

Other News and Events

HELPING HANDS FOR HONDURAS: PACK A SUITCASE. We are collecting items for the John Carroll University medical mission brigade who will return to Honduras in May 2018. Items we are collecting in January include: Tylenol, Advil and Aleve for adults, children and infants, brand or generic. We continue to collect gently used/new children's toys (no batteries or water, cannot resemble weapons, simple to understand, easily packed into a suitcase). A suitcase is located in the hallway for collection of items. Please contact Darla Boyk at dboyk@amplex.net or 419-575-0078 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

SMALL GROUPS: January is a busy month for Small Groups at Bethlehem. Pam Frankfather and Becky Buchman have an existing group made up of mostly teachers which has met for two seasons already. Many of them participated in serving meals at Mosaic Ministries on December 30. Ken Finley is starting a small group of seven men this week. Paulette Bresler, Teri Hansen and Janet Witker are developing a small group to meet at Portage Valley which will include BLC members and some PV residents. There is interest in forming a small group for couples. If you are interested in getting on board, talk to Pastor Matt or any of the people mentioned here. All are welcome! You are encouraged to start a group of your own if the spirit moves you - we can help.

BLOOD PRESSURE SUNDAY with Nurse April is on January 7, thirty minutes before and after the 9 a.m. service, in the Mission Action room.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet on Monday, January 8, at 7 p.m. in the lounge.

KNOTTING: Come help tie blankets for Lutheran World Relief and local nursing homes on Tuesday, January 9, at 9 a.m., in the basement. If schools close we will not knot!

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY will take place on the second Saturday, January 13, at 7 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying "Everything you wanted to know about women" (of the Bible that is!).

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH HANGOUT on January 14, 7 p.m., at Vicar Janelle's, Parsonage #2.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will take place in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 20, from 9am-3pm. Appointments call: 800-RED CROSS or go online to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: BethlehemLuth. You may also go online to redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to fill out all the paperwork to bring with you.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY will be open on two Saturdays (the second and last) every month starting in January, from 8-11 a.m. We are still open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

YOGA CLASS OPEN TO ALL on Mondays, 7 p.m., in the church's Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 per person.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church January 7, 2018 ✚ Weekly Bread

PRAYING Daily

FOR HEALING AND HOPE: Karen O'Brien, Virginia Shammo, Karen Williams, Nancy Gerwin, Dorothy Krumnow, Brandon Gerwin, Dorothy Karns, Lois Henline, Bob Ladd

FOR THE GRIEVING: For the family of Homer Johnson who died December 27, 2017.

IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: Aaron and Tori (Nabors) Corns, on January 6, 2017, at Bethlehem.

FOR OUR MILITARY men and women.

FOR OUR BISHOPS: Elizabeth Eaton, Daniel Beaudoin

FOR LOCAL MISSIONS: Sack Lunch, Snack Pack, Community Food Pantry, Good Samaritan Fund, Habitat for Humanity, The Linen Closet, Grace's Place, Bethlehem's Preschool and Extended Care, WCCA Senior Center.

Connecting regularly in SMALL GROUPS

Several small groups are forming.
See note on the back page.

Calendar

1/7/18, Sun.	9 a.m.	Worship / Communion
	10:20 a.m.	Faith Formation (SS) / Catechism
1/8, Mon.	7 p.m.	Yoga, Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Dartball, basement
1/9, Tue.	9 a.m.	Knotting, basement
	7 p.m.	Worship & Music
1/10, Wed.	8:45 a.m.	Staff check-in
	6:15 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
1/13, Sat.	7 a.m.	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, FH
	8-11 a.m.	Food Pantry open
	8-noon	Council retreat, Higher Ground
	10 a.m.	Liturgical Choir practice
1/14, Sun.	9 a.m.	Worship / Communion
	10:20 a.m.	Faith Formation (SS) / Catechism
	7 p.m.	HS Youth Hangout at Vicar Janelle's

