

Faithfully Yours

Bethel Presbyterian Church

1421 Broadway

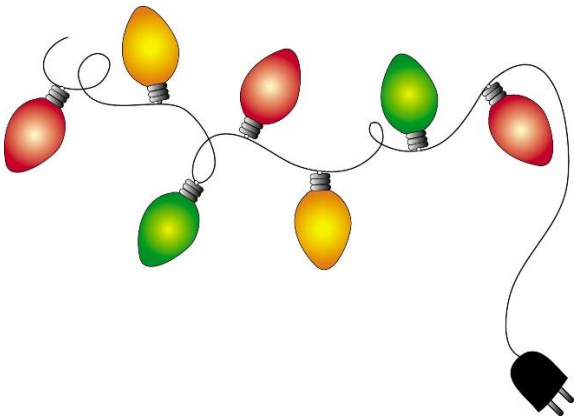
Hamilton, Illinois 62341-1635

(217) 847-2516

e-mail-sec@bethelprsb.org



2024



¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

Faithfully Yours

A publication of *Bethel Presbyterian Church – PC (USA)*

December 2024

Worthy Tidbits

Holy Day, Not Holiday

Isaiah 9:1-7, Micah 5:1-5, John 1: 1-3, 14

Christmas; why do we and much of the world celebrate this day?

Have you ever asked yourself this question? Have you considered all of the reasons the ways the world “embraces” the 25th day of December? Do we realize the importance of Jesus, “God Incarnate”, being celebrated and worshiped as the Savior of the world?

The birth of Jesus should not have been a surprise for anyone living at that time in history! Nor should it be for anyone since that special day! Jesus has been a part of scripture since Genesis 1 : 1. His Lordship was discussed and promised throughout the Old Testament. Even before the prophets, the patriarchs knew of the Great One that would come to Israel! (Numbers 24:17–19)

The “Royalty” that would come to God’s people may not have been fully understood as to when it would take place and how it would affect the world at His appearing. Yet, they had faith that there would be a time that God’s blessing of a King was going to come. Sadly, the people of Israel and the world grew complacent and rebellious. Their hearts were hardened and impatient because the King, Messiah, did not arrive on their time schedule, as they desired!

The words of the prophets even fell on deaf ears. Over 800 years before the King would be born of a virgin, Isaiah prophesied the full account of the coming Immanuel and described in detail what would take place! Around 400 years before Jesus’ birth, the minor prophets, especially Micah and Zechariah, declared specific messages to the Hebrew nation and the world. How could the people ignore and doubt the words God had given them to prepare for such a wonderful promise He had in store for mankind? I might ask the same question now!
Merry Christmas! The Savior Reigns! Pastor Mark

December 2024



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1

Worship 10:15 and
Sunday School

**Communion/Carry-
In**

First Sunday of
Advent
Hanging of The
Greens

2

3

4

**Choir Practice
6:30PM**

B. Hannah George

5

B. Todd Miller

6

A. Randy &
Marilyn
Valentine

7

8

Worship 10:15 and
Sunday School

**Coffee Hour: Cindy
Kirby**

9

A. Dick &
Thelma
Cochran

10

B. Ava
Cochran

B. Lily Keefe

11

12

**Session 6:30
PM**

13



Cookie
Exchange &
Craft Day!!
1:00PM

14

B. John Wilde

15

Worship 10:15 and
Sunday School

FFA Santa Shopping
Day
1- 4PM

**Coffee Hour:
Deacon's Donuts**

16

B. Justice Baxter

17

18

19

B. Tammy
Greenslaugh

20

21

22

Worship 10:15
And Children's
Christmas Program

A. Ralph & Marsha
Froman

**Coffee Hour:
Greenslaugh**

23

24

**Christmas
Eve
Candlelight
Service
5:00PM**

25

Christmas

B. Jesus

B. Matt Fleck

26

27

Fellowship
Hall In Use

28

Fellowship
Hall In Use

B. Hunter
Wilde

29

Worship 10:15 and
Sunday School

**Coffe Hour: Egan
& Anderson**

30

B. Megan
Schweitzer
A. Steve &
Glenna Egan

31

**New Year's
Eve**



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

4 Hannah George
5 Todd Miller
10 Ava Cochran
10 Lily Keefe
14 John Wilde
16 Justice Baxter
19 Tammy Greenslaugh
25 Jesus
25 Matt Fleck

