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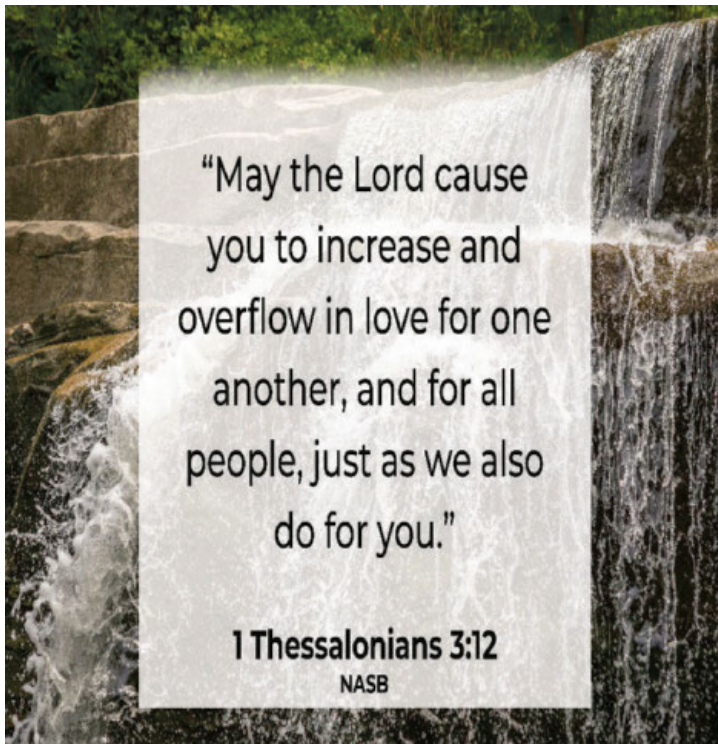
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FROM THE PC OF PL FOR JANUARY 2023

January is a month of birthdays for my family and me. My granddaughter Lukka turns 4 on the 11th, my oldest brother Bob turns 66 on the 19th, my White German Shepherd Sterling turns 5 on the 25th, and I turn 64 on the 15th. Time marches forward, and with it comes special events like my first visit to a Cardiologist. Not exactly fun and games, but with age, these things come. In November 2022, apparently, I had a heart attack, according to the tests. I am feeling good and plan to keep as healthy as I am able so as to be able to serve Bethany Union for some time to come. Please keep me in your prayers as I keep you in mine always.

January 2023 brings us five (5) Sundays of Worship. The very first day of this New Year falls on the Lord's Day (Sunday) and affords us the opportunity and privilege to gather for Worship on the very first day of this new year. Centering on John Wesley's Covenant Service Liturgy we will dedicate ourselves to what lays ahead and put our trust and faith in God. Come and let us celebrate and dedicate the entire year to our God in this festive time of Worship and renewal.

We begin our January 2023 Services of Worship utilizing the gifts of the Prophets that God has anointed us and the Sacred History of Salvation. Each Sunday in this New Year, we will be introduced to and "smooze" some with all of the Biblical Prophets of the Faith Tradition. The lineup is impressive and goes like this; Jan. 1 = Isaiah, Jan. 8 = Jeremiah, Jan. 15 = Lamentations, Jan. 22 = Ezekiel, and Jan. 29 = Daniel. These mighty men of old are some of the strangest and most faithful characters of the Bible. Their work and message helped shape and nurture the nation of Israel and our faith tradition of Messiah.

January 29, 2023, is the last Sunday of the month and is designated as Bethany Union's Annual Congregational Meeting, which will take place right after Worship. It will be held in our Fellowship Hall with a lite lunch provided (catered) for our safety and nourishment, and the business portion of the Annual Meeting will take place immediately after we eat. So we can have an appropriate amount of food, we ask people to RSVP no later than the preceding Sunday (January 22, 2023) by using their Sunday Morning Sign-up Connection Card or by calling the Church office. You may call the Office at any time and leave your RSVP on the voicemail.

We are managing forward after this long stretch of Covid-19 interruptions and chaos. May the Lord find us as faithful as Him and those who began this faith adventure 150+ years ago. Church is important to my life. It always has been and always will be. Things are never perfect, but having a perfect Lord and being able to share my faith life with others is a true blessing. Now at year's end, I turn to Him and praise Him and give Him glory and honor for His many blessings, but especially for Bethany Union Church, as all of you are my life and its work.

To God be the glory for all things as we grow forward in Him and His plan. See you in Worship soon,

+Pastor Larry Cameron



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR...

January 1, 2023 Happy 2022! New Year's Day!

First Sunday in the New Year to worship our God. Holy Communion Served.

