
Bethel Prayer Concerns

Sunday, December 18, 2022



PRAYER REQUESTS

Carol Loucks (*Judy Yeaworth's sister*)

WHERE I SAW GOD LAST

The dimple in your right cheek,
the child playing peek-a-boo from his stroller,
the abuelita who spends her afternoons in the park by 86th;
the teenagers on the subway who cannot control their laughter;
Neil, my neighbor, who always asks about you,
the mother who whispers a dozen times a day,
“thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus”;
the saxophone player at 42nd street,
the poets, the artists, the garden volunteers;
the metro car driver who sticks his head out the window
to make sure we’re all aboard;
the man who gave up his seat on the subway,
the kid in the dinosaur pajamas
who cannot be convinced they’re not school attire;
the teachers, the nurses, the taxi cab drivers;
the woman at the end of the block with her yappy dogs
and her books in the window,
the lovers that lay sprawled out on park blankets,
the runners, the daydreamers, the sidewalk chalk artists;
John from upstairs whose favorite flowers are yellow tulips,
the Persian man at the grocery who tells me to be safe when I leave,
my grandmother in Georgia; my neighbor, the stranger;
thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus.

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.

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

As we approach the end of the year, please know that we are grateful for the support you have given the church throughout the year. If you are planning to make additional charitable gifts before the year's end, please note that all contributions to the church for 2022 tax purposes must be received by the church in 2022 or be postmarked by 12/31/2022 if mailed to the church. Thank you for your faithful support of Bethel and its missions.



There will be no Children's Sunday School classes on Dec. 25 & Jan 1.

HOME FOOD COLLECTION

For the month of December our items are **Baby Supplies** (diapers, rash cream, baby wipes, lotion, shampoo, bath). Our in-worship collection will be Saturday Dec. 24 at the **Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 PM.**

BETHEL GOES CAROLING – TODAY!

Join us as we carol for local care homes and Bethel members & friends who are shut-ins. Meet in the parking lot on Sunday (12/18) at 4 PM. Once we are finished caroling (or at 6:00 PM for those not caroling), we will go to Rebecca & Joe Pierce's home (149 N. Kentucky St. – a nice walk from Bethel) for food and fellowship. Drinks, coffee and hot chocolate will be provided. Please bring a heavy snack or a dessert to share (e.g. chicken fingers, meatballs, chips and dip, veggies tray, cupcakes, cake pops, Christmas cookies/candy).



At 6:00 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 21
--the longest night of the year--we will have a Blue Christmas service in the sanctuary. This service recognizes the fact that the holidays are not a time of unbridled joy for everyone, particularly those who have lost loved ones, and can be isolating for those who can't muster the happiness that seems to be expected this time of year. Blue Christmas is an opportunity for the community to hold pain collectively and is an invitation for anyone who wants to come and set their burdens down. There will be a time for silence, for praying, for singing, for reflecting, and for lighting candles.



**Christmas Eve Candlelight /
Communion Service
Saturday, 12/24 / 7:00 PM**

FAMILY PROMISE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Several people have asked about Christmas gifts for our Family Promise families. We are presently sheltering two families that include three teenagers and one 11 year old. It was decided that gift certificates would probably be the best way to address their needs. If you wish to provide money or a gift certificate for Family Promise families, contact Jan Rybka at 865-882-8836; 865-310-8836; jgrybka@hotmail.com.

Salvation Army Volunteer Bell Ringers Needed



Volunteers are needed to ring bells for the Salvation Army at one of their iconic red kettles in Roane County now through Christmas Eve. The funds raised help people in need all year long.

Contact Diane James at
(865) 224-4312 for more info and available times.

Bethel Presbyterian Church Calendar

December 18 – December 25



Sun. 18	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship / 4th Sunday of Advent (S) - Christmas Joy Offering
	12:15	Session Meeting (L)
	4:00	Caroling
	6:00	Christmas Party at the Pierce's Home - Bring snack/dessert to share
Mon. 19	10:00	Bethel Art Ministry (BAM) (2ndFl)
	7:00	Boy Scouts (FH)
Tues. 20	10-Noon	Rug Hooking
	6:00-7:00	Tai Chi (FH)
Wed. 21	Noon	Parkinson's Support Group (FH)
	6:00	Blue Christmas (S)
	6:00	Choir Practice (C)
Thurs. 22		
Fri. 23	10:00	Tai Chi (FH)
Sat. 24	7:00	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (S) - HOME Baby Gift collection
Sun. 25		CHRISTMAS DAY No Sunday School
	11:00	Worship (S)

*C=Choir Room, S =Sanctuary, L=Library,
RR=Reading Room, FH=Fellowship Hall, GA=Gathering Area*