

The Spirit of Bethlehem

December

BETHLEHEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Pastor Randy's Ramblings:

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters of Bethlehem!

It's really hard to believe December is upon us and we're talking about Advent and looking ahead towards the Christmas holiday. I mean, I still have leaves that need to be cleaned up!



Advent is the season we typically associate with expectation and anticipation of the birth of Christ...a time of preparation for the upcoming Christmas season. But, as I recently learned on Christianity.com, there's more to its history.

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus* which meant "coming." Scholars believe that in the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of prepping for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany. Christians spent 40 days in penance, fasting and prayer. Originally, there wasn't much of a connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6th century, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. However, they weren't thinking about Christ's coming in Bethlehem, but rather his second coming: the rapture. It wasn't until the Middle Ages that historians have been able to explicitly link Advent to Christ's birth in the manger at Bethlehem.

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Pastor Randy's Ramblings (continued):

Whatever the history, Advent surely stirs an emotional response. For some it's a season of anticipated joy and hope, as we imagine decorations, gatherings, and gifts. For others, it may create a feeling of trepidation – thoughts of loneliness, loss, hopelessness, or even memories of trauma.

My goal is to make certain that everyone's spiritual needs are met during this time. We will have our usual celebrations of Advent on Sunday's, culminating with a service of lessons and carols on Christmas Eve. There will be a children's program on December 15.

Additionally, we will continue to support and nurture those in our midst who struggle during the holidays. On Thursday, Dec. 19 at 6:30pm, we will hold our annual Blue Christmas service. It will be a subdued service of candles, scripture, song and prayer, aimed at comfort and healing.

No matter which side of proverbial snow fence your holiday spirit resides, Christ is coming as a symbol of hope. Good things are on the horizon!

May God bless you and yours this holiday season!

Randy



Pastoral Care: Please keep me informed of hospitalizations and other pastoral care needs. If you know of someone from our church family who is sick or in the hospital, ask if they've let me know. If not, offer to contact me on their behalf. I don't want anyone to feel unsupported in a time of need. That's part of my job! Recently I learned about a serious issue a week after it happened. The person said, "I thought someone from church would let you know." PLEASE... let me know!

- Pastor Randy (920)286-2531 or randynme15@gmail.com

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Our Spiritual Leader:

Pastor Randy Koppenhaver

Phone: 920.286.2531 or email: randynmel5@gmail.com



- **Sunday School begins September 8th 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 anytime that is convenient for you and your family www.bethlehemkiel.org

2023 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

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

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Financial Secretary - Ruthie Rumpff (920)946-5849 or srumpff@tm.net

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/check 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!

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 1.99% plus 49 cents for each transaction. You have the option to add this charge to your donation.

Thank you for all your support!

LOOKING FOR LITURGISTS!

Pastor Randy is looking for persons interested in leading worship services as liturgists. Lead the Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession, and Read a portion of the scriptures. A sign-up sheet is on the door to the pastor's office. Let Randy know if you have any questions.



Lectionary Readings for DECEMBER:

December 1, 2024 Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36



December 8, 2024 Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6



December 15, 2024 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18



December 22, 2024 Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45(46-55)
Psalm 80:1-7



December 24, 2024 Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14(15-20)



December 25, 2024 Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:1-7(8-20)



December 29, 2024 1Samuel 2:18-20 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52

Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting: 11-6-2024

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

Call to order: 6:31 PM

Opening by Randy: Post election day prayer written by Walter Brueggemann

Monthly Reports



Financial Secretary – Ruthie

- Month income \$8,316.00 (\$132.00 above YTD collection)
\$74,528.00 (\$7,312.00 below YTD requirement)

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

Jingle Change – month of Oct – NIN – \$312.88

Treasurer – Jane

- Giving's received in oct to date are \$8,703.88 bringing the checkbook balance to \$51,796.41

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

Building & Grounds checking and Savings

Checking = \$2,356.38

Saving = \$8,668.97

CD up-date (Bank First) (\$5000.00 ea.)