Reading the BIBLE Daily

JANUARY 7 – 13, 2018

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, as we are bathed in the new light of Thine incarnate Word, that what shines by faith in our minds may also blaze out in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREGORIAN SACRAMENTARY
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S	JANUARY 7 <i>First Sunday After Epiphany</i>	Matthew 3:13-17 John 2:1-12 Psalms 146,147 † 111,112,113 <i>Daily Chapter:</i> Deuteronomy 10
M	JANUARY 8 <i>The Epistle to Titus</i>	Matthew 4:12-17 Titus 1:1-16 Psalms 1,2,3 † 4,7 <i>Daily Chapter:</i> Deuteronomy 11
T	JANUARY 9 <i>Beginning the Ministry</i>	Matthew 4:18-25 Titus 2:1-15 Psalms 5,6 † 10,11 <i>Daily Chapter:</i> Deuteronomy 12
W	JANUARY 10 <i>The Beatitudes</i>	Matthew 5:1-12 Titus 3:1-15 Psalms 119:1-24 † 12,13,14 <i>Daily Chapter:</i> Deuteronomy 13
T	JANUARY 11 <i>Fidelity to a Pledge</i>	Matthew 5:13-20 Hebrews 6:1-12 Psalms 18:1-20 † 18:21-50 <i>Daily Chapter:</i> Deuteronomy 14
F	JANUARY 12 <i>God's Promise in Christ</i>	Matthew 5:21-30 Hebrews 6:13-20 Psalms 16,17 † 22 <i>Daily Chapter:</i> Deuteronomy 15
S	JANUARY 13 <i>Without Begats</i>	Matthew 5:31-37 Hebrews 7:1-10 Psalms 20,21 † 110,116,117 <i>Daily Chapter:</i> Deuteronomy 16

GIVING Generously

Weekly Offerings: \$5,057

YTD: Community Food Pantry: 448 family visits in 2017

Food Vouchers to IGA given out: 445 in 2017

GSF help for Utilities: 29 checks written for assistance in 2017

Sack Lunches & water to St. Paul's in Toledo: 216 in 2017

Snack Pack (weekend food): packed 321 bags in 2017

SERVING Others

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY is housed at Bethlehem. It is available Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the last Saturday of the month from 8-11 a.m., for Eastwood community residents in need of food. Please help us stock these items in January: hot and cold cereals, muffin mixes, crackers and kleenex. Other non-perishable items and monetary donations are gladly accepted. Please place items in the tubs in the Mission Action room (111).

MISSION ACTION PROJECT for January is bingo prizes for Otterbein Portage Valley. Items wanted include: jewelry including used wrist watches; packaged snack items, sugar free, non peanut butter; knickknacks, stamps, stationary and personal hygiene items including small lotions, sprays, deodorant. Thank you!

WORSHIPPING Weekly

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP: TODAY

Presiding Minister

Pastor Matt

Preacher

Pastor Matt

Music

Joyce Eisenhour

Reader

Renee Farmer

Elders

Vic Schuerman, Willie Fisher

Deacon

Travis Ford

Youth Deacon

Evan Frankfather

Acolytes

Toby Marten, Trent Marten

Altar Flowers

Joanne Bruning, Jo Lynn Gerwin

Altar Guild

Becky Schuerman, Jen Schuerman

Communion Bread

Jennifer Schuerman

Jennifer Schuerman

Radio Broadcast

Matt Meyer

Matt Meyer

Coffee Hour

Volunteer needed

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WORSHIP: Sundays 9 a.m. ✝ Faith Formation: 10:20 a.m.

RADIO BROADCAST: WFRO 99.1 FM, Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: Worship: 111

Sunday School: There was no Sunday School

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Nelson's 75th birthday from Joanne Busdeker and family.

LECTERN FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of Aaron and Tori (Nabors) Corns' wedding yesterday.

RADIO BROADCAST is given to the glory of God.