

The Spirit of Bethlehem



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Pastor Randy's Ramblings:

Dear Members of Bethlehem,

It was recently shared with me that someone referred to our church, Bethlehem UCC, as "dying." I'd like to respectfully disagree.

I honestly have no idea what the context of the comment was, but I'd like to say that I believe that **Bethlehem is THRIVING!** However, it's likely that my metric for "thriving" is vastly different from the commenter's. Has Bethlehem's overall membership dropped in the last ten years? Yes. Has Bethlehem's weekly attendance decreased? Yes, slightly. Are our Sunday School rooms full? No. Are younger families attending worship like they used to? No. Are our financial coffers overflowing? No.

On the surface, that all sounds bad. Of course, we'd LOVE for the answers to all the above questions to be the opposite, but they're not. Well guess what? The answers are the same for MOST churches in MOST denominations across the country. In August I gave a message that highlighted the decline in church attendance. Since 1965 the percentage of persons connected to a church has been steadily declining. Today, less than HALF of the American population claims a church affiliation. This is not a Bethlehem problem. This is not a UCC problem. This is an American problem. This is a religious institution problem. Quite frankly, younger people just don't find church to be of the same value that the older generations do. Until we find a way to reach them where they're at, they aren't coming back.

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DECEMBER SPIRIT DEADLINE:

Sunday, Nov. 19th
@ 5pm

Send to Traci at
trabefamily5@gmail.com



Pastor Randy's Ramblings (continued):

Two other huge factors that come into play are 1. Covid; people got too comfortable NOT coming to church, and 2. Youth sports; there are MANY things competing for a family's time. And now, unlike 20 years ago, youth sports programs find it necessary to schedule games and tournaments on Sundays.

So, with all this bad news, how is it possible that I could describe Bethlehem as "thriving?" Well, rather than continually keep the focus on who's NOT here, I like to focus on who IS here and what they are accomplishing. The goal of our church should be to serve God and God's people, not to fill the pews. If we had a full church but never did anything to make the world the better place, would we be "living?" I don't think so.

Even though our numbers are small, Bethlehem continues to do great things. Our close-knit group of members take seriously, God's call to action on behalf of his people. Every project we have undertaken recently has been a success. The Bethlehem Ladies held a VERY successful drive for the Harbor House. A large group of members gathered on Mission Sunday to make over 200 sandwiches, assemble 12 period packs, clean ditches on 2 miles of highway, and THEN went to play Bingo with residents at the Field of Dreams. Each time we ask our people to participate in a project, they rise to the occasion. Whether it's a food drive, the Christmas collection, Heifer Project, or Undy 500, Bethlehem delivers.

Let's avoid disparaging our church based on membership numbers, and instead CELEBRATE all the ways we unite and rally in care of God's people. And...if you want our church to grow, it's going to take YOU to invite people and make sure they give us a try. Sure, we don't have praise bands or light shows, but we've got beautifully faithful people, committed to serving God.

I am forever grateful to be a member of this faithful community!

Peace!

Pastor Randy



Invite a Neighbor to Church



Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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Email: BethUCCKiel@outlook.com

You can also follow Bethlehem UCC

on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/bucckiel/>

or Bethlehem's website at www.bethlehemkiel.org

Our Spiritual Leader:

Pastor Randy Koppenhaver

Phone: 920.286.2531 or email: randynmel5@gmail.com



- Sunday School begins at 8:00am. All children 4 years – 6th grade welcome!
- Gather in the sanctuary for worship Sunday mornings. Our service begins at 9:30am.
- Tune your car radio to 101.3FM to listen to the service in the church parking lot at 9:30am.
- View Sunday's service from the comfort of your home through Facebook live stream at 9:30am <http://www.facebook.com/bucckiel/>
- OR watch the recorded worship service on Bethlehem's website at a time that is convenient for you and your family www.bethlehemkiel.org

Pastoral Care: If you have any pastoral/spiritual care needs please contact Pastor Randy.

2023 Bethlehem UCC Leadership Team

Pastor – Randy Koppenhaver (920)286-2531 or randynmel5@gmail.com

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Treasurer - Jane Umland (920)286-2175 or jm59umland@gmail.com

If you are not able to join us in person Sunday mornings, please mail your giving envelope to:

Bethlehem UCC
c/o Ruthie Rumpff
11608 Lax Chapel Road,
Kiel, WI 53042



You can also give electronically! Please contact Ruthie Rumpff for details.

