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Worship Service 10:00am
Sunday School 8:45am

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Answer to Bible Trivia: D (See Matthew 2:1-12.)
Answer to puzzle: For the wages of sin is death, but
the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23, NIV



...I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...2 Timothy 1:6b
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Schedule of 2016/2017

Advent / Christmas / Epiphany Services

- *Sunday, November 27 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent:
Sermon ~ “Watch”
- *Sunday, December 4 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent:
Sermon ~ “Turn”
- Thursday, December 8:
Bethel Preschool Christmas Program 6:30-8:00 pm
- *Sunday, December 11 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent:
Sermon ~ “See”
- Friday, December 16:
Bethel Daycare “Happy Birthday Jesus Party” 9:30am
- *Sunday, December 18 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent:
“Bethel Children’s Christmas Program & Advent Meditation ~ ‘Dream’”
- Sunday, December 18:
Longest Night Blue Christmas Service 6:00-7:15 pm
- Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve:
Candlelight Worship Service 7:00-8:00 pm
- *Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day:
Sermon ~ “Word: The Word Made Flesh”
- *Sunday, January 1 ~ New Years Day/Epiphany:
Sermon ~ “Reveal”
- * Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:00am

May the Blessings of Our Lord be yours this Christmas Season and in the coming New Year ~ Pastor Brian, Rachel, Your Bethel UMC Staff and Praise & Worship/Technology Teams



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- Special points of interest:
- More to the Music
 - When Tomorrow Comes
 - Package Wrapping Fundraiser
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As I had been praying about, and contemplating, the arrival of Advent and the Christmas season, I remembered an Advent meditation written by Billy Graham that I used a couple of years ago for my personal devotion time. In the meditation he focused on the word Advent, which means arrival, and it refers to the arrival of Jesus Christ into the world.

He goes on to ask, “So, why was Jesus’ arrival, His birth, so important?”The reason is because slightly over 2,000 years ago, God stooped down from Heaven and became a human being: Jesus, the Christ, the long-awaited Messiah. As the Bible says, “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14). Think of it: God became a man! He did it because He loves us—and that’s what we celebrate at Christmas.

The Prophet Isaiah first gave the world this glorious news from God when he wrote in Isaiah 9:6, “For to 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.”*(NIV)

In this Scripture we find the message and meaning of Christmas. Isaiah the prophet gave five awe-inspiring names of our Lord that encourage us, thrill us and fill us with hope at this Christmas season.

1. **Wonderful.** When He did His many miracles, the Scripture says, “The people wondered.” (Luke 11:14)
2. **Counselor.** The officers said, “No one ever spoke like this man!” (John 7:46)
- 3.**The Mighty God.** He is the God-Man. He said that He and the Father are one. (John 10:30)
- 4.**The Everlasting Father.** It was by Him, the living Word, that all things were created. He is the designer of the whole universe. (John 1:3; Hebrews 11:3)
- 5.**The Prince of Peace.** There will never be lasting peace on earth until He comes again to reign in righteousness. But He is also the Prince of Peace in other ways. None can have peace with God apart from Him and the peace that He made through the blood of His cross. (Colossians 1:20)

The full meaning of these words from Isaiah should give us enough strength, hope, and joy to face any crisis, endure any sorrow and meet any temptation. The question we can ask ourselves in these turbulent times is this, “How has Jesus shown you recently that He is “Wonderful, Counselor ... the Prince of Peace?”

As you contemplate this question and what God wants to say to you during this Advent/Christmas season, may He fill you with His hope, peace, joy, and love!

Blessings in Christ at Christmas, the New Year, and Always! PB

BETHEL PRAYER LIST

Bethel Family

Carol Borches	Don Wadkins	Bishop Julius Trimble and family
Peg Cussen	Donna Wakeland	District Superintendent, David Neckers and family
Bob Dorsey	Linn Walters	Pastor Brian & Rachel Campbell and family
Diana Halter	Gayle Westfall	Kid’s Kingdom
Opal Herrberg	Linda Wheaton	Awana Clubs
Pastor Jerry & Liz Machgan	Those of our congregation who are job-hunting	
Bonnie Jean Merriman	Families in crisis – financial, health, marriage	
Arline Miller	Bethel Staff & Volunteers	
Marcia Moore	Bethel Church	
Ray Owen	Bethel Preschool & Bethel Daycare	
Russ Sunday		