1st CD invested (8/12)

2nd CD invested (11/14)

Secretary – Kathy

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

Building & Grounds Updates

- Next spring the entire parking lot will need to be sealed and stripping done – we are looking at quotes on average of \$10,000. Anyone wishing to donate for this project can make a check to the maintenance fund and indicate "parking lot project"
- West side of church down spout dug up and re-connected-will let settle over winter
- Canister light replacement (front of church) will be put on hold due to cost
- Outside water turned off – thank you Louie and Rick
- Snow plow stakes have been put in place – thank you Bruce
- Shane (snow plow guy) will again maintain parking lot – price of salt will go up
- Renter was contacted with rent increase to begin in Jan – small list of repairs need to be done

Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting (continued):

Pastoral Report

Worship -

- 10/13, 10/27, 11/3
- Upcoming "OFF" Sundays: Nov. 24, Dec. 15, Dec 29, June 1, June 29
- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Gloria Dei at 6pm
- Field of Dreams on 11/12

Confirmation/Youth/Sunday School

Confirmation:

- On Wednesday, Dec. 18, the class will go to the Kiel Food Pantry. They will get a tour and learn about the program, and will end with filling some boxes for distribution. Group would like to collect some food items beforehand.
- Retreat scheduled for Jan. 17-18 at Daycholah. \$105/person, including pastor and chaperone.
- RCF is donating \$500 which should reduce costs about \$20/student
- The confirmation students are planning to host a breakfast after worship on 12/1. Donations will be collected "free-will" and will be applied towards the cost of the retreat.
- The theme is "prayer." Planning in progress with RCF pastors and youth leaders

Mission

Loads of Love - 11/4 - 2 clients - \$47.50 expended

WISE

- Meeting on 10/13 - Reviewed the suicide prevention workshop and began drafting a covenant.
- Meeting on 11/10 to discuss the covenant.
- Food Pantry Support? Reverse Advent Calendar?

Pastoral care

- Phone calls and left messages 1x
- Other electronic communication 6x
- Cards 2x
- Visits 2x
- Care Center/Hospital visits 1x

Wider Church/MID process

- I will meet with placement and transition at their November meeting. (11/14)
- Taking Constructive Theology course at Eden Theological Seminary. Thursdays 6pm

Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting (continued):

Communication and Other

- Attended Boundary Training Oct 16-17.
- Attended "The Singular They" workshop at Bethel on 10/22
- Attended UCMW Banquet on 10/24
- Attended RCF on 10/27
- Attended NE Association Clergy retreat on 10/30 at Daycholah
- Participating in UCC Community Choir
- Chaplain Darren is having surgery on Nov. 20. I will be covering for him at the hospital for approximately 6 weeks. (not full time, BUCC comes first)

Member Outreach – cards sent on behalf of Bethlehem = 2 sympathy, 1 praying for you, 3 thinking of you

OLD BUSINESS

- Confirmation and Sunday School – all is good – working on Christmas program
- 160th anniversary – Bethlehem will be 160 yrs old in December 2025. We will be reviewing ways to celebrate in 2026. Suggestions are welcome.
- Pastoral Review – Working with Marie Mueller to set a date.
- Attendance/Membership Review – Moved to December meeting
- Committee/Volunteer list – Kathy will handle up-dating. Consider volunteering for a committee. List is available on office window.

NEW BUSINESS

- Canister Lights – on hold
- 2025 Annual budget – preliminary review looked at (thank you Jane for your work on this)
- Coffee hour after the HHT group service – free will offering will be set up
- Cemetery will be moving their fiscal year – that will not affect money given to cemetery for lawn mowing
- Ukraine candle – Traci will order a new one
- Signing a card for Darren (supply pastor) under-going a kidney donation)



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

Matthew 1:22, ESV

Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting (continued):

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



- 12/1 – Advent begins
- 12/1 – Confirmation brunch
- 12/8 – Community Christmas Choir – Several Bethlehem members will be in the choir
- 12/15 – Children’s Christmas Program
- 12/19 – Blue Christmas Service – 6:30 pm
- 12/24 – Christmas Eve Candle & Carols Service – 6:30 pm
- 12/25 – Christmas Day Service with Communion – 9:30 am

Other important dates:

- 1/5 – Annual reports due to Traci
- 1/12 – Annual reports available in your church mailbox
- 1/26 – Annual meeting

Motion to adjourn by Ross & 2nd by Lee
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Next meeting – December 10, 2024 6:30 PM

Closed with Lord’s Prayer

Secretary, Kathy Bowe

Join us for Brunch!



The Bethlehem Confirmation Class will be hosting and serving brunch following worship on Sunday, Dec. 1. There will be a free-will donation. The proceeds will be used to reduce each family’s cost for the Confirmation retreat at Daycholah. (Current cost is \$105/person) To aid in planning, would you please “make a reservation” on the list in the fellowship hall?

Bethlehem Sunday School:



Advent begins on December 1st. The Sunday School children will again be lighting the Advent candles during the service on Sunday mornings. Please consider attending the services. The children's parts will be practiced during the Sunday School hour.

