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# News of Bethany

LIVE  
EACH DAY  
WITH  
thanks  
&  
giving

## 2019 Thanksgiving Baskets

Eight families received baskets this year. They ranged in size from 2 to 11 persons in a family. There were 29 adults and 16 children. Each box contained a turkey, foil roasting pan with a bag, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, cans of green beans and/or corn, stuffing mix, margarine, milk, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls and pumpkin pie, according to the family size.

Thank you, Bethany Family, for your support of this mission, your monetary donations, and your gift of turkeys. A special thanks to Jim Grossman, Susie Paxson, Sylvia Doyle, and Elaine Bornstein, for shopping and packing the boxes. You made the Thanksgiving Holiday a very special day for some wonderful families!

## A Bethany Memory

Recently, Elaine Bornstein was in conversation with a friend of hers who revealed that he regularly attended the Teen Dances held at Bethany Church in the 1980's. Her friend, Erik, relayed to her that he has fond memories of those times. He also shared that he made many friends at the dances — friends with whom he is still close today.

Memories  
are timeless treasures  
of the Heart

**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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# JANUARY

## Special Dates in January 2020

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

**Epiphany**  
Monday, January 6



**Baptism of the Lord**  
Sunday, January 12

**Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day**  
Monday, January 20

## Bethany News & Notes



### 2020 Per Capita:

The Per Capita amount for 2020 is \$36 per person. By paying your own Per Capita you save Bethany from taking the money out of the General Fund. Thank You.



## January Birthdays



1/11 Brett Cole  
1/17 Maurine Smith  
1/19 Kathryn Rine  
1/27 Adeline Henderson  
1/27 Agnes Taylor  
1/31 Wendy Miller

WINTER PRAYER  
REQUESTS

Anne Sensenig   Eva Lauer   Polly Snyder  
Paul Siegler   Judy Maier   Agnes Taylor



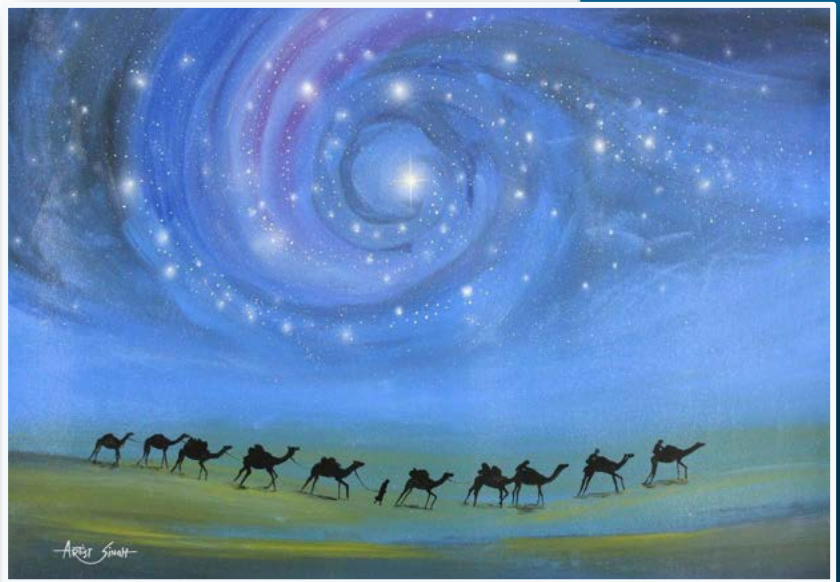
## *From Pastor Kent's Desk*

I write this having just celebrated Epiphany Sunday. With Epiphany, we officially end the 12 Days of Christmas and move into Ordinary Time. As I've said before, Ordinary Time is anything but "ordinary." Granted, we don't have any major festivals of the church coming up, but we do live our lives in the light of the Star, none-the-less. The light which emanates from the Star of Bethlehem brings the world around us into clear focus. Its light dispels the darkness and gives us a clear view of the world as it really is. Granted, there are things we'd rather not see, but there is much which is pleasing to the sight. This is God's world, after all, created for all of God's children to enjoy and embrace.

God's love and God's justice (with our help) can alleviate pain and bring encouragement and succor to the least, the last, the lost, and the lonely who reside among us. In God's world, there are no strangers, only folks with whom we have yet to come in contact. It's a natural tendency sometimes to want to distance ourselves from strangers. In fact, from an early age, we're warned to steer clear of them. Oftentimes, though, they are only neighbors in need from whom we have nothing to fear.

We're a society which tends to shun the ordinary and value the extraordinary. We're programmed to strive for a "top-shelf" way of life. Ordinary just isn't good enough! But it was Jesus who sought out the ordinary, and who taught us to do the same. He placed a high value on simplicity and encouraged his followers to seek out the Kingdom of God before anything else. For Jesus, a fulfilling life was a life lived for, and with, God.