Friends of Bethel

Brent Ashby, Rachel Campbell’s brother	Judy Miller, friend of Ron & Phyllis Shappell	Marscell Sloffer, Charlotte Klerner’s mother
Linda Bir, friend of Bob & Jean Shugert	Jim Overholt, friend of Bob Moore	The President and Cabinet (the government)
Ava Bower, child with Leukemia	Koree Neuenschwander, Shugert’s Great-granddaughter	Pray for the schools, children, teachers etc.
Helen Goonen, Betty Failor’s sister	Larry Reeder, Top Clean	
Julie Harper, friend of Sarah Menefee.	Beth Richardson, friend of Dave & Pat Muncie	
Richard Johnson, Jenny Lemmon’s father	The Saneta Family	
Ryan & Chole McIntyre, relatives of Betty Failor	Wayne Sauers, Linda Wheaton’s father	
	Caz Strzynski	

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE OF CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE TO THESE LISTS. WE THANK YOU FOR CARING ENOUGH TO PRAY FOR THEM.

Remember those of our church who are in healthcare, shut-in or in assisted living:

Juanita Arnold: Heritage of Fort Wayne
5250 Heritage Parkway, Room 328 Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Arlene Domer:
3136 Goeglien Road, D12, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

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413 Columbia Drive, Apt #19, Columbia City, IN 46725

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1900 Randalia Dr, Room 223-B Fort Wayne, IN 46805

**PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES THAT
NEED TO BE MADE SUCH AS ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER.**

More to the Music: ‘O Come, O Come Emmanuel’ By Joy Allmond

Waiting. Hoping. Longing. Yet, rejoicing. Celebrating. Merriment. Comfort.

The advent season beautifully captures the paradox of “already and not yet,” and welcomes the tension between angst and comfort; yearning and satisfaction; and suffering and salvation.

One of the Christmas songs that best captures the essence of the advent season is “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”

This beloved anthem’s lyrics can be traced back to the medieval church. During the seven nights leading up to Christmas, the church would sing a verse of the song. Each of the verses starts with a prayer that begins with the phrase, “O Come,” and includes an Old Testament reference for Jesus Christ—the Messiah.

The first Old Testament mention of the Messiah is Emmanuel, or “God with us,” as referenced in Isaiah 7:14:

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Israel needed rescue from captivity. And so do we. When we sing the first few words of this song, we can remember the depth of God’s love for us by sending His Son Jesus—God wrapped in flesh—to rescue us from our sins and ourselves. He not only redeemed the world through His death and resurrection, but He walked our world in physical form—just like we do.

Another mention of the Messiah in “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” is the reference to His power and awe:

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai’s height,
In ancient times did’st give the Law,
In cloud, and majesty and awe.

This verse was likely inspired by Exodus 19:16, where the Lord appeared on Mount Sinai in the form of a cloud and a trumpet blast. He did this to make Himself known to the Israelites.

It’s easy to feel as though God does not show up when we need Him most. But He is always present. And most importantly, He is with us.

Do you want a front row seat to God’s work and display of power in your life? Ask for it, as Moses asked God in Exodus 33—simply say, “Show me Your glory.”

May this time-honored anthem be a reminder that while we have pain in this life, the hope we have in Christ exceeds that pain.

And may our earnest anticipation of His second coming to earth prompt us to say in our hearts, “Come quickly, Lord Jesus.”

Be Encouraged:
Notes and Thoughts from Bishop Trimble



When Tomorrow Comes
By Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble

The sun will rise
God will still be God
God will still be good
And we will still need GOD

When tomorrow comes
Victory will be declared
And the poor will still be with us
Fear and food deserts,
The hungry and homeless

When tomorrow comes
The questions will still remain
Where have all the prophets gone
Who speaks for the children
Who welcomes the stranger

When tomorrow comes
Will you honor the golden rule
Will you pray and pay attention
Will you make the gospel come alive

When tomorrow comes
Be real
Be present
Be still
Be hope and for Christ sake
Be the church



Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Every year we ask for Bethel volunteers to help ring the bell for the Salvation Army at the Lima Road Walmart. If you would like to join us there is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. We will be ringing the bell on Saturday, December 10th from 9am to 4pm in 1hr increments. We hope that you can join us!

JUST FOR FUN!