7 Randy & Marilyn Valentine
9 Dick & Thelma Cochran
22 Ralph & Marsha Froman
30 Steve & Glenna Egan



December Coffee Hour

December 1st Carry-In
December 8th Cindy Kirby
December 15th Deacon's Donuts
December 22nd Greenslaugh
December 29th Egan- Anderson



Deacon of the Month
"Diana Siebert"

.....
Choir : 12-4-2024 @ 6: 30 P.M.

Session: 12-12-24 @ 6:30 P.M.
.....

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 1st: Communion/ Carry-In
First Sunday of Advent & Hanging Of The Greens

Wednesday, December 4th: Choir Practice
6:30PM

Sunday, December 8th: The Ministerial Alliance
will be hosting an evening Advent Service at
Faith Assembly of God 6PM.

Thursday, December 12th: Session 6:30PM

Saturday, December 14th: Cookie Exchange &
Craft Day 1PM *See Insert for more detail

Sunday, December 15th: FFA Santa Shopping
Day from 1 - 4PM.

Sunday, Decemebr 22nd: Children's Christmas
Program

Tuesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve
Candelight Service 5:00 PM

Friday, December 27th: Fellowship Hall will be
in Use.

Saturday, December 28th: Fellowship Hall will
be in Use.
.....

Session News

Bethel Church purchased a Nativity to be added
to Hamilton City Park display for the Christmas
Season.

Session approved snow removal contract with
Wesley Harrison.

Brad & Tammy Greenslaugh obtained our
Sanctuary tree from Humphrey's Farm.
Thank You!

Pulpit light for Pastor was purchased.
.....



PRAYER LIST.....

MariBeth Andersen & Family
Jolane Bachman
Clara Bollin
Aubrey Briggs
Steve Buckert
Dick & Thelma Cochran
Michelle & Julio Cordoba
(Ginger's Daughter)
Amy Coyle
Steve Bolton
Erik Diderikson
Matt Fleck
Amy French
Bonnie Stead Frieden (Ginger's Mom)
Chance Harl
Ethan Jones
Megan Kelly
Jennifer Lowe
Vicki Maag
Ron Maag
Robbie Means
Darlene Pfeiferling
J.D. Piggott
Marlene Piggott
Gary Platz
Dick Powell
Dave Stark
Family of Stan Strong
Larry Taylor
Ethel Thomas
The Family of Mabel Lee VanAusdall



12-19-1997
I'M SORRY GUY, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A GOOD HEALTH PLAN AND YOU GIVE OUT FREE GIFTS AND ALL, BUT JESUS REALLY DOES HAVE A MUCH BETTER PLAN

• Facilities

Colleen Humphry
Marsha Froman



Monetary donations can be made payable to:
"Hamilton Food Pantry" and mailed to:
Bethel Presbyterian Church
1421 Broadway
Hamilton, IL 62341

Other items are also accepted, such as toiletry items: soaps, detergents, personal hygiene products, etc. May God bless you for all of your continued community support.

Christmas Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 14th 1:00PM

Do you have a family favorite? Is there a cookie that just says Christmas to you? Then that is what you need to bring! If you bring two dozen cookies - you can select a variety of cookies from everyone's donations; and have two dozen cookies to take home and enjoy! (However ambitious you are – go for it!) Also, unless the recipe is a carefully guarded family secret, please bring it along. I will type them up after the party and share with everyone at church. We also will make a few extra plates to give a friend. So be thinking of someone that used to come to church, or who you would like to invite to church, and take them a delicious gift with an invitation to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. There will be sugar cookies and gingerbread houses that need decorating for the younger crowd – or those of us who have enough patience to enjoy it. There will be a couple of simple craft projects available to work on. If you own a hot glue gun please bring it along - we will try to be careful. Young and old are welcome – come and have fun!