As we move into the year 2020, let's make a resolution to simplify our lives and seek out that which fulfills our souls. If need be, let's jettison some of our excess baggage and lighten our load, so we can follow Jesus wherever he leads us. Believe me, it promises to be a truly "extraordinary" journey! I look forward to walking it with you.



*Caravan- Star of Bethlehem ~ SinGh*

Grace & Peace

*Kent*



**Some Thank-You's !!!!** Sometimes we forget to “thank” the folks who go the “extra-mile” on our behalf. That’s especially true in the church! So, in order to remedy the matter, here are some members and friends of the congregations who deserve a special “shout-out:”

**Brian Ashba and Tom Kirchner** for the amazing job they did on rehabbing the two bathrooms on the main floor. The Men’s restroom no longer looks like something in a bus station. New paint, and a deep cleaning of the tile walls has turned it into a place you’re not ashamed to be seen coming out of! It’s amazing how we just let things go to the point that something really needs to be done. Well, that something has been done and it looks fabulous!

That brings us to the Women’s restroom. That, too, needed a complete make-over and Brian and Tom did just that. Old wallpaper was removed, cracks were repaired, the ceiling and walls were freshly painted, the mirror centered on the lights, the exhaust fan repaired, and a general cleaning accomplished. As a result, it looks like new! **So, thanks guys for a job well done** – your work will not go unnoticed!

**Thanks to Jim Grossman**, our resident Major-Domo, and all-around good guy for the work he did last fall processing Stewardship mailings, purchasing supplies, scheduling rooms, overseeing Christmas, and publishing the 2020 Bethany Presbyterian Church Handbook. Jim works very hard seeing to it that everything runs smoothly around the church and he does it graciously and unstintingly. Jim, you are a treasure — we couldn’t function without you!

**Betty Duncan deserves our special thanks and praise** for acting as our Office Manager this fall while Eva was on an extended leave. She learned all the ropes in short-order and brought her insight and wisdom to bear on many issues which needed to be addressed. She was a great addition to our staff during the busiest time of the Church Year. Remember, Betty, you are free to come back anytime you want; you don’t even have to ask!

Last, but by no means the least, a **Thank You to our faithful Bethany Counters – Sylvia Doyle, Gary Peters, Jean Schwartz, and Elaine Bornstein**. Each week, a team of two counters counts and deposits the Sunday Offerings and Pledges. Your dedicated service is an inspiration for us all!

	Betty Gehman Homestead Village, 1800 Village Circle Lancaster, Pa. 17603	Agnes Taylor 65 Mill Pond Dr. Lancaster PA 17603
	Adeline Henderson The Glen Room 310 635 Willow Valley Square Lancaster, Pa. 17602	Helen Cumpston Mennonite Home 202B Jackson Run Lancaster, Pa. 17601



**January 5, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. - Epiphany Sunday**

The Message: "Follow the Star" Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12  
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

**January 12, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. - Baptism of the Lord**

The Message: "This is My Son" Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17  
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
 Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenants



**January 19, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. - Second Sunday after Epiphany**

The Message: "The Lamb of God" Scripture: John 1:29-42  
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes

**January 26, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. - Third Sunday after Epiphany**

The Message: "Walking in the Light" Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-4  
 Preaching: Rev. Holmes



	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
<b>Greeters</b>	Michelle Atwater	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman
<b>Fellowship</b>	Michelle Atwater	Elaine Bornstein	Maurine Smith	Jim Grossman
<b>Ushers</b>	Elaine Bornstein Diane Ashba	Michelle Atwater Pete Paxson	Larry & Sylvia Doyle	Don Risser Pete Paxson
<b>Liturgists</b>	Betty Duncan	David Schwartz	Elaine Bornstein	Sue Fetterman

# January 2020

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

# Bethany Prayer Partners



## Sign-up to be a Prayer Partner

If you would like to participate in the ministry of being a prayer partner to a loved one here in our congregation, please sign-up on the sheet below and place it in the box in the Christian Education Hallway.

Being a Prayer Partner is such a rewarding and fun experience. Prayer Partners are asked to remember their "friend" in prayer. Prayer Partners also send remembrances by way of cards and notes for birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions, holidays, or illness. In addition, there may be ideas you may have of conveying kindness to your "friend". The fun part is that you sign all your cards and notes, "Your Prayer Partner from Bethany Presbyterian Church". At the end of one year at a gathering, you will be able to reveal who you are to your special "friend". Prayer Partners includes all members of Bethany Presbyterian Church both women and men alike.

### Prayer Partner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Holiday: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interests/Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary/Special Occasions: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Requests or concerns: \_\_\_\_\_