
Bethel Prayer Concerns

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Wellington Place **1098 Bradford Way, Kingston 37763**
Chris Badger Room 107

Cornerstone Village-North **2-1 Oak St, Johnson City 37601**
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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Mariana Oonk;
Brenda Strickling;
Paul Morgan (*Brother of Joni Morgan*);
Morgan McElhinney (*DIL of Jennette & Mike*).

[Marianne Shadden](#);



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of hope, you call us to go out and serve others in the name of Christ. Help us to be your hands in this world, so that we can reach out to those in need. In Jesus' name. Amen.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

The weeks leading to Christmas are often filled with much activity. Along with work, school, and church responsibilities, there are special holiday festivities to which we will attend. Staying "awake" as Mark 13:24-37 stresses, may not be the problem—in fact, we may feel there are not enough hours in the day! Yet, this reading from Mark counsels us to be awake to, to pay attention to, what is most needful for our well-being and the well-being of the world: God's presence, God's appearing among us. Here at the beginning of Advent, how will you "keep

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alert” for God in the midst of so many responsibilities and distractions?

Bethel Presbyterian Church Announcements

Youth Sunday School and Adult Christian Education
begin at 9:30 a.m.

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.

ADVENT LEARNING

As the new church year begins, Rev. Neff will lead an Advent Sunday School Class focusing on the Christmas stories found in the Gospels of Mathew & Luke. The class will meet each Advent Sunday (Dec. 3, 10, 17 & 24) at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

TODAY: (12/3) HANGING OF THE GREENS

Christmas Baskets & Gifts pick-up	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Activity Centers in Fellowship Hall	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Clean up and setup for dinner	5:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Dinner	5:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Worship	6:15 PM – 7:00 PM

TODAY: Christmas Basket Distribution

Each year, in conjunction with Hanging of the Greens, Bethel assembles Christmas food baskets that bless local families in need. You can help with this mission by being one of the many elves that are needed to help assemble the baskets and/or making a monetary donation in support of the program. Donations can be placed in the collection plate. Together we can help share the joy of this Christmas season.

DEC. BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Dec. 7th meeting of the TN-10 Book Club will be held at Jane Walsh's home. Your RSVP is necessary. Please meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 AM to carpool to the location.

PRISON INMATE CHRISTMAS

We have been asked to provide goody bags for the inmates at Morgan County Regional Correctional Complex. You can help assemble the bags today during Hanging of the Greens. You can also support the program with a donation, please notate "prison goody bags" on the memo line of your check.

Dec. 4th DESSERTS NEEDED!

Dessert makers – we've been asked provide desserts for a Christmas banquet for a group of about 200 inmates. This is an effort that is greatly appreciated – prison diets don't often include fancy desserts! The banquet is on **Mon. December 4th**. Please deliver desserts to the church by noon on that day. The prison requires desserts to be in clear containers. Coordinator Karen Schall will have some approved containers available. Contact her if your dessert will need one. (schallk@highland.net or 423-369-2955).

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Bethel has partnered with the support group that meets at First Baptist to allow for two monthly meetings. Bethel will host the meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 6pm. First Baptist will host on the Third Monday of each month at 1pm. Barbara Beatty, a member of BAM and longtime member of the support group, will be the lead facilitator at the Bethel meeting. Anyone who is caring for a loved one or friend with Alzheimer's or other dementia is welcome to come. It is a time of giving and receiving of support as well as general resource sharing. The group will meet in the library.

HOME FOOD COLLECTION

For the month of December our items are **Baby Supplies** (diapers, rash cream, baby wipes, lotion, shampoo, bath). These and other non-perishable food items can be brought in throughout the month and placed in the HOME collection basket in the Gathering Area. Our in-worship collection will be Sun. 12/24 at the **Christmas Eve Service at 8:00 PM.**

Bethel Presbyterian Church Calendar

December 3 – December 10



Sun. 3	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Communion Sunday / Worship (S)
	12:15	Faith Team (L)
	3:30	Hanging of the Greens / Basket Distribution
	5:30-8:00	RCCM (Dinner FH, Meeting 3rd floor)
Mon. 4	10:00	BAM Art Club
	12:30	Rug Hooking
	5:00	BAM Art Club
	7:00	Boy Scouts (FH)
Tues. 5	6:00 – 7:30	Tai Chi (FH)
Wed. 6	7:00	Choir Practice
Thurs. 7	5:30	Yoga (FH)
	6:00	Alzheimer's Support (L)
Fri. 8	10:00–11:30	Tai Chi (FH)
Sat. 9	10:00–11:30	Tai Chi (FH)
Sun. 10	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S)
	5:30-8:00	RCCM (FH)

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

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