The children will be presenting their Christmas Program in December (12/15). You should have received a letter from the Sunday School for participation and practice times. If you did not receive the letter, contact Steven Volland. Practice times will be during the Sunday School hour.

The Sunday School will be collecting **CHILDREN'S hats and mittens** (any size) to be donated to a location. Hey kids, bring a pair of mittens or a hat along to Sunday School. We will be using the "jingle change" money that was collected in November to purchase additional hats and mittens. Watch for the box in the entrance area.

There will be no Sunday School on December 22nd and December 29th. Classes will resume on January 5th.

We are still looking for more help in teaching Sunday School. This is not a full-time job. Teachers share weeks and set their own schedule. Lessons and supplies are provided. Feel free to sit in on any class and help with activities or just be a helper.

See you in class.

Merry Christmas and Hapy New Year

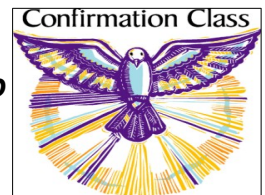
Keep collecting those cans!

Confirmation Classes:

Sunday, December 1 at 8am Confirmation Class

Sunday, December 1 Confirmation Breakfast Fundraiser following Worship

– Join us for a delicious brunch prepared and served by our Confirmation students. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.



Wednesday, December 18 at 6pm Confirmation Service Project meet at Kiel Food Pantry

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 Scrip:



Christmas is Coming! Don't forget to include scrip cards in your gift giving and gift buying. I have added Amazon cards, \$25 and \$50, available for purchase.

I have several different grocery cards available for your holiday entertaining. I carry Piggly Wiggly, Pick n' Save, Walmart, Festival and Meijer grocery cards.

I have several \$10 gift cards available for the holiday season. Great gifts for teachers, bus drivers or if you need just a little extra for that someone special.

We all set aside 10% of all profits for the "families in need" program. If you know of someone in need this holiday season, please contact Pastor Randy.

Thank you for your support! Linda Rabe

SCRIP STATS:	Sold	Profit
10/22/24	\$1,725.00	\$ 57.51
11/03/24	\$2,520.00	\$ 66.65
11/11/24	\$1,900.00	\$ 66.05
11/17/24	\$1,520.00	\$ 48.49



Randy's Ecclesiastical Council will be held at Bethlehem on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 1pm. Our Bethlehem family as well as members and clergy of ALL Northeast Association Churches are invited. Following a short worship, guests are able to ask Randy questions about his ordination paper, theology, etc. Following the questions/answers, those gathered will vote on recommending Randy for ordination. If approved, Randy's ordination service will be held several weeks later. Please mark this important day on your calendar to show Randy and his family our love and support for his caring and devoted service to Bethlehem and the wider community.

Bethlehem Ladies:

The Bethlehem Ladies met on Sunday, November 10th at 8:30am. Six members answered to roll call.

We received a thank you card from GRO (Girls Reaching Out), which is the organization that raises money for boreholes in Malawi. They were our guest speakers in September

The Bethlehem Ladies played Bingo with the residents at Field of Dreams on Saturday, Nov 2nd. There were 12 residents (including Merlin Ninmer) that joined in on the fun.

Thank Offering for the Christmas Cheer was collected. Collections will also be accepted at the December meeting.

Due to some conflicts in schedules, the Ladies made some changes to the Christmas Party. The Ladies will be meeting **before** church on December 1st at 8:30am. After a short meeting, Secret Pal gifts will be exchanged. Our luncheon will take place at a later date.

Polly will make up the 2025 Bethlehem Ladies book.

Jeanette Wriedt volunteered to remain on as our Treasurer. Thank you, Jeanette!

The Ladies want to thank all the volunteers for helping wash the communion glasses this year. We decided to continue this for 2025. Please consider helping us and sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

On to wash Communion glasses for December are:

Sunday, Dec 1st: Bethlehem Members and Spouses

*Christmas Day: Ginny Schultz
VOLUNTEER NEEDED!!!*

May God bless you and your family during this Christmas season.

Polly Jeanty
Secretary

Bethlehem Ladies Annual Poinsettia Sale:

Place order on the signup sheet by Sunday, December 1st.

Colors available Red and White

Single are \$14.00

Doubles are \$22.50

Flowers can be taken home on Christmas Day.



Get Comfortable!



Bethlehem has a new "lounge" located in the middle Sunday School room.

Comfortable seating! Coffee! Books and Games!

Feel free to relax or meet for conversation.

