIRCLE to be held **Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in Memorial Hall. Marilyn Weaver is the study leader on "Studying God's Word." Please come and join us for light Bible Study and refreshment. Marilyn Weaver will be the hostess. All women and guests warmly welcome!

LYDIA-RUTH CIRCLE Meeting is **Tuesday, December 6th at 12 Noon.**

Everyone is to bring a casserole to share, 6 cookies for dessert and a Christmas story for Bible Study.

# NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:



If you have **Altar Flowers** or a **Candle**: Please pay when you reserve your flower date. Make checks payable to the church \$25.00 for flowers and \$8.00 for a candle, and mail to the church or put in the offering plate.

If you have a date you want, let **Dottie** know 330-758-4283  
**Thanks, Altar Flower Committee**

NEW FLOWER CALENDAR WILL BE UP IN DECEMBER FOR 2012



**ABIGAIL CIRCLE**  
 Tuesday, December 13th at 7pm  
 Hostess: Marilyn Weaver

**LYDIA RUTH CIRCLE** Meeting is  
 Tuesday December 6th at noon.

Everyone is to bring a casserole to share & 6 cookies for dessert and a Christmas story for Bible study. Thank you.



### **Cookie Walk & SOUP SALE**

Saturday, December 10th from 9-1  
 in Fellowship Hall.



### **PORK AND HOMEMADE SAUERKRAUT DINNER**

Made \$700.00

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.



**THANK YOU** to everyone who sent the wonderful cards and Anniversary wishes, as Al & I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary. With love and gratitude,

Georgette Kollay



### **HELP US BELL RING!!!**

We will again be helping the **SALVATION ARMY BELL RING** with Boardman United Methodist during the week of December 5th - December 10th. You all know that this Christian organization helps the needy in so many ways, and here is our opportunity to help them raise funds for those needy causes. **Our spot is in front of Barnes & Noble in the Shops at Boardman Park.** Sign up on PBret's Office Door...THANKS!

**Needed...** Due to continued tough times that we are going through our church has had to help more people than usual, which has resulted in the Pastor's Discretionary Fund becoming low. If you are able to help replenish the fund, please designate a check to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you, Pastor Bret

## BOOK LIST for 2011-2012

NOTE : Meet the last Monday of each month at 12:00pm

January 30, 2012- "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand; leader Nancy Kuivila

Feb. 27, 2012- "The Constantine Codex " by Paul Maier; leader Delaine DeChellis

March 26, 2012- "Her Daughter's Dream" by Francine Rivers; leader Sherri Remias

April 30, 2012- to be announced; leader Ruth Schenker

May 28, 2012- "The Horse Boy" by Rubert Isaacson; leader Dee Beck

\*Do you want to read in the summer as well? I am willing! Let me know

Come and enjoy the fellowship! Any questions contact Marilyn Weaver-330-549-2251



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Janet Liga, Irene Wittenauer
- 2 James Cafaro, Steven Martin
- 4 Linda Swanson
- 8 Gil Kuivila, David Griswold
- 9 William Klase
- 10 Michael Kovach III, Cory Fox
- 12 Tina Dunn, Laura Frey, Conner Mould, Judson, Travis White
- 14 Sandra Dorman, Eleanor Laise
- 15 Daniel Marshall, Richard Mumma
- 16 Tom Atwood
- 18 Katie Butcher
- 19 Walter Binder, Carol Cafaro
- 20 Erin Conway, Gertrude Galich, Michael Karsti,  
Daniel Noday, Kelby Thoreson
- 21 Spencer Fernholz
- 22 Joseph Dulin Rick Hungerford Breana Trolio, Dennis Zinz, Jr.
- 23 Amanda (Kovach) Jim LoSasso Tillie Stefanick
- 24 Susan Viars
- 26 Kay Kish, Al Kollay
- 27 Fred Noday
- 28 Justine Carney, Stan Huddleston, Jean Thorpe
- 29 Denise Robinson, James Zellhart
- 30 James Bartell, Lisa (LoSasso) bell, Kevin White
- 31 Vicki Lago



- 05 Earl & Dorothea Coffin
- 12 Edwin & Virginia Mannion
- 18 Donald & Donna Robinson
- 23 Irene & Stan Wittenauer
- 26 Linda & Scott Adair
- 27 Guy & Beth Applegate



Let the office know of any changes,  
corrections or additions,  
or if celebrating a  
"milestone" birthday or anniversary.  
Thank you!

**MISSION OF THE MONTH  
FOR DECEMBER  
Second Harvest  
Food Bank**



# DECEMBER



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

<p>4</p> <p>8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship with communion</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bell Ringing all week for Salvation Army</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12 Noon Lydia Ruth Circle 7pm Christian Ed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 &amp; 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 Band 7:00 Choir 8:30 Bells</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9-1 Cookie Walk &amp; soup sale</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00pm Christmas Party preschool-Age 12 &amp; gift exchange</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:30 Worship with communion 11:00 Worship</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7pm Abigail Circle 7pm Finance</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00 &amp; 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00pm Christmas Concert</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship with communion &amp; kids program</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30pm Welcome 7:30pm Council</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:00 &amp; 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00 Band 7:00 Choir 8:30 Bells</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve Services at 4pm 7pm 10pm</p>
<p>25</p> <p>One Service 10:00am No Sunday School</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00AM Newsletter Team</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>12th Anniversary</p>

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*Making Jesus Known*



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**Worship...Sunday: at 8:30 & 11:00 am**

**Nursery provided at all Services**

**Holy Communion:**

**1st & 3rd Sundays at 11 am & 2nd & 4th Sundays at 8:30 am**

## Our Staff

The Ministers

Senior Pastor

Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Director of Visitation Ministry

Youth Directors

Building Manager

Organist

Director of Music

Treasurer/Financial Secretary

The Entire Bethel Family

Bret D Rizzo

Georgette Kollay

Paul Burgeson

Rick & Starr Hungerford

David Walsh

LaRue Murray

Emma Cowell

Paul Orend/Sue Mallery

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