Bethlehem UCC has added a Donate Button on the Church Website

www.bethlehemkiel.org



Click on the Donate button to make a secure online contribution today!

Donate

Your giving will go directly to offset our day-to-day costs of maintaining the church. This option was added in addition to giving at church, mailing your giving to church or giving electronically.

The On-line giving is secure by using your PayPal account, credit or debit card. (The church is charged a 2.89% plus 49 cents for each transaction. You have the option to add that to your donation.)

Thank you for all your support!

Lectionary Readings for NOVEMBER:

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|---|--|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| All Saints Day November 1, 2023 | Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 | | 1 John 3:1-3 | Matthew 5:1-12 |
| November 5, 2023 | Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 | Micah 3:5-12 Psalm 43 | 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 | Matthew 23:1-12 |
| November 12, 2023 | Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 | Solomon 6:12-16 Amos 5:18-24 Solomon 6:17-20 Psalm 70 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13 |
| November 19, 2023 | Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 | Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Matthew 25:14-30 |
| Thanksgiving Day, USA November 23, 2023 | Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Psalm 65 | | 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 | Luke 17:11-19 |
| November 26, 2023 | Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 | Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a | Ephesians 1:15-23 | Matthew 25:31-46 |

Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting: 10-10-2023

Present: Steven Volland, Jane Umland, Ruthie Rumpff, Traci Rabe, Ross Westphalen, Lee Watson, Kathy Bowe, Pastor Randy Koppenhaver

Call to order: 6:30 PM

Opening Prayer by Randy – Prayer for Peace



Monthly Reports

- **Financial Secretary – Ruthie**

- Month income \$6,607.00 (\$1,139.00 below YTD collection) \$69,714.00 (\$8,631.00 below YTD requirement)

The report is approved as presented (motion by Lee and 2nd by Ross)

- **Treasurer – Jane**

- Giving's received in Sept to date are \$6,809.63 bringing the checkbook balance to \$48,856.03

The report is approved as presented (motion by Ruthie and 2nd by Traci)

- **Building & Grounds checking and Savings**

- Checking = \$758.71
- Saving = \$6659.47

- **Secretary – Kathy**

- The Secretary's monthly mtg minutes were approved as printed in the Sept Spirit of Bethlehem.
- Approved by Ross and 2nd by Traci

- **Building & Grounds Updates**

- Leak in choir room – tiles will be replaced with new ones
- Looking into outside lighting issues – Steve D. – pending
- Getting estimate for canister light replacement – Rick R. – pending
- Getting 2 estimates for parsonage roof
- Annual furnace cleaning – date will be set in the near future
- Parsonage deck – Bldg & Grounds will look into updating
- Outside of church was sprayed for bugs

- **Pastoral Report**

-Worship - 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8

Upcoming "OFF" Sundays: Oct. 15, Oct. 29, Nov. 12

I will need info for the 29th bulletin early, as we are leaving on the 24th.

-Confirmation/Youth

Faith Mentors: Nancy Zimmermann, Bob Marklez, and Traci Rabe

Confirmation event on 9/20 at Lakeland. Jacob Nault and speakers from Mental Health America.

Classes held 9/13, 9/20 (Lakeland), 10/4

Crop Walk on Oct. 8 - Bethlehem raised \$217.00

Bethlehem will host RCF youth on October 29 from 5p-7p Students developed the following ideas: pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, campfire w/ smores, volleyball, kickball, movie, cornhole, Ghost in the Graveyard

Confirmation Retreat w/ St. Peters Jan. 19-10 - (\$60/student)

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- Mission
Loads of Love on 10/2 - \$17.50 expended - Thanks Jane, for covering.
WISE
 - Book Study has two participants
 - Monthly displays
 - NAMI guest for entire congregation - November 5
 Mission Sunday - over 200 sandwiches delivered to the Guest House. (Thanks, Jane)
 - Period Pack - 12 packs completed- Randy will deliver to Chicago area drop off point when he goes down for class. Any remaining funds will be donated to CWS.****Submit any receipts for sandwich supplies to the Mission Committee for reimbursement.***
- Pastoral care
Phone calls and left messages 0x
Other electronic communication 0x
Cards 0x
Visits 0x
Hospital visits 2x
- Wider Church/MID process
COP (communities of practice) met on Sept. 28
MID work towards ordination:
CPE (clinical pastoral education) runs Sept.- mid Nov. classes on Mon/Wed plus clinical hours (20/week) at Sheboygan Memorial Hospital
- Communication and Other
Weekly Blurbs and monthly newsletter articles
Made closing remarks and prayer at Harbor House Vigil in Chilton on 10/3
Recruited members for community UCC choir (6)
United Church Men and Women's Dinner - Thursday, 10/19 @ 6:30pm - St. James. Newton. (\$18)