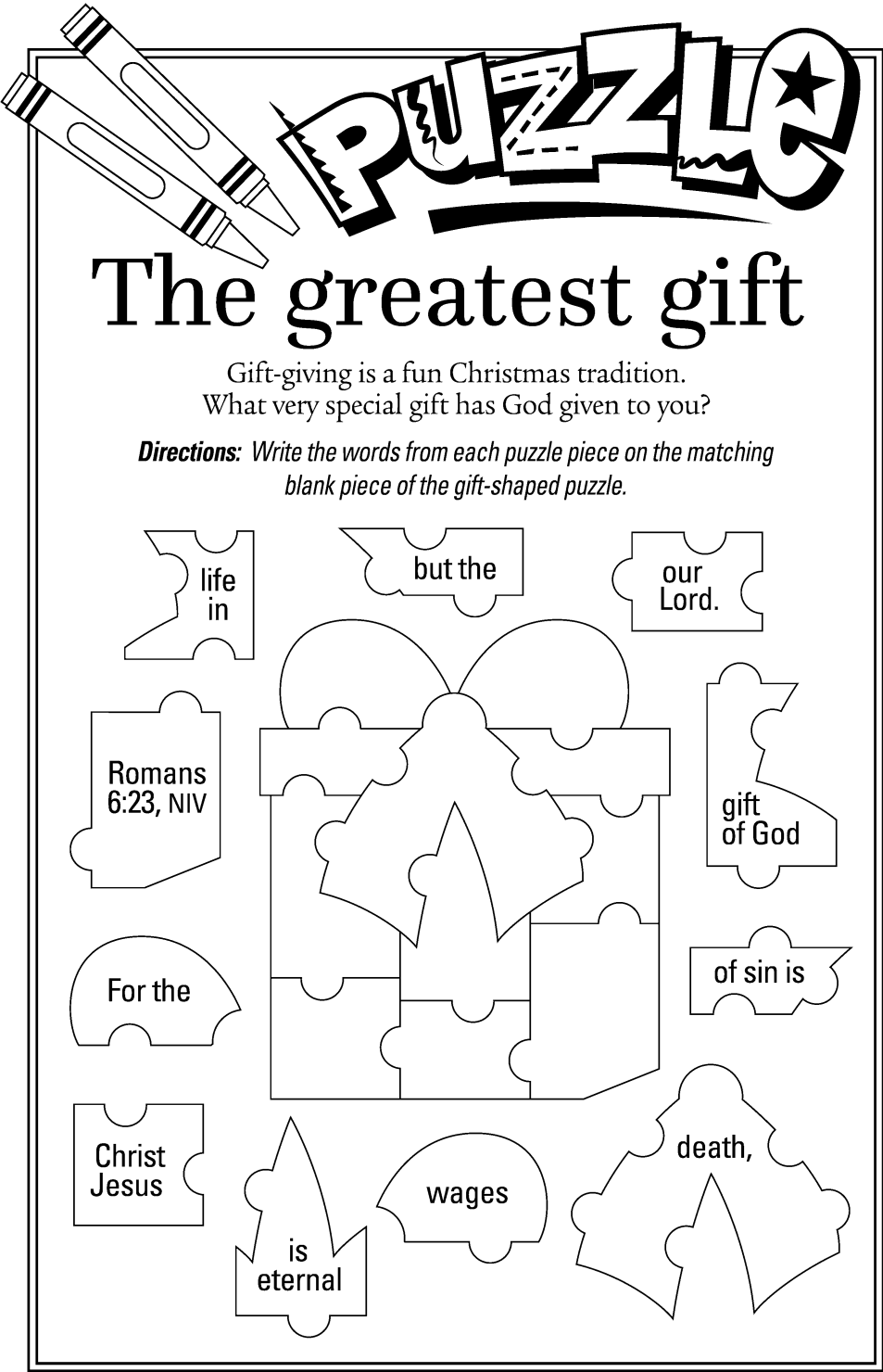
After you complete the puzzle below you can check
you answer at the bottom of page 16.
Have fun!



Make this special plate as a gift to
give this Christmas.

