



Bethel

by God, each other, family,
friends and community

December/January

Bethel Lutheran Church, White Rock, SC

HEARTLAND CONFERENCE LAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Tuesday January 10, 17, 24 and 31 from **6:30 pm to 8:00 pm** at Grace Lutheran Church in Prosperity.

*January 10th and 17th - **I'm Not Grieving, Am I?** led by Deaconess Dr. Laura Sharp-Waites.

From Pieces To Peace: The Best Is Yet To Come

As a Pastoral Counselor, Deaconess Laura empowers Christian Leaders and congregation members who have experienced sorrow, loss, and trauma so that they can bridge the gaps from heartbreak to happiness, pain to peace, loss to life. In our sessions, we will be focusing on grief. Remember that any change is loss, and all losses can be grieved.

*January 24th and 31st **An Introduction to the 5th Gospel** led by Pastor Bobby Morris.

The late Father Bargil Pixner referred to the Holy Land as "the Fifth Gospel," without which the other four contained in the New Testament are left incomplete. Join Pastor and Seminary Professor Bobby Morris, who has traveled and taught in the Middle East for over twenty years, for an encounter with this "5th Gospel" and experience the depth of meaning it can contribute to our understanding of the Scriptures which were birthed there.

The cost is \$20. **Please contact Pastor Megan to register. Carpool is an option if folks are interested.**



The church office will be closed Monday, December 26 through Monday, January 2 for rest and renewal for our staff. Contact Pastor Megan on her cell phone for pastoral care emergencies.



Year End Reports are due to the church office no later than January 7 so they can be included in our church directory. Chairs from 2022 are asked to submit reports, updated team members, and any changes expected for 2023.



Hold the date for annual congregational meeting on January 29, following worship and potluck lunch! Please bring your dish ready to serve to the Fellowship Hall prior to the 10 am service so all will be ready when worship has finished.



We Care Donation for December 7 was 100 lbs. and a check for \$1,200.00 was donated for Christmas. Thank you for your continued support.



Noisy Offering Sunday

Noisy Offering for January will be January 29. Donation information will be coming at a later date.



Merry Christmas Bethel friends and family!

We have made it through another year and now we enter this Christmas season. We hurry up and wait so much between November 1 to December 25, we tend to forget to embrace the 12 days from Christmas through Epiphany.

Take pause this year. After we gather for worship on Christmas morning (a special rare treat in the calendar) we return home, and the joy of Christmas remains. The

wonder of the season carries on through the new year. We cling to the story that God put on human flesh to join us on earth. We dwell in the message that the world would never be the same. We embrace the love and “grace upon grace” we receive and share through Jesus Christ.

Thank you for supporting God’s mission and ministry at Bethel this year through your time, talents, and treasures. Thank you for showing up to hear the good news, and taking the good news back out into the world!

My prayer is that you are filled with the joy and hope of this season. That the light of Christ fills your hearts, and you take notice of the light in the world as the days get slightly longer. My hope is you savor the moments that bring you joy and peace. My prayer is that you share God’s love with everyone you encounter.

Peace be with you all,
Pastor Megan



PRAYER LIST: The family of Lucille Derrick, the family of Scott Sanders, the family of Nicolas Monjo, Lindsey Smith, Sue Elliott, Jason Derrick, Russell Miller, Cindy Stone, Vannie Toy, Ruby Vincent, Jim Aull, Casey Derrick, Danny Cannon, Margie Amick, Becky Smoak, Harvey Stone, Bertha McCartha, Ronnie Taylor, Eugenia Matthews, Paul and Bonnie Bates, Bella Raniszewski, Richard Chouinard, and Katie Washington.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

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| Jan. 1 - Roxanne Shealy | Jan. 3 - Shannon Kochems |
| Jan. 4 - Faye Meetze | Jan. 4 - Faye Franklin |
| Jan. 6 – Patsy McCartha | Jan. 7 – Bruce Troutman |
| Jan. 11 – Jane Cameron | Jan. 11 – Ruby Vincent |
| Jan. 16 – Johnny Shealy | Jan. 24 – Elin Bowers |
| Jan. 25 – Emily Harling | Jan. 25 – Lucy Harling |
| Jan. 27 – Vannie Toy | Jan. 29 – Kevin Kochems |

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY: Jan. 29 – Amanda and Russell Raniszewski