Member Outreach – cards sent on behalf of Bethlehem = 2 sympathy, 1 thank You

OLD BUSINESS

- Mission Fest- Well received
- Lunch of walking tacos was served to 37 people.
- 263 sandwiches were made for the Guest House.
- 12 Period Packs were assembled.
- Highway cleanup was completed.
- 12 residents attended the bingo games at Field of Dreams
- Sound Room/Audio Visual/Website
 - Steven is in contact with Tom for pricing options for mics
 - Brian Bartels has hooked up laptop with face book
 - Looking into 4 new companies for website (Lori is retiring)
 - Reviewing Hughes Net (Internet Infusion) will need to review phone service
- There will be book study on 11/12 at 8:30
- There will be a NAMI speaker on 11/5 at the 9:30 service



NEW BUSINESS

- Annual Meeting preparation begins – Budget, Committee Nominations & Pastoral Position Review
- Thanksgiving service – There will be no ecumenical service—more info to follow
- Inclement Weather- Watch for more information

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- Blue Service – TBA
- Sunday December 17th – there will be a Children's Christmas Program
- Sunday December 24th – there will be a morning service (9:30) and also an evening service with stories and candle lighting.
- Monday December 25th – there will a morning service (9:30)



Motion to adjourn by Ross and 2nd by Ruthie
Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Next meeting – Nov 14, 2023 6:30 PM

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Secretary, Kathy Bowe

Bethlehem Mission Fest:

Our annual Mission Fest was a huge success! A total of 37 Bethlehem members participated in the morning activities.



A grand total of 263 sandwiches were made for Guest House in Milwaukee. These sandwiches will feed many people who utilize the homeless shelter.

During the summer months various women's hygiene items were collected. These items allowed us to put together 12 Period Packs giving women and girls around the world the essentials they need to feel clean, be healthy and live with dignity during the menstrual cycle.

A group also picked up garbage and trash along highway X.

And several members went to play BINGO with the residents at Field of Dreams Assisted Living Facility.

Whether you came to help or donated items for these various outreach projects, THANK YOU! Your kindness has helped spread God's love far and wide.

Bethlehem Sunday School:

Happy Thanksgiving from the Sunday School! We are so grateful that our church is blessed with a growing Sunday School program again. Our youngest ages are really enjoying learning about Jesus, making adorable crafts, and playing games relating to the Bible Stories they are learning. They are enjoying singing some fun Sunday School songs with actions and perhaps they'll decide to share some of these songs in church in the upcoming weeks.



Sunday School is held at 8:00-9:15 am every Sunday.

Bethlehem Scrip:

The Christmas Season is fast approaching! Please keep the scrip program in mind when gift cards are needed or when Christmas shopping.

Stop at the scrip table for retailers which we carry on a regular basis. With some planning ahead, I can also order scrip cards for retailers that we may not carry on a regular basis. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I will be selling every Sunday starting November to accommodate the holiday season.

Please remember the scrip program does set aside 10% for families in need. If you know of someone in need during this holiday season, please let Pastor Randy know.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

| SCRIP STATS: | Sold | Profit |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 9/7/23 | \$6,145.00 | \$ 239.51 |
| 9/22/23 | \$1,150.00 | \$ 81.76 |
| 10/1/23 | \$2,670.00 | \$ 85.30 |
| 10/15/23 | \$1,225.00 | \$ 35.76 |



Linda Rabe

Youth Event!! Sunday, Oct 29 - 5p-7pm



Fall fun! Campfire...Pumpkin Games... Food..."Ghost in the Graveyard"
Hosted by Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 11608 Lax Chapel Rd,
Kiel

Confirmation:

Confirmation Class



November Confirmation Classes:

- W. November 1st
- W. November 15th
- W. November 29th

All classes begin at 6pm

Loads of Love: Once a month, recipients meet Bethlehem's Loads of Love team at the laundry mat and are supplied detergent and dryer sheets to wash and dry their clothing, towels, and bedding. Loads of Love also generously provides the quarters for the washers and dryers. With your help Bethlehem will continue to do God's work through this important mission. Your donations can be placed in the "Laundry Detergent" container located near the entrance to the sanctuary.