Before church - After church – While your kids are at Sunday School or Confirmation Class!

From the Historical Records of Bethlehem U.C.C.

December 26, 2025 will be the 160th Anniversary of the founding of Bethlehem UCC. Please contact Kaye Radder if you would like to be part of the planning for the celebration of this milestone.

Phone: 920-894-7229 or email: kayerad@hotmail.com

Bethlehem held a **"Thanksgiving Drive"** to support the clients served by Immanuel's food pantry at Thanksgiving time. The following items were requested, or donations of \$\$ or Walmart scrip cards that were to purchase perishable items.

Boxed mashed potatoes
Canned Green beans
Canned Corn
Canned yams
Jello
Marshmallows (for the yams)
Pie filling - pumpkin or apple

19 bags of groceries
Including all of the above
Items plus
Mushroom soup and
French Fried Onions
(for the bean casserole)



Merry Christians:

Heifer International

Still time to support Heifer International



In order to make a donation in 2024, the Merry Christians are again asking you to make a monetary gift by Sunday, December 8. You can

- mail your donation
- drop off in person at any worship service

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

Instead of the popular Heifer Project auction which many may remember, this year, the Merry Christians are offering an opportunity to win a "Taste of Wisconsin" themed gift basket for every \$10 donated. A \$10 donation gives you one chance, a \$50 donation gives you five chances, a \$100 donation gives you ten chances and so on.

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.

So far we have gifts to provide 1 heifer, 2 sheep, 1 goat, 1 pig, 1 flock of chicks, and some honeybees.

Checks can be made payable to: Bethlehem Merry Christians

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

Bethlehem Merry Christians



-The Bethlehem Cemetery Association meeting will be held on Monday, December 9th at 6:00 pm in the church library. All are welcome to attend.

DATE CHANGE - Christmas decorating of the church will take place on Friday, November 29 beginning at 10am. ALL are invited to come and help!

Bethlehem W.I.S.E. PAGE

On September 10th, Jane Umland attended a Suicide Prevention Workshop at Daycholah Center.

Fact is Suicide is the highest cause of death in America. Every 11 minutes a suicide death in US. white males age 45-64 is the highest death of suicide. Women attempt more than men.

High risk for suicide are:

- 🕒 *bullied-you don't fit in*
- 🕒 *I'm a failure, not enough*
- 🕒 *Kids in unsafe environments*

What small things we can do today. At Bethlehem UCC we will teach problem solving by teaching choices and educating choices through sermon messages, poster boards, speakers and resources.

How can Bethlehem UCC apply concept:

- 🕒 *Find the sense of belongings*
- 🕒 *Awareness*
- 🕒 *Get to know the people in our church and surrounding community*
- 🕒 *USE Resources*

Normalizing conversation about suicide with effective messaging. Speak about Hope, Help and resolution. Partner with NAMI walks which is good on awareness. We are not the solution, they are not alone, show we care. Be ready to refer them, don't be a therapist. Develop a relationship and follow up with them. Few life stories were shared within the group about experiences of suicide and how they handled them. What was learned at this workshop is how much life matters. What our church is doing already to bring awareness of Mental Health Issues. We have the WISE Team moving forward with educating through posters, pastor's messages in worship, resource materials and book reading.

The World is Better with you in it

The second half of the workshop was on self-care. Obstacles in caring for our Mental Health for ourselves. When are you going to do the things that are important to you. Have Gratitude, Joy and Contentment in your life. Be honest with yourself. Faith, God will work in this space.

Do what is important to yourself:

- 🕒 *Be honest with yourself – trust yourself & hope and positive thoughts*
- 🕒 *Read, journal writing*

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- 🕒 *List 3 gratitude's everyday*
- 🕒 *To do list – only list what you can do in a day*
- 🕒 *What can you do as a family time together*
- 🕒 *Take a breath*

Please direct any questions to members of our committee. (Pastor Randy, Melissa Koppenhaver, Nancy Zimmermann, Sarah Schisel, Marie Mueller, Traci Rabe, Jane Umland and Scott Umland)



Save the Date(s)



February 5, 2025 – Bethlehem Chili Supper

Plans are underway to carry on the annual Chili supper and for the fifth time will be: Drive thru/pick up only

The crew is already at work ordering. We are planning to cook more batches of chili. Hopefully we will not run out.

Your help needed:

Sunday, February 2, 2025

10:30 – 12 noon ~ Prep day: Set up work areas, cook meat etc.