- What you need:
- Clear glass plate
 - Acrylic craft paint
 - Paintbrush and water
 - Black permanent marker

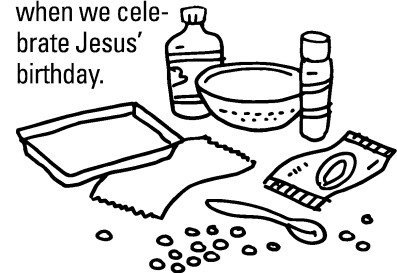
- What you do:
1. Turn plate upside-down on table. Paint one of your palms brown, and press it on the center of the plate.
 2. Rotate the plate so fingers point down. Using yellow paint, make a straw bed in the palm.
 3. Mix white and brown paint for Jesus' face. Use white paint for a swaddled body.
 4. Paint a yellow star above Jesus and a yellow border around the plate rim.
 5. When paint is dry, turn plate over. With the marker, draw dots for Jesus' eyes and write the words of Luke 2:12 around the plate rim.



JUST FOR FUN!

birthday bark

Make this yummy treat to give to family and friends at Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus' birthday.



What you need:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Spoon or spatula
- 2 Tbsp. shortening
- Baking tray lined with wax paper
- Red and green M&M's (or sprinkles)

What you do:

1. Lightly spray bowl and wax paper.
2. Microwave chocolate chips in bowl for one-minute intervals until chocolate is melted. (Stir after each minute.)
3. Stir in shortening. Heat in 10-second intervals, stirring until smooth.
4. Pour chocolate onto tray and firmly press in M&M's or sprinkles.
5. Refrigerate until firm. Remove bark and break into pieces.

Christian Symbol ~ Angel



Angel, which means "messenger" in both Hebrew and Greek, is a spirit-being God created to perform tasks for him. In the Bible, angels appear in human form (always as men) to deliver divine messages. Angels appear separately to Joseph and Mary, announcing Jesus' upcoming birth, and "a multitude of the heavenly host" (Luke 2:13) tells shepherds of the Savior's arrival. Scripture offers little information about angels, though we know some rebelled against God. Among the holy angels, categories include cherubim and seraphim.

Where's your security?

When A Charlie Brown Christmas debuted in 1965, religious references were unheard of on television. Yet the show's climax features the Christmas story verbatim. As Linus begins reciting Luke 2, he's clutching his ever-present blue blanket. Yet, as pastor Jason Soroski points out, Linus drops it right as he utters the words "fear not" (Luke 2:10).

Soroski believes the timing is intentional and that "Peanuts" creator Charles M. Schulz sends a simple, brilliant message. "The birth of Jesus separates us from our fears," Soroski writes. It "frees us from the habits we are unable (or unwilling) to break ourselves. The birth of Jesus allows us to simply drop the false security we have been grasping so tightly, and learn to trust and cling to him instead."

Bible Trivia Question:

How many wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to worship Jesus?

A. two B. three C. four

D. We don't know because the Bible doesn't say.

Check your answers at the bottom of page 16



Bethel UMW Christmas Party

All women are invited to attend our annual Christmas Party. It will be held Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You don't have to be a member of UMW to attend. We will have a small business meeting, snacks, and entertainment. If you do have a Secret Pal or Prayer Partner, please remember to bring a Christmas gift for her. If possible, please sign the attendance sheet on the UMW Bulletin Board.

Christmas Package Wrapping Fundraiser

Do you dislike wrapping your Christmas packages or just don't have the time? Then have Bethel do it for you!!! Just drop your packages off during any of the listed dates and times and we will wrap them for a free will donation. Packages are limited to 5 per person per day. All proceeds to go towards the paving of the church parking lot.



Christmas Package Wrapping Dates:

~Sunday, Nov. 27th: 8:30-11:30am
 ~Sunday, Dec. 4th: 8:30-11:30am
 ~Sunday, Dec. 11th: 8:30-11:30am
 ~Monday, Dec. 12th: 9:30-11:30am
 ~Tuesday, Dec. 13th: 3:00-5:00pm

~Wednesday, Dec. 14th: 6:00-8:00pm
 ~Thursday, Dec. 15th: 9:30-11:30am
 ~Friday, Dec. 16th: 1:00-3:00pm
 ~Sunday, Dec. 18th: 8:30-11:30am

Volunteers: In order for us to hold this fundraiser we need your help. If you enjoy wrapping gifts and would like to help us please be sure to sign-up on the form posted on the bulletin board in fellowship hall.

Donations: We need donations of wrapping paper, ribbon, tape, bows, & non-adhesive gift tags. You can drop off your donations in the Bethel Church office or place them in the labeled box on the coat rack in Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advanced for your help.