Thank you for sharing God's love through your generosity!

Bethlehem Ladies:

The Bethlehem Ladies met at 8:30am on Sunday, October 15th with 6 members present.

A thank you card from Heidi was read.

The Ladies will not be playing Bingo at Field of Dreams in November as originally planned. It has been rescheduled for some time in spring 2024.

Our next meeting is Sunday, November 19th at 8:30am. We will be collecting our thank offerings for Christmas Cheer at this meeting and again at the December 3rd meeting. We will plan our Christmas Party which will be held Sunday, December 3rd following worship and a short meeting.

The Bethlehem Ladies are taking orders for Poinsettias. They are \$9 each and the colors available are red, white and pink. The last Sunday to order Poinsettias is Sunday, December 3rd. The Poinsettias can be taken home on Christmas Day after worship service. The sign up is on the table in the fellowship hall. Cash or checks to "Bethlehem Ladies" can be given directly to Ginny Schultz or put in her mail box. Thank you!!!



On to wash communion glass on November 5th are Barb and Heidi.

Polly Jeanty
Secretary

*****Celebrating 110 years***** November 19th is a special day for the Bethlehem Ladies. Our organization was formed on that date back in 1913. Still active today, the group continues to make contributions and carries out special projects benefiting worthy causes outside of the church as well.





Bethlehem Ladies Anniversary

THE LADIES' AID

The old church bell had long been cracked
 Its call was but a groan
 It seemed to sound a funeral knell
 With every broken tone.
 "We need a bell" the brethren said
 "But taxes must be paid
 We have no money we can spare -
 Let's ask the Ladies' Aid."
 The shingles on the roof were old;
 The rain came down in rills
 The brethren slowly shook their heads
 And spoke of "monthly bills"
 The chairman of the board arose
 And said, "I am afraid
 That we shall have to lay the case
 Before the Ladies' Aid."
 The carpet had been patched and patched
 Till quite beyond repair
 And through the aisles and on the steps
 The boards shewed hard and bare
 "It is too bad," the brethren said
 "An effort must be mad
 To raise an interest on the part
 Of members of the Ladies' Aid."
 The preacher's stipend was behind
 The poor man blushed to meet
 The grocer and the butcher
 As they passed him on the street.
 But nobly spoke the brethren then
 "Pastor, you shall be paid!
 We'll call upon the treasurer
 Of our good Ladies' Aid."
 "Ah!" said the men, "the way to heaven
 Is long and hard and steep,
 With slopes of care on either side,
 The path 'tis hard to keep
 We cannot climb the heights alone,
 Our hearts are sore dismayed,
 We ne'er shall get to heaven at all
 Without the Ladies' Aid!"

~Submitted by Jeanette Wriedt

Bethlehem Merry Christians:

Over the summer, the Bethlehem Merry Christians completed a project to update some of the landscaping around the church building. The decorative stone was removed from the west side of the building along the exterior of the kitchen wall. This was replaced with cement. Sections of stone and plants along the east side of the building were also replaced with cement. The stone was becoming difficult to maintain. The replacement cement will give those areas a cleaner look.

The Merry Christians are again undertaking a campaign to raise funds for Heifer International. See an announcement regarding this elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also, the Merry Christians recently donated to the United Church Men and Women's Scholarship fund. This group awards scholarships to those in the ministry. The Merry Christians want to encourage and support those who answer the call to ministry.

~Kaye Radder

The United Church Men & Women:

For 86 years, The United Church Men & Women have been presenting scholarships and grants to various recipients. On Thursday, October 19, 2023 the Annual Scholarship Presentation Banquet held at St James UCC in Spring Valley. The mission of this group is to provide scholarships to pre-seminary, seminary, and post-seminary students.

Over \$8,000 had been donated from various UCC churches, their organizations, and individuals for the 2023 fund. On behalf of all of Bethlehem UCC, the Bethlehem Merry Christians recently made a donation to this important mission.

Recipients for 2023 are:

The David Heckmann Memorial Pastoral Care Grant was presented to David Kohls.

The Donald Lorfeld Seminary Scholarship was awarded to Mark Schmitt.

