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# News of Bethany

## The Wired Word

Join us on Wednesdays mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Pastor's Office for a time of discussion, fellowship and prayer. The Wired Word curriculum is "ripped from the headlines" and offers us an opportunity to look at important issues which affect our lives, the life of our nation, and the life of our world. The curriculum is available for pick-up each Sunday morning in the Narthex following Worship. Join us - you'll be glad you did!

**F**faith &  
**l**ellowship

***Mission Statement:**  
Bethany Presbyterian  
Church is a church making  
an impact on the lives of  
all people through the  
love of Jesus Christ.*

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# Bethany News & Notes

## Special Dates in January 2018



**New Year's Day**  
Monday, January 1

**Epiphany**  
Saturday, January 6



**Baptism of the Lord**  
Sunday, January 7

**MLK Day**  
Monday, January 15



## The Giving Tree



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Giving Tree. The twenty gifts for residents of Conestoga View and the ten toys for the children at the Resurrection Party were greatly appreciated.



## Annual Congregational Meeting

There will be a meeting of the congregation immediately following Worship on Sunday, January 28. At that time, we will review the activities of 2017, and have an opportunity to ask questions and review the Church Budget for 2018. All members are urged to attend this important Annual Meeting of our congregation.

## ***From Pastor Kent's Desk***

Happy New Year to you all! We've made it to 2018, no mean feat considering the issues we've faced over the past year. The good thing is that the calendar does turn over and we are given the opportunity to "reset" our lives, our relationships, and our world.

I've made a commitment in 2018 to rid myself of negative thoughts and negative commentary. As a practicing Christian, I've dedicated my life to the dissemination of the "Good News" of the Gospel. I'm tired of tawdry tweets and boorish behavior. They drag us down and create an atmosphere of fear and distrust. The good news is that we don't have to let ourselves be overcome emotionally and spiritually by circumstances beyond our control. We can, if we choose, live our lives with joy and an eye toward the needs of others. When we do, we and they are changed and, in a small way, so is the world around us.

Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.

Henri J.M. Nouwen

I invite you to join me in moving our hearts and minds in a new direction – a direction that is loving and compassion-filled – and together we will create a new environment for a New Year!

Grace & Peace, *Kent*





## Child Fund Sponsored Child Update:

For many years, Bethany has sponsored needy international children through Child Fund, a highly respected child development organization. The financial contribution of \$21 a month per child helps give children access to nutritious food, clean water, and education while planting seeds of self sufficiency. The following letter is from our sponsored girl in India.

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you from your loving sponsored Tanzila Khanum and her family here. They are very grateful to you for accepting her as your loving sponsored child. She is very happy to be your loving sponsored child. As she is too small to correspond with you and her parents are illiterates, I am writing this letter on behalf of her and her family. All of them are keeping fine here and they are praying for your fine health in their everyday prayers and they are standing here with a broad smile to welcome you.

Now let me introduce her family to you. Tanzila Khanum's father name is Mr. Tanveer Khan, 35 years old and he is working as an auto driver. Her mother name is Mrs. Sameena Banu, 30 years old, she does beedi rolling work. We have 3 children. First child's name is Zaheer Khan, 11 years old and he is studying in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Second child is your loving sponsored child Tanzila Khanum, and she is studying in LKG. Third child is Saniya Khanum, 3 years old.

They are Muslims by religion and they speak Urdu language at home. They are living in Mysore, which is in Karnataka state, South India. It is almost 140 Kilometers far from Bangalore. Bangalore is the capital city of Karnataka. Kannada is the state language and the common language here. Mysore is a very beautiful and attractive and a tourist place too. Hindi is our National Language.

Your sponsored child and her family are very much interested to know about you and your family. Please do write to them whenever time permits you and also if possible please do send them one of your photographs. They are very much eager to see you.

It is rainy season here and the weather is cool. Since last week it is raining here and we get the cool breezes. They look forward to hear from you.

That is all for now. Tanzila Khanum's family members have conveyed their love, prayers and warm regards to you. I conclude this letter with Tanzila Khanum's special love, hugs and sweet kisses to you.

Written by the Project Manager.