If you have any questions please contact Brandi in the Bethel Church office at 489-3651



The Mitten Tree

Every year we collect new mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves to donate to needy children at Crossroad Children's Home. Please put your donations on the **white** "Mitten Tree" in the Fellowship Hall that was put up during the Hanging of the Greens. Thank you for your generosity. The Bethel United Methodist Women.



Faith on Friday

If you are in need of a little gal pal time please join the Faith on Friday circle. This group is open to women of any age looking for spiritual uplifting and time to share experiences of faith, family, fun. Please join us for a devotional and fun fellowship time! We hope to see you there!

~Faith on Friday will meet December 16th at 7:00pm.

BETHEL AWANA CLUBS

Sep 7, 2016 - May 24, 2017 5:00 - 7:00 PM



Bethel's Awana Kids Need Your Help!

Bethel's Awana Clubs is a mid-week program for children grades preK – 6 that seeks to teach children about the love of Jesus. This program helps build a lasting foundation in faith that kids can carry with them throughout their lives. Through games, songs, lessons, memory verses and other fun activities, children learn the Word of God in a way they can understand for their age level.

Kids ask to say the closing prayer.

At Bethel United Methodist Church the Awana program is run almost completely by volunteers. And it is run completely on donations. We believe children should not have to pay to learn about the love of Jesus and we strive to keep our program free from registration fees and club dues. However, as you can imagine, a program like this can be quite costly – between \$3,000 - \$4,000 per club year. This year we have been fortunate to receive a \$1000 grant from the Bishop's Christmas fund. We would like to add another \$1000 to that through a matching fundraiser.

Each year kids invite their friends & those friends often become Awana members.

We have secured a private donor who is willing to match donations up to \$500! That means we, as parents, family, friends and congregation, would only have to raise \$500. Your contribution helps families who can't afford to pay club dues but want their children to have foundations rooted in Christ. A simple gift of \$25 from 40 families would get us to our goal. **Our fundraiser will take place between November 30 – December 14.** Donations can be dropped off at the church office or to the Awana Director.

As we enter this holiday season, please prayerfully consider donating to Bethel's Awana Clubs. This program may not only make a difference in the lives of the children who attend but also in the lives of the families they go home to and the friends that they play with every day.

Kids learn dinner prayers.

Christmas Notecards For Sale

Notecards designed by Bethel's own kids are available in packages of 8 cards for \$6.00.



Shelby Naibauer
416-0752

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- Wednesday, December 28—NO AWANA CLUBS

JANUARY

- Wednesday, January 4—NO AWANA CLUBS

bethelkidsmin@frontier.com

<http://www.bethelchurchfw.com/>

THANK YOU's

Many heartfelt thanks to Minerva Belote for teaching the Christian Home Builders class and to Jan Roberts and Minerva for leading the choir during our trip to Texas to meet our new grandson, Theo. You are true blessings to all of us at Bethel! In Christian love, Don and Barb Cross

BETHEL HAPPENINGS...

Join Bethel United Methodist Church for our Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service from 7:00-8:00 pm

Preschool Christmas Concert

Join us in the Bethel Sanctuary on
Thursday, December 8th at 6:30pm

*Our Men's Prayer Breakfast will be taking a
couple of months off and will resume in 2017.*

*Faith on Friday will be held on
December 16th at 7pm. See you there!*

Church Meetings

Thursday, December 1st

7:00pm Trustee Meeting

Thursday, December 8th

9:30am Church Staff Meeting

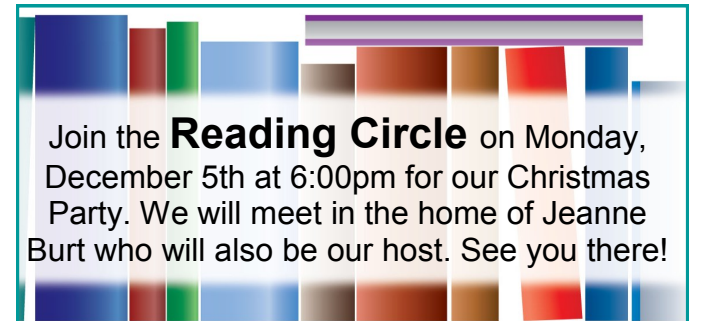
Longest Night

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 18th 6-7:15pm



Eve Circle will be held on
Thursday, December 15th at
12:30pm. Margaret Detamore will
be our host. See you there!



