



Bethel

by God, each other, family,
friends and community

December 20, 2023

Bethel Lutheran Church, White Rock, SC



Blessings and peace be with you all this Christmas season! May you be filled with joy, wonder, and hope as you reflect on the true meaning of Christmas—that God came down in the form of a baby to live among us and give us life and salvation. May your hearts and homes be filled with love! Merry Christmas!

Peace,
Pastor Megan



The church office will be closed Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1 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.



Installation of our new council members will be held on Sunday, January 7 during worship. The 2024 council is Ron Heather (President), Mike Moore (Vice President), Donna Brown (Secretary), Sarah Cheesman, Onedia Crowder, and Kevin Kochems. Bethel's treasurer is Melissa Stone.



Bethel's Book Group will be discussing Pope Joan by Donna Woolfolk Cross on Sunday, January 21. If you need help ordering a copy (it can be difficult to find), please contact Pastor Megan.



Pub Theology will meet on Tuesday, January 16, at 7:00 pm at Tonella's Pizza Kitchen in Irmo (on Dutch Fork Road).



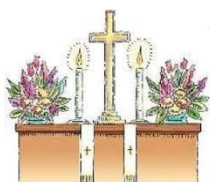
The annual congregational meeting is on January 28 following worship. We will also have a BBQ sandwich lunch after worship so please plan to stay and RSVP to congregation life or the office by January 21 so we plan for enough food.



Thank you for supporting We Care during the Christmas season. Our total collected was \$690.00 for gift cards, which exceeded our goal. We also donated was over 100 pounds of food.



Update on Advent Celebration and Bake Sale: Joyce Troutman and Rosmarie Wessinger chaired the Bethel Bake Sale on December 3 at our Advent Celebration Event with all proceeds and food donated going to "We Care" in Chapin. We thank the Bethel congregation for all the bake goods donated to the bake sale and are happy to report we made \$660.00 from the entrance donations and bake sale for "We Care" in Chapin. Thank you and God bless! Joyce and Rosmarie



Altar flowers are needed for January 8, 15, and 22. Please call or email the church office if you would like to furnish those.



PRAYER LIST: Patsy McCartha, Julie Allen, Marilyn Bull, Harvey Stone, Grady Slice, Phil Wunder, Pebble Briggs, Vannie Toy, Sue Elliott, Claude Leviner, Irene Leviner, Ronnie Taylor, Bertha McCartha, Paul and Bonnie Bates, Bella Raniszewski, Sheri Southworth, Richard Torres, Sheri Johnson (friend of Ron and Patrick), Betty Rhodes (Donna Torres' sister), Nicole Ganz (friend of Patrick George), Daniel George (Patrick's brother), Wayne Prescott (friend of Bob and Sue Elliott), Monica McCartha, and Richard Chouinard.

Currently deployed: Drake Upchurch (Aleena Stone's husband), Brittney Bingham (Becky Smoak's granddaughter).



January 1 - Roxanne Shealy
January 4 - Faye Meetze
January 6 - Patsy McCartha
January 11 - Jane Cameron
January 24 - Elin Bowers
January 25 - Lucy Harling

January 3 - Shannon Kochems
January 4 - Faye Franklin
January 7 - Bruce Troutman
January 16 - Johnny Shealy
January 25 - Emily Harling
January 27 - Vannie Toy

January 29 - Kevin Kochems



January 29 - Amanda and Russell Raniszewski

