
Bethel Prayer Concerns

Sunday, January 1, 2023



PRAYER REQUESTS

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Risen Christ,
be with us today and always.

Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.

May this New Year

be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always. Amen.

REFLECTIONS

Like many immigrants today, Joseph took his family across the border when they were in danger. Though they eventually returned to their home country, danger was still a present possibility. In what ways did Jesus, in his life and ministry, threaten those who held power in his day? How are we, as we practice the Christian life among present powers, challenging violence and injustice today? What dream or vision do you have for the world Christ came to save?

Bethel Presbyterian Church Announcements

Childcare for infants and preschool age children is offered from 9:30 a.m. until noon in the nursery.
The Quiet Room is available during worship.

OFFICE HOURS FOR JANUARY

The Church Office will be **CLOSED**:

Mon. Jan. 2 (New Year's Day Holiday) & Jan. 16 (MLK Holiday)



Thank you to all who donated the beautiful poinsettia plants.
You may pick up plants after the service today.

LYRIC RIVERA IN RECITAL!!

You are warmly welcomed to join us for Lyric and Friends in Recital on Friday evening January the 6th, at 7:00pm. Lyric will share with us her incredible music making with her flute and will introduce to us her new piccolo!! Lyric will be accompanied by the incomparable Dustin Lin at the piano. This will be a truly wonderful! exhilarating!! and not to be missed!!! event with which to begin the new year!!! What a JOYFUL sound!! We can't wait to see you there, and to greet you at the artist reception that follows in the Gathering Area. Start the new year off just right with this latest installment of Lyric and Friends flute/piccolo recital!! Happy New Year!!! A gift to you from the Recital Series of Kingston.

Christmas Joy Offering: A gift to this special Offering helps provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and also enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2022 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contribution from the church. All contributions will be acknowledged in writing by 1/31/2023.

HOME FOOD COLLECTION

For the month of January our focus foods are **Canned Pasta (Spaghetti-O's, Chef Boyardee, etc.)**. These and other non-perishable food items can be brought in through-out the month and placed in the yellow collection boxes in the Gathering Area. Our in-worship collection will be **Sunday, Jan. 15**. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry efforts to help needy families in our community.

LOVE KITCHEN SATURDAY, FEB. 11

BINGO Prizes Suggested collection for our support of the Rockwood Love Kitchen is cleansing items, such as dish washing soap, spray bathroom cleaner; or personal care items - hair shampoo and body soaps. There is a BINGO prize collection box in the Gathering Area or load them in the red wagon when it comes down the aisle during worship on **Sunday, January 15**.

THESE DAYS

a daily devotional, for Jan. Feb. & March

is available on the table in the Gathering Area. Be sure to pick one up today. *"To nurture the daily practice of prayer and the reading of Scripture, there is solid help in the pages of These Days. The devotions wrestle faithfully with the doubts, joys, and challenges of the Christian life."*



Bethel Presbyterian Church Calendar

January 1 – January 8



Sun. 1		No Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S)
Mon. 2		OFFICE CLOSED
	10:00	Bethel Art Ministry (BAM) (2nd Fl) (?)
	7:00	Boy Scouts (FH) (?)
Tues. 3	10:00	Rug Hooking (2nd fl) (?)
	6:00 – 7:30	Tai Chi (FH)
Wed. 4	6:00-7:15	Choir
Thurs. 5	10:00	TN-10 Book Club (FH)
Fri. 6	10:00 – 11:30	Tai Chi (FH)
	7:00	Lyric's Recital (S)
Sat. 7		
Sun. 8	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship / Elders Installed (S)
	3:30- 5:00	Grief Share (L)

*C=Choir Room, S =Sanctuary, L=Library,
RR=Reading Room, FH=Fellowship Hall,
GA=Gathering Area, ?=Ck with Grp Leader*