January 6, 2023 Epiphany

January 8, 2023 Sunday, Sunday, Sunday! The Baptism of our Lord,
Congregational Meeting during Fellowship

January 15, 2023 Sunday, Sunday, Sunday!

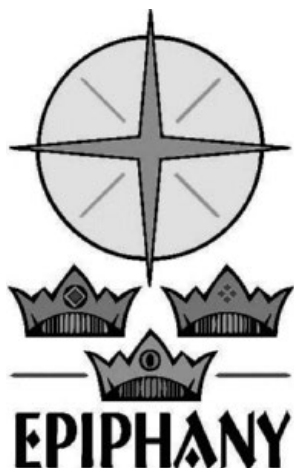
January 16, 2023 Religious Freedom Day

January 17, 2023 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Day

January 18-25, 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 22, 2023 Sunday, Sunday, Sunday!

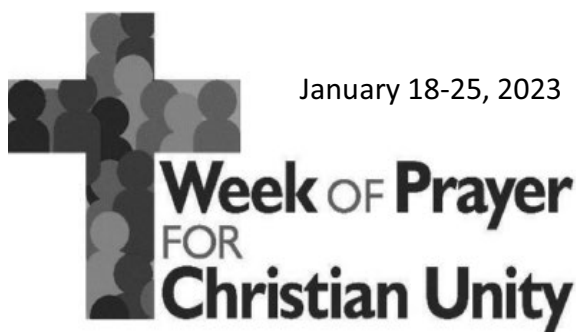
January 29, 2023 Sunday, Sunday, Sunday! Our Annual Congregational Meeting



January 8th Congregational Planning Meeting



MLK DAY—January 17th



January 29th

Gentle People of Bethany Union Church,

I would like to take a moment to wish you a Happy New Year as we move into 2023, and I hope that everyone was able to enjoy a very Merry Christmas with family and friends. I know for some 2022 has been a difficult year for many reasons, but I pray you were able to find strength and resolve by leaning on faith in times of need.

As we begin our journey into this new year, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy; I pray that all four of these will fill your life in every way now as you read this month's Unifier and beyond. I am forever grateful to God, and as in all previous years, we continue to celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us). Without Christ's presence among us, we would be lost. Through God's presence working within us, we are being healed, transformed, reconciled, and made whole.

I pray you have a fantastic start to the new year and that we can all continue to come together to keep the spirit of Bethany Union alive and well for many more years to come.

In Love and Peace,
Mario Butler-Del Rio
Church Council Chair

Finance Update

We have completed our 2023 Stewardship campaign with satisfactory results. After the holidays are behind us the Finance Committee will work to develop a budget for 2023. With reduced attendance, and lots of folks still choosing to watch online it has been a struggle to keep up with expenses, but thanks to a few surprise blessings and our Vanguard account we have done well and paid all bills during 2022. Prayerfully 2023 will be better and we will not incur as many repair projects as experienced in 2022.

Speaking of 2022, I will ask that you review your giving status, if you are in arrears with your commitment, if at all possible, attempt to help with our finances.

I wish you a Happy New Year!
Chuck Diddia
Treasurer BUC

3rd -Kimberly Diddia
 10th- Jennifer (Syler) Taylor
 11th- Lukka Frankie Jean Gandara 4
 12th - Lisa Butler-Del Rio
 15th - Pastor Larry
 15th – Nicole Guevera
 27th - Nancy Brown
 28th - Sheila Reid
 31st - Betty R Baugh



Bethany Union is grateful to those who supported us during 2022, including but not limited to those listed here. Please continue to use the local businesses in 2022 and tell them Bethany Union Church sent you.

We extend a special debt of gratitude to Pastor Larry; Mario Butler-Del Rio, Council Chair; Andrew Greene, Trustee Chair; Tom Winski, Church Life Chair; Chuck Diddia, Treasurer and House Committee Chair; and Music Director, David Zizic and our vocal ensembles. And as we began fellowship time, Nancy Diddia, and those who prepared the kitchen and refreshments for our enjoyment. A special thanks to Arlene Williams for her support in the financial issues. Last winter we thank Rafael Ramirez for sharing in the Church Boiler Maintenance. Michelle Barnhart, website and social media.

Bethany Union Church Want Ads - Retry!!!

Bethany Union Church always needs your help or a referral; some standing, some seasonal, some unexpected. Someone from the church will be able to help you get started. We do everything COVID safe! This year we need:

- Weekly - members, friends, and neighbors, fill our pews for Worship!
- Twice a week - The Church Boiler Maintenance - share it with someone if you can't commit to two days - we can set up the schedule based on your availability - currently done on Tuesday & Friday.
- Monthly - Unifier mailing - fold, label, stamp, and get them to the post office. Everything is provided; just need the people power. They need to reach people by the 1st Sunday of the month.
- In the fall - Raking the leaves - rakes & bags provided.