Join the **Reading Circle** on Monday,
December 5th at 6:00pm for our Christmas
Party. We will meet in the home of Jeanne
Burt who will also be our host. See you there!

December Greeters

Dec. 4	Cheryl Nicolet
Dec. 11	Terry & Jeanne Burt
Dec. 18	Shelby Naibauer
Dec. 25	Phyllis Strahm

General Operating Report - Oct.

10/01/16 Beginning Balance	-22,491.23
INCOME	24,963.93
EXPENSES	23,086.85
10/31/16 Ending Balance	-20,614.15

Poinsettia Orders



This year we will be placing orders for 6” poinsettia plants to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas services. You can place an order by calling Brandi in the church office or by signing up on the order sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. They will be \$10 per plant and can be paid in the office, or by placing your check or money in an envelope labeled “Poinsettia Orders” and dropping it in the church offering. Be sure to write your name on the envelope. Orders must be placed by Sunday, December 11th. Your plant can be taken home after our Christmas Eve service.



Bethel UMC’s Dine to Donate is on break

Due to the up coming holidays and busier schedules we will take a break from any Dine to Donate fundraising nights. We will resume them in January. Thank you for all your support at the previous events. Every little bit counts.



Office Holiday Closings

The Church offices will be CLOSED in observance of the Christmas holiday on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th. The Daycare office will be CLOSED on Monday, December 26th and the Preschool will be CLOSED from December 21st through January 3rd.

Advent, then and now

The church season of Advent began as a time of repentance for Epiphany, which was the second-biggest baptism day in the early church. Fasting was once a part of Advent, as it often still is for Lent.

Advent comes from the Greek word parousia, which was often used to talk about Jesus’ second coming. So Advent is a season of preparation not only for the celebration of Jesus’ earthly birth but for his promised return.

Some Christians celebrate Advent by not putting the baby Jesus into their manger scenes until Christmas morning. This adds to the anticipation that’s a special part of the season.

The Three Trees



According to legend, three trees grew near Jesus’ manger: an olive tree, a palm tree and the fir. The olive offered its fruit to the newborn king, and the palm tree gave its dates.

The poor fir, having nothing to give but worship, raised its boughs in adoration, and the angels hung stars on its branches. So the fir became the first Christmas tree.

BETHEL CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

A BIG THANKYOU

A **BIG THANKYOU** to all those that helped to make the Food Drive and the Operation Christmas child mission projects a success!! We were able to make overwhelming donation to the Food Bank and we collected 37 Christmas boxes for kids in need this year!



Christmas Events-Mark your calendar now!!

Christmas is an exciting time of year for our Children’s Ministry Program as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!! Our program is looking forward to offering these special activities to reinforce the meaning of Christmas with our kids:

Christmas Performance- during the month of December our Sunday School classes will be combined in order to practice for our Christmas Performance on **December 18th** during the worship service. Please mark your calendars for this special event!

Birthday Celebration for Jesus- The children’s 8:45 Sunday school classes will not be held on Sunday Dec 25th. However the kids will still enjoy a birthday celebration for Jesus party during Kids Kingdom!!! Any questions related to Christmas activities please contact Traci King.

Sunday School Join Us!!

Sunday School:
~8:45am - 9:45am

Kids Kingdom:
~during worship service
~combined age class

Sunday School Leaders

Sunday School Classes will remain combined for the remainder of the year. A new Sunday School calendar is being planned now. If you are interested in helping in the nursery, teaching a Sunday school class or have changes for next year please see Traci King know as soon as possible.

A Special Note

On behalf of our children’s ministry programs at Bethel, we wanted to extend a special thank you for the support that has been provided to both our program and to the children of our church. With the help of your participation and prayers we feel we have been able to spread and grow in the love of Jesus and help to build a strong foundation of faith for both kids and our youth! We are excited for what God has in store for our program next year!!
Nicole and Michel Burt and Traci King

Any questions related to Christmas activities please contact Traci King.

Dec. Birthdays
12/3 Carmen Miller

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Look Into What's Coming In December For Sunday School



Christian Home Builders-(Room S6)- Leader-Don Cross

As we celebrate God's promise that our Savior has been born, may this be our prayer: "Lord, in spite of our doubts, questions, or desire to run away from Your will for our lives, grant us the courage and faith to say yes to the Holy Spirit's call; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen." Come and share in the fellowship as we celebrate Jesus, the greatest gift of love!