The Donald Lorfeld Seminary Scholarship was awarded to Bridget Hill.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the United Church Man & Women Spring Leadership & Planning Meeting on April 24, 2024 at 6:30 pm at St. Johns United Church of Christ in Sheboygan.



From the Church Historian:

Did you know that Bethlehem UCC has a parsonage? The 118 year old house stands south of the current church in front the cemetery along Lax Chapel Road.

This house for the pastor was built in 1905 at a cost of \$850 for materials with the labor donated by members. Rev. Dahn was the first to occupy. It has been refurbished and remodeled many times; most notably adding running water in 1957.

Upon merger with Bethel in 1944, the pastors lived in the Bethel parsonage and our parsonage was occupied by custodians in exchange for their labor. In later years, pastors chose to live in the Bethlehem parsonage. Since the dissolution of the yoke with Bethel, pastors have chosen a housing allowance making the parsonage available to rent out to others.



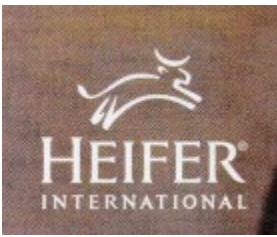
Kaye Radder, Historian



The WISE committee at Bethlehem UCC's next step will be meeting with the Donna Firman, Board President of NAMI Manitowoc County, to provide us with more resources on NAMI FaithNet.

PLEASE JOIN US on November 5th at Bethlehem UCC during our 9:30am worship to welcome Donna as a special guest to share her story with us.

Donna Firman, a successful retired business executive in both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors, has lived experience as a person with mental illness. She founded Mustard Seed Advisors where she worked as a social entrepreneur helping nonprofits raise money, drive operational excellence, and solve business problems that hold organizations back and prevent growth. Today, Donna is the Board President of NAMI Manitowoc County and is on the League of Women Voters Mental Health Committee, currently providing support for an Early Diversion Program in Manitowoc County. NAMI Manitowoc County was recently awarded the prestigious Imagining Grant from the West Foundation, Inc. to pilot an innovative mental Health program in Manitowoc County. Donna also serves on NAMI's state-wide Public Policy and Advocacy Committee. She holds a BS in Business Administration from Northern Michigan University. Donna is a 2022 Athena award recipient and a 2023 NAMI Wisconsin award recipient.



Heifer Project Auction

Do you remember life before Covid? Things have changed, the way we do things has changed. We remember the fun the Merry Christians had by hosting an Auction to raise funds for Heifer International. We remember the pies, the angel food candy, the bidding, the snacks.

We are planning to again have such an auction, but not until 2024. We are in the process of brainstorming to make the next auction as rewarding as those in the past.

In order to make a donation in 2023, the Merry Christians are again asking you to make a monetary gift by Sunday, December 10. Utilizing the enclosed, addressed envelope you can

- mail your donation
- drop off in person at any worship service
- or utilize the new house size mail box at the front entrance of the church

The Merry Christians will add to the gift total so people who depend on us will be helped.

The goal of every Heifer project is to help families achieve self-reliance. This is done by providing families the tools they need to sustain themselves, and it's thanks to the generosity of donors like you. The "teach a man to fish" philosophy is what drove Dan West to found Heifer International over 70 years ago. That philosophy still inspires the work to end world hunger and poverty throughout the world.

Checks can be made payable to: Bethlehem Merry Christians

And mailed to: Lora Mathes, 21607 CTH C, Kiel, WI 53042.

Thanks in advance for your generosity to help those in need.

Bethlehem Merry Christians



Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys: *The marriage of Sarah Mueller and John Schisel – 9/16/23*

Families who have lost loved ones:

Bob Radder



Those struggling with health issues:



Neal (Louie's Brother)

Mary Beth Molitor

Marie Rietbrock

Brenda Volland

Heidi Konen

Gary Steinhardt

Sandra Tesch

Doreen Schmidt

Tom Lefeber

Helen Henning

Hattie Lucille

Darlene Horneck

Daisy Sippel

Dawson Horneck

Jessica Horneck

Crystal (Friend of Koppenhavers)

Molly (Friend of Koppenhavers)

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin & Doris Mae Nimmer

Other concerns:

Those affected by war in Israel.

Those affected by violence and oppression in other places of the world.

Those affected by the earthquake in Afghanistan.

Those affected by recent gun violence.