BETHANY UNION CHURCH BROADENS ITS COMMUNITY TIES IN 2023

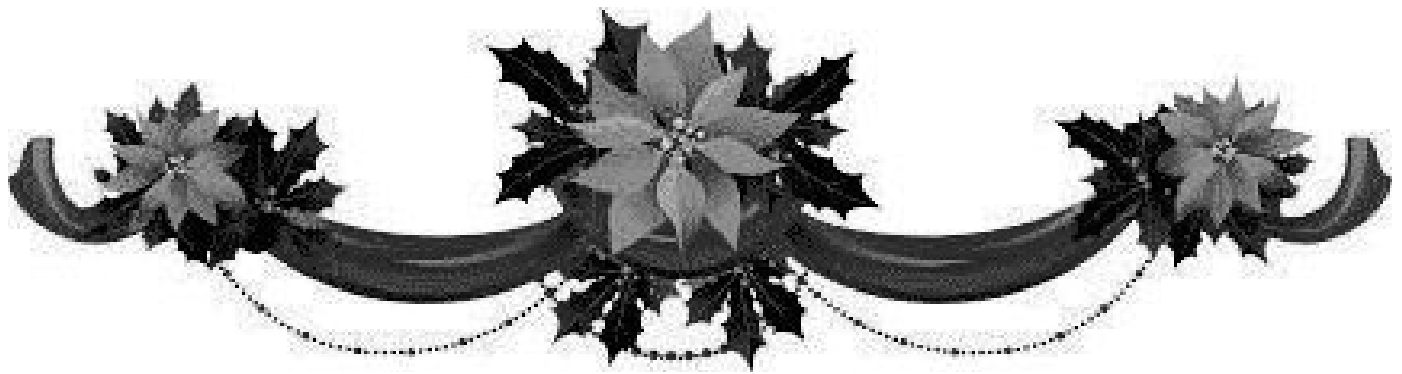
Bethany Union Church is proud to share space with the TEECH Foundation, The Music Scene, My Crafty Table, and JETY Activity Center. We also have some neighbors who look to Bethany Union to support their programs, whether it's in prayer, space, or getting their message out. In 2023, we have some great opportunities to broaden our scope.

- **Envision Unlimited, Inc., Foster Care Program** focuses on the wellness of each child and supports foster families in providing a safe, nurturing environment. They not only use the parking lot but use space for training. Another part of the organization from downtown had their 1st Parent Respite a few weeks ago; parents were able to drop their children off for an afternoon of fun, while parents were able to get ready for Christmas. Bethany Union space was ideal, and the Envision Group from downtown, will be back!
- The **TEECH Foundation** in addition to providing recovery services to their clients, provides job training in Green Cleaning. Bethany Union Church is the recipient of their cleaning services. Dr. Karen White is also committed to keeping the Bethany Union environment healthy and safe. On Monday mornings, End 2 End Resource Center provides COVID testing for clients and Bethany Union Church folks.
- The **Bourgie Pop-up Craft Show** had a successful event in November. How successful? They're planning two more events in 2023. They really appreciated Bethany Union Church facilities!

Make sure to “like” us on Facebook and share often with your peeps by passing along the memes and postings we put up. This helps us spread the Good News! Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and on our website

www.bethanyunion.com





THE POINSETTIAS GRACING OUR SANCTUARY

IN MEMORY OF

Jane & Max Achtenberg; Ora & Charles Fortmiller by Len Achtenberg
Family Members passed by Aracely & John Brooks
Gloria Butler by Butler-Del Rio/ Charles Family
Laura Faye & Ted Gradolf; Edith & FB Gradolf by Barbara & Ted Gradolf
Joe Hale by Betsie Hale
Janice Heniff Winski by Melissa & Arthur Heniff
Leightia Binder; Margie Dugar by Steven Livesey
Our Parents and Grandparents by Signe, Lorraine, & Charles Morgan
Mrs Pat Nelson; Mrs Laura Faye Gradolf; Mr Earl Syler by Olivia Patch-Stevenson
William Sandstrom, by Marie Sandstrom
Earl Syler by Dorothy Syler
Bonnie Lou Petersen;
Scott Mains; Mark Mains by Dorothy Tedesco
Members of the Farrell, White, & Lisle Families by Monica White
Janice Boyens Winski; Evelyn & Robert Winski by Tom Winski

IN HONOR OF

Bethany Union Church Members by Aracely & John Brooks
Nancy & Chuck Diddia by Their Family
Loved Ones by Nancy & Chuck Diddia
My Children & Grandchildren by Betsie Hale
Pastor Larry by Olivia Patch-Stevenson
Bethany Union Church Family by Terry Peterson

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