
Bethel Prayer Concerns

Sunday, December 4, 2022



PRAYER REQUESTS

Carol Loucks (*Judy Yeaworth's sister*);
Nancy & Clay Landers.

LOVE COMES RUNNING

I remember the first time I was afraid.

I was a child.

It was a nightmare.

(You remember those pesky monsters under the bed.)

I remember minutes felt like hours.

I begged the sun to rise.

(Fear always begs the sun to rise.)

Eventually, after minutes that felt like hours, I cried out.

My dad came running.

He sat at the edge of my bed.

He said there is no reason to be afraid.

He checked the closet and the floorboards.

He rearranged my pillows.

He said, "*I can stay.*"

And that's when I learned that when you are afraid,
love always comes running.

Love says, "*I can stay.*"

That's what God does for us.

God sits at the edge of the bed.

God checks the closet and the floorboards.

God says, "*Be not afraid.*"

God stays until sunrise.

Love always comes running.

Bethel Presbyterian Church Announcements

Childcare for infants and preschool age children is offered from 9:30 a.m. until noon in the nursery.

The Quiet Room is available during worship.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE

Reminder: All Angel Tree gifts should be turned in to the office **by today**. Please contact the office if your gift submission will be delayed. The gifts will be distributed Saturday, Dec 10.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Join us later today (**Sunday, Dec 4**) for an afternoon of activities followed by a simple supper and worship. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and fellowship.

CHRISTMAS BASKET MINISTRY

The Service Team will soon be putting together and distributing Christmas Baskets for local families in need. Each year Bethel provides approximately 50 "baskets" filled with food items needed for Christmas dinner. We will be picking up the food orders at the Midtown Kroger on **Friday, December 9th** starting at 3 pm. Volunteers are needed to help Dan Hyder pick up the food and bring it back to the Bethel Fellowship Hall. At 5 pm, we will also need volunteers to help package the food for each family for distribution on Saturday morning. Additional volunteers are needed to help distribute the food and Angel Tree gifts on **Saturday, December 10th** from 10 am until Noon. (This will be another year of drive-through distribution.) Please come help at any of these times if you are available. For more information, contact Esther Parish by phone/text at (865) 405-5242 or by emailing eparish29@gmail.com.



THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be held in the sanctuary following the Fellowship Supper (**Wed. Dec. 14, supper at 6 PM, pageant at 7:00**). Invite your family and friends to enjoy this retelling of the Christmas Story and experience the Spirit of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, we honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. We will receive the Christmas Joy offering in worship on **Sunday, Dec 18**. Please give generously.

BETHEL GOES CAROLING – Sun. Dec. 18th

Join us as we carol for local care homes and Bethel members & friends who are shut-ins. Meet in the parking lot on Sunday (12/18) at 4 PM. Once we are finished caroling (or at 6:00 PM for those not caroling), we will go to Rebecca & Joe Pierce's home (149 N. Kentucky St. – a nice walk from Bethel) for food and fellowship. Drinks, coffee and hot chocolate will be provided. Please bring a heavy snack or a dessert to share (e.g. chicken fingers, meatballs, chips and dip, veggies tray, cupcakes, cake pops, Christmas cookies/candy).

HOME FOOD COLLECTION

For the month of December our items are **Baby Supplies** (diapers, rash cream, baby wipes, lotion, shampoo, bath). Our in-worship collection will be Saturday Dec. 24 at the **Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 PM.**

Bethel Presbyterian Church Calendar

December 4 – December 11



Sun. 4	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship / 2nd Sunday of Advent (S)
	4:00-5:30	Grief Share (FH)
		Hanging of the Greens activities
	4:00	Crafts
	6:00	Soup/Sandwich Supper
	6:45	Worship
Mon. 5	10:00-Noon	BAM Art Club (2nd Fl)
	7:00	Boy Scouts (FH)
Tues. 6	10-Noon	Rug Hooking
	6:00-7:00	Tai Chi (FH)
Wed. 7	6:00	Pageant Rehearsal (FH)
	6:00-7:15	Choir Practice (C)
Thurs. 8	4:30-8:00	FH Reserved
Fri. 9	10:00	Tai Chi (FH)
Sat. 10	10:00-Noon	Christmas Basket Distribution
Sun. 11	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship / 3rd Sunday of Advent (S)

*C=Choir Room, S =Sanctuary, L=Library,
RR=Reading Room, FH=Fellowship Hall, GA=Gathering Area*