



# Bethlehem United Church of Christ

**Sunday, January 23, 2022**

**Annual Meeting Sunday**

**Worship led by: Bethlehem Consistory**

**Organist: Polly Jeanty**

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## **Bethlehem Safe Indoor Worship Guidelines**

- Masks = You decide what's best for you, your loved ones and those around you.
- Remain 6 feet apart from members outside of your family
- An offering plate will be available in a central location
- Please wait for an usher to dismiss you after the service.
- For those who wish to congregate, you are asked to do so outside
- Please stay home if you or a member of your family is not feeling well.
- Scrip will be available for purchase on the first and third Sundays. We ask that when purchasing scrip cards that only one person be at the scrip table at a time.

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP – Hold Fast to What is Good**

With eyes to see,

**And ears to hear,**

With lips to sing,

**And hands to help:**

Let us worship God with the fullness of our being.

*(Written by Beth Merrill Neel)*

## \* OPENING PRAYER

**Eternal God, you are our Rock, you are the firm foundation for everything we build. You give gifts to your people for the good of the church. You equip and train your people to carry out the good works you have prepared for us in advance. As we meet today, we ask that you would provide wisdom, guidance and direction. Remind us that you are our loving ally, you are our fortress, you are our tower of strength and you are our rescuer. Everything we need is found in you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

[Regoli, Natalie. "Firm Foundation Prayer." 15 Best Opening Prayers for Meetings, Church Worship and Bible Study Oct 15, 2018 by Editor in Chief, Editor in Chief, 15 Oct. 2018, connectus.org/15-best-opening-prayers-for-meetings-chu.](https://connectus.org/15-best-opening-prayers-for-meetings-chu)

**\*OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" #243 verse 1**

## READING OF SCRIPTURE

**Proverbs 11:24** One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

**Luke 6:38** Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

**Acts 20:35** In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

**Hebrews 13:16** And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

**James 2:15-16** Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

**1 Peter 4:10** Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

MESSAGE - Steven Volland

HYMN “*Little White Church in the Vale*” # 306 verse 1  
(**SING Bethlehem’s version – Little White Church on the Hill**)

## CALL TO THE OFFERING

Holy Father, you’ve commanded us to give, and you’ve instructed us to give generously and joyously. Even when we’re tempted to keep back some of that for our own use, we thank you for the virtue of generosity. You have taught us to be generous in our giving to God’s work. You’ve also taught us to be generous in our employment, working hard, with all our might. You’ve taught us to be generous to those in need. As we give today, remind us that generosity to others enriches us in many ways. Amen.

[Regoli, Natalie. “The Virtue of Generosity Prayer.” 10 Best Prayers for Tithes and Offerings, Sept 21, 2020 by Editor in Chief, Editor in Chief, 21 Sept 2020, connectus.org/10-best-prayers-for-tithes-and-offerings.](#)

\*RESPONSE “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

**We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be:**

**All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION – *Bethlehem Sunday School Offering Response*

**We bring an offering unto thee with a humble heart.**

**Here in this church thy faith receive, as this new week we start.**

**It's better to give than to receive so give all that you can.**

**In the name of God believe and be a witness to all men.**

**All good gifts come from above to his children here below.**

**He sends us food and lots of love so give an offering, thanks to show. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER... LORD'S PRAYER (congregation may be seated)

*Lord, in your mercy:*

**hear our prayer.**

*Almighty God, in Christ you taught us to pray,*

*and promised that we would receive all that we ask in his name.*

*Hear now our prayers:*

*for the church universal ...*

*for this congregation, its mission and ministry ...*

*for the healing of the earth ...*

*for peace and justice in the world ...*

*for nations and leaders ...*

*for our local community ...*

*for the poor and oppressed ...*

*for the bereaved and lonely ...*

*for all who need healing ...*

Other special needs may be mentioned here.

Those who have died may be remembered with thanksgiving.

*Guide us, O God, by your Holy Spirit,  
that all of our prayers and all of our lives  
may serve your will and show your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Notes adapted from *Supplemental Liturgical Resource 1* (WJKP, 1984).

**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.**

BENEDICTION

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20–21*

POSTLUDE (*Please remain seated for the Annual Meeting. Thank you.*)

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January Jingle Change will be given to the Koppenhaver family. There are also opportunities to share your love, well wishes and prayers through the 'Prayer Chain'. Please stop in the fellowship hall or ask a consistory member for details.

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### **2021 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members**

Elder/President - Steve Volland (920)286-0162 or [svolland44@gmail.com](mailto:svolland44@gmail.com)

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**Elder – Open Position – Prayerfully consider serving your Bethlehem family**

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### **Those in our thoughts and prayers:**

#### **Families who have lost loved ones:**

Eugene (Gene) Birschbach – Sharon Rumpff's father

Skylar Rose Beattie

Macullen Schnell

#### **Those struggling with health issues:**

Kenzie Koppenhaver

Brenna Koppenhaver

Elizabeth Loose

Louie Bowe

Jane Markelz

Steve Rumpff

Everett Henning

Helen Henning

Dale and Darlene Horneck

Hattie Lucille

Warren Fidlin

Mother of Dawn Wirtz

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Olivia Marie

Jessica Horneck

#### **Those unable to worship with us:**

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Leah Henning – Deployed to Japan

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

***Bethlehem UCC's Annual Meeting is today following shortened worship.***

### **February 2, 2022 – Bethlehem Chili Supper**

*Plans have been made to carry on the annual Chili supper with some big changes: This will be an all church event with proceeds divided between the organizations allowing each to decide how to use for their projects. And The supper will be: Drive thru/pick up only  
Your help will be needed.*

Sunday, January 30, 2022 10:30 – 12 noon Prep day: Set up work areas, cook meat etc.

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 8:00 – 12:00 cook noodles

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 Bring Tortes 8:00 – 12 noon Cook Chili, serve noon lunches  
3:00 – 6:30 pm Serve Chili, Dishes, Clean up

**Visiting has resumed....Plan a visit to our homebound members! Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer are at Field of Dreams in Kiel (286-6189) Call to arrange a visit.**

• Can you help shovel snow? Sign up in the Fellowship Hall for the month you can help keep the church sidewalks cleared.

Leah Henning has been deployed to Japan.

Send cards and letters to: (standard US postage rates)

Sgt. Leah Henning

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### **Upcoming Community Events:**

**The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Holy Trinity Parish Perch Fry is Friday, February 18, 2022** at 11928 Marken Road in School Hill. Dine-In Serving 3:30-7pm. Carry-outs available 11am–1pm and 3:30–7pm by calling 773-2380. Grilled cheese plates, homemade tortes, raffle tickets and the HT Lounge also available. Please see more information posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, March 5, 2022 – Zion Lutheran Church, New Holstein

*"Believe Deeper – Be Loved Deeper"* 9am – 2:30pm

*For more information, please see the posting on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Deadline to register is February 12th*

### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today Sunday 1/23:** 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship – ANNUAL MEETING TO FOLLOW

**Monday 1/24:**

**Tuesday 1/25:**

**Wednesday 1/26:**

**Thursday 1/27:**

**Friday 1/28:** *Happy Birthday Lora Mathes and Gary Rabe!*

**Saturday 1/29:**

**Sunday 1/30:** 8am Sunday School; 9:30am Worship w/ Rev. Roy - *Happy Birthday Jane Markelz!*

### **Pantry item: Can of Soup**

**January Jingle Change supports the Koppenhaver Family**