

What's Happening at Bethany

Welcome to all our visitors! We are so excited you decided to worship with us today. Please take a few minutes to fill out a visitor's card, which can be found at the Welcome Center in the foyer and also in the pews. Please fill it out and drop it in the offering plate. We would love to contact you for some feedback and to invite you to join us again.

There is a nursery downstairs for all children 0 - 4. Just ask someone and they'll send you in the right direction. There is Children's Church during the worship service for older kids.



We hope you enjoy our Family Christmas Program. It features Christmas carols, special music, fun skits and our children's nativity scene. It will be a special Sunday for all of us. After the service we invite you to join us for a Christmas brunch in the fellowship where you will have a chance to grab a snack, a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and catch up with folks you haven't talked to in a while.



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 candle-light 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.

All articles for the January newsletter should be emailed to Cindy Kite at office.bethany@gmail.com by Sunday, Dec. 24.

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!

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?



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 CONFIRMANTS 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.

Please be in Prayer for ...

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

Extended Family: Alma & Neese Spitzer - aunt & uncle of Barbara Long, Sandie Donald - daughter of Carolyn Swartz & sister of Cindy Kite, Clem, Jr. & Hannah Smiley - brother & 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 ...

19th - Layne Shifflett

20th - Elizabeth Williams

21st - Amber Casey