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Bring Tortes

8:00 – 12 noon ~ Cook Chili, serve noon lunches

3:00 – 6:00 pm ~ Serve Chili, Dishes, Clean up

Also needed

- Ice Cream Pails with covers

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.



Those in our Thoughts and Prayers



Families who have lost loved ones:

Tim Voss

Those struggling with health issues:

*Darlean Rumpff
Gary Rabe
Will Mathes
Louie Bowe
Jill Wehmeyer-Sheets
Jim Markelz
Brad Westphalen
Nancy Zimmermann
Heidi Konen
Darlene Horneck
Dawson Horneck
Jessica Horneck
Randy's cousin Kurt
Mary Beth Molitor
Marie Rietbrock
Gary Steinhardt
Tom Lefeber
Shari*



Those unable to worship with us:

*Merlin Ninmer
Helen Henning*





The Adult Mission trip to Kentucky has been scheduled for March 16-22. We will be helping repair damage from tornadoes. Members of several area UCC churches will be involved. From Bethlehem: Pastor Randy, Melissa Koppenhaver, and Marie Mueller. Would you consider joining us? The cost for lodging is \$90 for the week. Please see Pastor Randy for more info or to get involved.

Snow Shoveling Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed to shovel the sidewalk and entryway at church. Your Commitment is only a few weeks to a month. Please sign up on the sheet located 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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - Check church bulletin board for flyers

Please attend the ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday) Service at Gloria Dei Lutheran. A free dinner is at 5pm – Worship is at 6pm. Pie and fellowship afterward. See Flyer

2024 Holiday Extravaganza Craft Show Sat. Nov. 30th 9:00-2:00 at the Kiel High School
\$1.00 Admission (going to Kiel Area Food Pantry) Come and have a photo taken with Santa from 10:00 – 11:30. Hope to see you there!

Cookie Walk – Sat. Dec 7 – 9a-11a – St. Peters UCC, Kiel

Holiday Concert/Bake Sale Event on behalf of Local Warming Shelter

A combined Holiday Concert and all-county Bake Sale, entitled, “Baby, It’s Cold Outside”, will take place at First Presbyterian Church, Manitowoc, WI, on **Saturday, December 14 from 2pm to 4pm.** All proceeds from the event will benefit the Manitowoc Warming Shelter, which provides safe overnight lodging for unsheltered persons during the coldest nights of the year. Featured artists include The Faith Family Choir from Valders, The Park Street String-Along Band, and young concert organ prodigy Rowen Erickson. In addition to the sale of holiday baked goods, there will be arts and crafts for sale and local merchant-donated gift baskets for raffle. Santa Claus is also scheduled to appear. Churches who are willing to organize and donate baked goods and/or gift baskets to raffle are greatly appreciated, but all are invited to come and support this vital service in our community. For more information, please contact Sheryle Lyman at 352-615-0400.



DECEMBER Vinnie's Pantry Collection: Box of Cereal
DECEMBER Jingle Change the Christmas Fund



DECEMBER Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18am Sunday School 8am Confirmation class 8:30am Bethlehem Ladies mtg 9:30am Communion Service w/Pastor Randy 10:30am Confirmation class serving brunch	2 Loads of Love 4pm	3	4	5	6	7
88am Sunday School 9:30am Worship w/Pastor Randy Community Christmas Choir Concert	9 Loads of Love 4pm	10	11	12	13	14
158am Sunday School 9:30am Children's Christmas Program 5pm January Spirit articles due to Traci	16	17	18 6pm Confirmation Service Project @ Kiel Food Pantry	19 6:30pm Blue Christmas Service	20	21
22 9:30am Worship w/Pastor Randy	23	24 6:30pm Christmas Eve Candle & Carols Service	25 9:30am Christmas Day Service w/Communion	26	27	28
29 9:30am Worship	30	31				



Bethlehem's Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 26, 2025
***Sunday, January 5th All Church Group Annual Reports are due to Traci Rabe**
by 5pm. Please send your report as a ready to print PDF document to Traci at
trabefamily5@gmail.com

DECEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Mavryk Suttner	2	3	4 Kristen Schmitt Kelly Biwan	5 Declan Radder Gary Steinhardt	6 Marcy Ninmer	7 Stephen Deignan Jr. Jeff Holz Jackie Voland
8	9	10	11	12	13 Darlene Horneck Christa Taylor	14 Hunter Hemauer Steve Sheets Ivan Salm
15	16	17	18	19	20 Merlin Ninmer Rachel Suttner Judy Brockway	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Ryan Jeanty	28
29 Dawn Wirtz	30	31 Cassie Jeanty				

