



Christmas @ Bethel

Bethel United Methodist Church
Christmas 2009



Christmas season gives us many wonderful opportunities to share the Good News about Jesus. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to these special Advent and Christmas services.

SAVE THESE DATES...

Sunday, Nov 22 ADVENT DEVOTIONS

We all have a story about something that we experience in life that speaks to the amazing power and glory of God—stories that encourage us, give us hope, draw us closer to God and to each other. Share your story and see how God uses your life to impact someone else's! Deadline for submissions for the Advent booklets is on Sunday, November 22.

Saturday, Nov 28 at 5:00–8:00 p.m.

ADVENT WORKSHOP and HANGING THE GREENS Service

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a spaghetti dinner, make new ornaments for your own Christmas tree, decorate the church for the Advent season, and enjoy a desert of plum pudding!

Saturday, Dec 5 at 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ANNUAL COOKIE WALK and CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

This will be a day full of fun! The crafters have all kind of gifts in their Christmas Boutique, the youth make wonderful chili to eat at lunch and the cookies and candy make wonderful gifts for Christmas. Proceeds benefit missions.

Sunday, Dec 13 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. YOUTH and CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

Written and directed by our very own Chylene Daub, this year's Christmas play is based on a classic episode of the 1950's television series "Dragnet." You don't want to miss this! Stay or come back after the 10:30 service for some "family fun"—a provided lunch, Christmas singing, and a visit from Santa with gifts for the kids.

Nov 29, Dec 6, Dec 13, and Dec 20 at 9:00 and 10:30 am ADVENT SERVICES

with ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Advent is the season that celebrates the "coming" of Christ who has come as the baby Jesus long ago and who will come again in the future. Join us each week, as we light the Advent candles, sing favorite carols, hear inspiring messages and prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Special seasonal music will be presented every Sunday by the Praise Team in the 9:00 a.m. services. The 10:30 a.m. services will include musical and drama selections by the chancel choir that will give a glimpse into the first Christmas 2000 years ago.

Thursday, Dec 24 at 5:00 p.m. A CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

A festive blend of traditional and contemporary Christmas arrangements set to tell the beautiful story of Jesus' birth. This work had its origin at Truro Cathedral in England, Christmas Eve, 1880 and was later adapted for Christmas Eve at King's College Chapel in Cambridge from where it is now broadcast to millions of people around the world. The service will feature a variety of special music including piano and organ duets, chancel choir and praise band ensembles, and lots of traditional Christmas song for congregational singing.

Thursday, Dec 24 at 11:00 p.m. A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF CAROLS, SCRIPTURE, HISTORY, AND MORE

Join us for a service of Christmas carols, old and new, intertwined with Scripture, history of famous carols and reflection on the meaning of Christmas. Come as you are and bring the family! As is our tradition, the service will conclude with the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight.



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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE and SHARE DURING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Hospitality

Bethel will welcome many families on Christmas Eve. We'd love to have you serve as greeters and ushers in both services. We also need liturgists and media technicians. There is an opportunity for everyone to be involved! Please let the church office or Margie Muthukumar know if you can help. Thank you for your service!

Make a Joyful Noise!

There are opportunities for singers and musicians to share their talent and provide special music during the Christmas Eve services. Please let Helen Krudop or Debbie Schirmer know if you are interested.

Christmas Poinsettias

Orders will be taken through Sunday, Dec 6 (order blanks will be in the bulletin). The cost is \$8.15 each. The plants will be on display in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve. You are welcome to pick up your plants after the 11:00 p.m. service. Thank you for your support.

Volunteer on Advent Workshop!

If you are interested in providing a craft for the children, please let Nina Hayes know. Not a 'crafty' person? We always need help in setting up and cleaning up as well! We can also use some help in the Sanctuary for the "Hanging of the Greens" service. Please call Nina and find out how you can help with this year's event!

Advent Wreath Lighting

We need individuals and/or families to light a candle(s) on our Advent Wreath at each service during Advent. A short Scripture reading, reflection and prayer accompany the candle lighting. Come and participate in this wonderful tradition.

Calling Bethel Bakers!

Your donations of baked goods for the cookie walk are much appreciated! Please consider baking your favorite holiday cookies. The more we bake, the more we make! Proceeds benefit missions.

Calling all Bethel Children!



Kids, don't miss this opportunity to be a star in the Christmas play! Rehearsals are during the Sunday School hour throughout November and early December.

Christmas Luncheon

Bethel is hosting a Christmas lunch on Dec 13th following the Christmas play (around noon). Please contact Donna Wacker if you can help! Santa Claus is coming and has gifts for all children!



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