Creation: A Divine Cycle

Unit 1 The Savior Has Been Born

December 4	God Promises a Savior	Luke 1:26-38
December 11	An Affirmation of the Promise	Luke 1:39-56
December 18	The Forerunner of the Promise	Luke 1:1-23, 57-66
December 25	The Savior Has Been Born	Luke 2:1-21

Seekers of the Covenant (Room S5)- Leader- Jeff Cusick

Have you ever wondered where in the Bible all those great biblical sayings we grew up hearing are? Have you ever wondered if they are really there? Well, it just so happens that some of them aren't. The Seekers have just started a new series called Half Truths - God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say. This series is developed by Pastor Adam Hamilton and runs 5 weeks. Each week we study a different saying. While these sayings capture some element of truth, when compared to the wisdom contained in scripture, they are really just popular sayings. Please join us each Sunday as we enjoy what Pastor Hamilton has to say and how it applies to our lives.

Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members

The Koinonia Class will be continuing a study of Isaiah in December. Isaiah was a prophet who lived in Judea 2700+ years ago at a time when people were abandoning God relying instead upon their wealth, military strength, their alliance with Egypt, and their worship of foreign gods—very much like today. Isaiah foretold that because of their disobedience, disaster would ensue. Isaiah has beautiful poetry and is a message of hope because a remnant would be preserved and because of prophecy about the coming of Jesus that is woven throughout the book.

Friends and Followers - (Fellowship Hall) Leader-Barb Cross

As we begin Chapter 3 of The Purple Book authored by Rice Broocks and Steve Murrell, I want to thank Mandy Odum for completing Chapter 2 "Lord and Obedience" in my absence. We will now be talking about "Repentance and Baptism." "Repent and be baptized, every one of you... Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." --Peter, Acts 2:38; 3:19 (TNIV) Repentance is a heart change. A heart transformed from the desire to sin to the desire to not sin and obey God. One pastor said it this way: "Repentance is siding with God against self." We always have room for more at the table so please join us!

BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

Help Wanted

Love to cook? Need something part time to do? Well if you enjoy cooking and being around spunky little children, Bethel Daycare Ministry (Bethel United Methodist Church) is the place for you! If you are interested please see me in person and I will provide you with an application.

2017 Calendars For Sale

2017 Calendars are now here. Calendars are \$6 each. If you are interested in purchasing one, please see Sarah or Brandi.

Scrip Card Program

Don't forget to use Scrip gift card program for all your Christmas needs! There are different percentages for each gift card, and we share half that profit with you. This profit is given to you in the form of a credit to your Preschool or Daycare account so the more you buy the larger the credit becomes! We have lots and lots of gift cards to choose from. Just send your order form in or email it to bethelpreschool@frontier.com and send a check or cash when you drop off or pick up your child. If we don't have it on hand, we will have it ordered. Those orders are placed on Monday and come in on Wednesday. There is also more to choose from online at www.shopwithscrip.com.

Food Drive

For the whole month of November, the Preschool & Daycare will be taking food donations for Community Harvest. Please help us by bringing in canned or boxed food.

Here is a list of upcoming events:

T/TH All Day Field Trip	Dec 1
MWF All Day Field Trip	Dec 2
Christmas Concert	Dec 8 @6:30pm
Christmas Break (No School)	Dec 21 – Jan 3

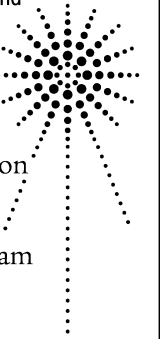


STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Make a mobile to remind you of Jesus' birth.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Hole punch
- Thin blue ribbon
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Yellow craft foam
- Marker



What you do:

1. With the paper plate upside down, punch evenly spaced holes along the rim. Gently fold the plate and punch a hole in the center.
2. Cut pieces of ribbon, thread them through the holes as desired and tie the ribbons securely.
3. Trace several small stars and one larger star on the foam and cut them out. Punch a hole atop a point of each star.
4. Tie one small star to each outer-rim ribbon.
5. Thread a longer ribbon through the center hole and tie the large star to the other end.
6. Write a verse on the plate or large star. Hang the mobile from the ceiling with another piece of blue ribbon.

Sept. Scrip Report:

Total Sold	\$5355.00
Parent %	\$26.30
School %	\$161.96