Save your Christmas Lights:

Do you have Christmas lights that no longer work? DON'T THROW THEM OUT! Please bring them to church and place them in the basket under the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

Save your Aluminum Cans:

Sunday School continues to collect aluminum cans.
Place your bags in the old garage next to the cemetery.



The Kiel Area Food Pantry, Inc.(which provides food to anyone within the Kiel School District Area), has been experiencing the largest needs ever faced in our community. Last year in November they hit 42 households, in the last two months more than 80 households have needed support.

The pantry is ecumenical-- open to everyone. There is a huge need in our community. Each month boxes include cheese donated from Hennings and Sargento, butter donated by Pine River Dairy --- the pantry then purchases meat to add to the box. The months that normally see the most need are October, November and December.

The pantry has served an all-time high of 80+ households. If anyone does not want to do shopping, or would like to help donate money towards meat, cash donations are also welcome.

Kiel Area Community Food Pantry most needed items:

Food:

1. Boxed Cereal (Adult or Children)
2. Canned Fruits /Applesauce
3. Hearty Soups (Chunky/Progresso)
4. Jam/Jelly/Peanut Butter
5. Pasta Sauce
6. Boxed Rice
7. Hamburger Helper
- 8 Baked Pork and Beans
9. Instant Potatoes
10. Knorr Side Dishes
- 11 Stuffing/Yams/Pie Filling/Cranberries

Other Personal Care Items:

1. Kleenex
2. Toilet Paper
3. Toothpaste
4. Bar Soap
5. Shampoo/conditioner



They currently have adequate supplies of Vegetables and Pasta

Chili Season Starts

The weather is changing. You may have noticed that a number of area churches are hosting their annual Chili Suppers. Bethlehem's supper is a number of months away, but plans are in the works.

Mark your Calendar

Save the Date

Plan your work vacation/PTO day:

February 7, 2024 – Bethlehem Chili Supper

Planning is already under way. We will need

- Ice Cream Pails with covers
- Plastic Containers with covers (approx 16 oz Cool Whip size)

If you know someone who works in food service such as a deli or restaurant, consider asking if they get product in covered plastic containers that might be thrown away. Ask if they could be donated to the church.

Please bring any of these to the church kitchen anytime throughout the year.

Help Wanted: Cooks

No Experience Needed

Skills Needed: Must be able to stir, stir, and stir

Job limited to 2 days:

Day 1, February 6, Noodles

Day 2, February 7, Soup

Benefits: A warm feeling in your heart.

To apply: Contact Kaye Radder



NOVEMBER VINNIE'S PANTRY ITEMS -
A box of cake mix or frosting



NOVEMBER Jingle Change supports: Sunday School

NOVEMBER 2023 – BETHLEHEM EVENTS

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------|---|
| 29 8am Sunday School 9:30am Worship | 30 | 31 | 1 6pm Confirmation | 2 | 3 | 4  |
| 5 8am Sunday School 9:30am Communion Service w/Pastor Randy – NAMI Guest Speaker – Toten Fest  | 6 Loads of Love | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11  |
| 12 8am Sunday School 9:30am Worship | 13 | 14 6:30pm Consistory mtg. | 15 6pm Confirmation | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 8am Sunday School 8:30am Bethlehem Ladies mtg. 9:30am Worship w/Pastor Randy December Spirit articles due to Traci by 5pm | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23  | 24 | 25 |
| 26 8am Sunday School 9:30am Worship w/Pastor Randy | 27 | 28 | 29 6pm Confirmation | 30 | | |

NOVEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

November 1 – Mark Riesterer
November 2 – Carolyn Riesterer
November 3 – Doris Mae Nimmer
November 8 - Ryan Arnold
November 15 – Julie Mueller
November 17 – Darlean Rumpff
November 21 – Heidi Konen
November 22 – Keith Bowe
November 22 – Bruce Jeanty
November 22 – Asher Rodreguez
November 23 – Ellie Holz
November 25 – Joe Molitor
November 26 – Logan Shaver
November 29 – Joe Schmidt
November 29 – Mark Wirtz
November 30 – Leah Henning

Anniversaries:

November 4 – Steve & Jennifer Deignan (2017)
November 11 – Arlyn & Donna Truttmann Retlich (2006)
November 18 – Pat & Bonnie Hoban (1983)
November 24 – Tom & Traci Rabe (1990)
November 26 – Kerry & Barb Henning (1983)



