

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

Then Jesus began to say to them,
“Beware that no one
leads you astray.”

Mark 13:5, NRSV



Sunday, November 18, 2018

Worship Leader:

Rev. Rebecca A. Johnston

Ministers: All the People

Organist: Kathy Bowe

*We hope that you find a warm welcome at
Bethlehem United Church of Christ and will
worship with us again soon.*

Mission Statement

*We are a caring community of Christians living our
faith through worship, study and service to others!*

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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Sunday School - 8:00 a.m. (Sept. – May)

Worship time is 9:30 a.m.

Office hours Tuesdays 9a-12p, Wednesdays 9a-3p

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2018 Consistory:

Elder /President: Bob Radder

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Please use the email address below to
submit information, photos, etc. for
the church website:

bethlehemucckiel@gmail.com

Welcome to Bethlehem United Church of Christ! We trust that you will know God's presence here in worship. If you are visiting for the first time, please sign our guest registry outside the sanctuary doors.

A special note to families with young children:

We have a long tradition at Bethlehem of including children in worship, but we know sometimes their attention spans are not as long as ours. Children under about 6 years old are welcome to borrow a "Bethlehem Bag" from the main doors of the sanctuary, along with books or soft toys from the library, to help occupy them. If necessary, please feel free to accompany your child to the library during the service – you will be able to hear and observe the service from there.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

*PLEASE STAND if you are able, where noted by an asterisk.

Please sign and pass the pew pads during worship. This will help us recognize those who might be visiting. There is one for each row. No need to pass across the aisles.

RINGING OF THE BELLS/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
(Acolytes Armond Wempner and Joseph Schuler)

CHORAL TO WORSHIP #549 “As We Gather”

**AS WE GATHER MAY YOUR SPIRIT WORK WITHIN US
AS WE GATHER MAY WE GLORIFY YOUR NAME
KNOWING WELL THAT AS OUR HEARTS BEGIN TO WORSHIP
WE’LL BE BLEST BECAUSE WE CAME, WE’LL BE BLEST BECAUSE WE CAME**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we trust in the new dawning of a new day, so we trust in God.

All: Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.

One: God gathers us now into a community sharing faith.

All: Thank you, God, for the gift of this sacred place to worship you.

One: God meets us here.

All: Thanks be to God!

*INVOCATION

O God, you are never reluctant to make us uncomfortable as you call us to be your light in the broken places we live. Your call is to grow and expand our vision and to live out your healing gift of love. We are grateful, for you are with us always, and ready to give us the courage to open our hearts and the strength to respond by working together to build a world of justice and mercy. We open our hearts to you to hear your word and accept it and live it out. Thank you, for empowering us through the Holy Spirit to follow your calling. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #10 “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Samuel 1:4-20 2:1-10 – A reading

Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHORAL ANTHEM *THANKSGIVING GARDEN*

MESSAGE

*HYMN #88 *"My Soul Cries Out"*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE *"Masithi"*

**Amen, we praise your name O God. Amen, we praise your name, O God.
Amen, amen, amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name or God.**

OFFERTORY (Jingle Change goes to The Christmas Fund)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #282 *"Give Thanks"*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (Sing verse twice)**

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us" (Sing verse twice)
Give thanks, Give thanks

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive these gifts we offer, O God. Receive us, too – an offering of gifts and talents –
and dedicate us to ministry in your name. Amen.

*HYMN #221

“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

BENEDICTION...POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(Info. for next Sunday's bulletin is due to Randy/Melissa
Koppenhaver by Tuesday night. randynmel5@gmail.com or 286-2531.)*

- *MISSION TRIP 2019- Henderson, Kentucky. July 14-20, 2019
\$50. Non-refundable reservation fee due January 15. Make check out to Bethlehem Missions and
give to Rev. Becky.*
- **A PARADE!!** Bethlehem United Church of Christ has entered into the 2018 Kiel Annual Christmas
Parade sponsored by the Kiel Riverwalk District and Drexel Building Supply! The date is set for
November 24th at 6:30pm!
While our plans are still materializing, our mission/intent is to not only show Kiel who we are but
also to bring our Blue Christmas service to the attention of the community. We will festively
decorate the church model and pull it behind a four-wheeler while playing Christmas music and
handing out BUCC specific flyers and/or Blue Christmas service flyers.
If you have ideas or lessons learned to share, or would like to participate in any part of this
event, please contact Steve Deignan at 645.7711. We need you to walk with us! PLEASE SIGN
UP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.
- *The Bethlehem Ladies are sending Christmas cards to all college students and those who are
actively serving in the military. Please give names to Heidi Konen or one of the pastors. We
don't want to miss anyone!*
- The Bethlehem Ladies are taking orders for Poinsettias. They are \$8.50 each and the colors
available are red, white and pink. The last Sunday to order Poinsettias is December 2nd. 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 to Polly Jeanty or
Jeanette Wriedt. Thank you!!!
- If you or a loved one is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please make sure to contact Rev.
Johnston or Randy.
- **Wood for Sale** - The building and grounds committee cut down a tree at the parsonage.
The wood next to the old garage is for sale with the proceeds going to the Bldg Repair Fund. See
Louie Bowe for more details.

Community Announcements:

(Please check the bulletin board for more details. Community events are published in our bulletin as space and time permits. For best results, email or call the bulletin secretary)

- Heartland Hospice Services are looking for folks to visit some of their patients in our area. Training is provided. If you would like more information check the bulletin board.

Twenty-one Bethlehem U.C.C. families joined the Merry Christians in the annual Heifer International auction recently. The enthusiastic bidders raised enough money to send the following to needy families around the world to assist them in becoming self sustaining.

1 Heifer	1 Pig
1 Water Buffalo	9 Hives of Honey Bees
2 Llamas	5 Flocks of Chickens
2 Goats	5 Flocks of Ducks and Geese
1 Sheep	

The project requires families to share offspring with neighbors in their area.

Heifer International has been working in 25 countries around the world since 1944. Its unique community development model has assisted 32 million families in those 74 years. Last year alone 2.1 million families were assisted within the four areas in which Heifer International works.

The Bethlehem auction is run by a small church organization called the Merry Christians. It has hosted this auction for almost 25 years. All of the auction items are made by church members or are donated.

The Bethlehem Blurb email comes out each Thursday. If you signed up and you are not receiving it, please check your "junk" mail or "spam" folder. If you'd like to receive it, you may sign up on our webpage:
www.bethlehemkiel.org

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 11/18: 8am Sunday School; 8:15a Adult Study; 8:30am Bethlehem Ladies; 9:30am Worship; *Happy Anniversary Pat & Bonnie Hoban!*

Monday 11/19:

Tuesday 11/20:

Wednesday 11/21: 7pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service @ Bethel United Methodist – Meggers Road; ** SPIRIT NEWS DUE**

Thursday 11/21: Happy Thanksgiving!! *Happy Birthday Keith Bowe and Bruce Jeanty!*

Friday 11/23: *Happy Birthday Ellie Holz!*

Saturday 11/24: *Happy Birthday Pastor Rebecca Johnston and Emma Krueger! Happy Anniversary Tom & Traci Rabe!*

Sunday 11/25: 8am Sunday School; 8:15a Adult Study; 9:30am Worship; *Happy Birthday Joe Molitor!*

Pantry item: Box of Cake Mix or Frosting