

# What's Happening

## at Bethany



**Our Hearts Grow... When We Celebrate His Birth.** Come re-imagine the sights and sounds of the night Jesus was born at our Christmas Eve services. Invite or better yet, bring a friend or neighbor as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

**9:30 am** - Our morning service featuring carols, special music, a message from Pastor Blaine and a visit from our Bethany Barnyard Friends for kids of all ages.

**8:00 pm** - Come back in the evening to this always special traditional candlelight service. Gather with your church family to sing carols, enjoy special music, listen to the beloved story, and light the candles once again. It's a wonderful way to begin your celebration of Christmas Day.



**The tree in the foyer is a fundraiser for the Gideons.**

A gift of \$5 will help them purchase Bibles. There are paper ornaments under the tree. Make a donation of \$5 (place in the Christmas box under the tree) and write your name on the back of the ornament and then hang it on the tree. Help us cover the tree in purple ornaments.

**Don't forget the BUM Christmas Post Office is open.** You can "mail" your Christmas cards with a donation of .25 cents each (or whatever you want to donate). Please have your cards to church by Sunday, Dec. 31. Place your cards in the appropriate basket in the fellowship. And don't forget to check the baskets for cards "mailed" to you! All proceeds will go towards the youth's summer mission trip.



**The church office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 22 through Tuesday, Jan. 2 for the Christmas season.** If you need to contact Pastor Blaine, you can contact him on his cell at 850-508-7245. If you need Cindy, call or text her cell at 540-820-5604.



**Start out the New Year with something "New." Join Young at Hearts for their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 12 pm at the Thomas House in Dayton.** All folks 55 and older, and still young at heart, are invited to join us. Bring a friend! We have some really good food and some really awesome conversations and then there's all the laughter! There's no commitment. Come when you can! We bet you'll want to come back!



**There will be a Young Adult Social on Saturday, Jan. 6 from 4-6 pm in the fellowship hall for those between the ages of 18-30.** Please bring your favorite appetizer to share with all. (There may even be a prize for the "best" appetizer.) We want to get the young adults of Bethany together for socials throughout the year. Won't you please join us for our first social?

**THE FELLOWSHIP HALL IS RESERVED AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JAN. 7 FROM 11:30 AM - 4 PM.** If you need to come to the church for any reason, please be considerate of those using the church. Thank you!

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## CLASS FOR New Members

Been involved at Bethany UMC for a while now, but never been asked to join the church? **Pastor Blaine will be leading a New Member Class directly after worship on Jan. 21**, and wants all who are interested in membership at Bethany to attend. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Pastor Blaine.



**January 28 is going to be a BIG and EXCITING day at Bethany UMC.** We will be welcoming NEW MEMBERS and CONFIRMANDS into our loving church family. Mark your calendars for this day, as it will be a worship service that celebrates new birth here at Bethany as we kick off our 70th Year Anniversary as a church.



**There will be a Worship Meeting on Monday, Jan. 8 at 6 pm.** We'll meet at Valley Pike! Please let Jackie Dunsmore know if you are unable to attend.

**Caring Cards will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 10 am.** Join this group as they write notes and send cards of encouragement to folks within our church family. Just a small note may make a big difference in someone's life!! There is no commitment. Come when you can. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

*"Dear Bethany Family, I just wanted to let you all know that I miss you all; all your smiling faces that welcomed me with open arms six years ago. I will be forever grateful and thankful for being a member of Bethany church family. I miss you all and love you to the moon and back. Merry Christmas!" --Dianna Eicher*

### Please be in Prayer for ...

**Members:** Pam Lynn, Laura Lucas, Jackie Dunsmore, Leslie Wagoner, Kathleen Stump, Gary Ruleman

**Extended Family:** Sandie Donald - daughter of Carolyn Swartz & sister of Cindy Kite, Clem, Jr. & Hannah Smiley - brother and sister-in-law of Carolyn Swartz, Samantha Steed - mother of Tabby Steed, Shawna - sister of Maggie Huffer, Alexis - daughter of Tara Stroop

### Happy Birthday to ...

21st - Amber Casey

23rd - Jane Elkins

25th - Alexander Carter

26th - Garrett Roller

29th - Jake Frizzelle