On behalf of your loving sponsored child,

ChildFund  
Tanzila Khanum

Child / Case No. 082262/005



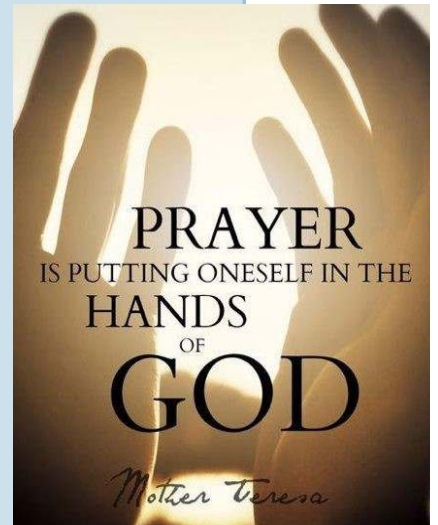
# January Birthdays

1/11	Brett Cole	1/27	Adeline Henderson
1/17	Maurine Smith	1/27	Alejandro Rosado, Jr.
1/19	Kathryn Rine	1/27	Agnes Taylor
1/25	Maurice Benner	1/31	Wendy Miller



## WINTER PRAYER REQUESTS

Agnes Taylor  
Jo Fleckenstein  
Polly Snyder



## Homebound of Bethany

Betty Gehman  
Homestead Village,  
Apt.#218  
P. O. Box 3227  
Lancaster, Pa. 17604

Agnes Taylor  
65 Mill Pond Dr.  
Lancaster PA 17603

Helen Cumpston  
Mennonite Home  
202B Jackson Run  
Lancaster, Pa. 17601

Jane Sweringen  
Homestead Village,  
Apt.#119  
P. O. Box 3227  
Lancaster, Pa. 17604

Adeline Henderson  
The Glen Room 310  
635 Willow Valley Square  
Lancaster, Pa. 17602



# January



## January 7, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - Baptism of the Lord

The Message: "Living Out Our Baptism" Scripture: Mark 1:4-11  
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
 Reaffirmation of Baptism Covenants



## January 14, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

The Message: "Answering the Call" Scripture: John 1:43-51  
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes Installation of Officers

## January 21, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

The Message: "Letting Go" Scripture: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

## January 28, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. - 4th Sunday after Epiphany

The Message: "Living Examples" Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes Annual Congregational Meeting Following Worship



	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
<b>Greeters</b>	Michelle Atwater	Jim Grossman	Maurine Smith	Elaine Bornstein
<b>Fellowship</b>	Michelle Atwater	Jim Grossman	Maurine Smith	Elaine Bornstein
<b>Ushers</b>	Don Risser Bob Waldeck	Gary & Nancy Peters	Mike Morrison Michelle Atwater	Susie & Pete Paxson
<b>Liturgists</b>	Sue Fetterman	Elaine Bornstein	Barb McCrary	Judy Maier
<b>Flowers</b>	Betty Duncan	Bob & Barbara Walker	Bob & Barbara Walker	Barbara McCrary

# JANUARY 2018



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day  Welcome <b>2018!</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 P.M. Scout Committee Meeting	<b>3</b> 10:00 A.M. Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>6 Epiphany</b> 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast 	
<b>7</b> Epiphany of the Lord 11:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	<b>8</b> 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	<b>9 Office Closed</b> 7:00 P.M. Scout District Roundtable Meeting	<b>10</b> 10:00 A.M. Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>13</b>	
<b>14</b> 11:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo 5:00 P.M. Scout Court of Honor & Dinner	<b>15 MLK Day</b> 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 A.M. Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon <b>Scout Camp Out</b>	<b>20</b> 6:45 P.M. White Deer Run <b>Scout Camp Out</b>	
<b>21</b> 11:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo <b>Scout Camp Out</b>	<b>22</b> 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout	<b>23</b> 7:00 P.M. Pack Meeting	<b>24</b> 10:00 A.M. Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00 P.M. AA 8:00 P.M. AI Anon <b>Scout Camp Out</b>	<b>27</b> Scout Klondike Derby	
<b>28</b> 11:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Resurrection 2:00 P.M. Oromo	<b>29</b> 6:45 P.M. Scouts 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout Sub Sale Pick Up	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10:00 A.M. Wired Word 8:00 P.M. AI Anon	 <b>January</b>			<b>Office Hours:</b> Tues - Thurs 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.