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learn the **word**  
live the **grace**  
share the **love**

## *Bethany Newscast—December 2024*

**Bethany Christian Church is an Open & Affirming Congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
We at Bethany Christian Church are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ seeking to learn the word, live the grace, and share the love, we welcome ALL to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us with grace and unconditional love and acceptance. So, with open hearts, open minds, and open doors Bethany Christian Church acknowledges, accepts, and affirms ALL people as equal children of God and affirms OUR commitment to welcome and accept ALL people. Therefore, **regardless of race, nationality, culture, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, physical and mental ability, marital standing, or any other designation of individuals who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination by the church and society, ALL are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and mission of our church.**

Check out Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance ([www.disciplesallianceq.org](http://www.disciplesallianceq.org)) to learn more!

**AllianceQ**  
Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance



## Sundays 10:30am

### December 1

Liturgist: Luke Wagler

Elder: Chris Gibson

CW&W Storyteller: Danielle Russell

### December 8

Liturgist: Vanessa Wagler

Elder: Steve Appel

CW&W Storyteller: Sheri Cox

### December 15

Liturgist: John Rich

Elder: Barb Hester

CW&W Storyteller: Vanessa Wagler

### December 22

Liturgist: Deena Gibson

Elder: Michelle Rundle

CW&W Storyteller: Jean Page

### December 29

Liturgist: Tandy Jones

Elder: Chris Gibson

CW&W Storyteller: Danielle Russell

# Celebrate \* December

## Birthdays

2nd Hadley Buckert

5th Karen Chinn

14th Leo Russell

15th Rev. Katie Griffin

18th Rastlin Wood

18th Greg Buckert

20th Rev. Bob Brite

21st Don Cox

22nd Juanita "Nita" Cox

22nd Karen Heard

26th Marcee Griffin

27th Jennifer Thomason

29th Linda Lovelace

31st Kathy Homburg

## Anniversaries

14th John & Linda Moore

18th Matt & Michelle Rundle



*Christ the Savior  
Is Born!!*



*If you have additions to the prayer list, please call the church office Mon-Fri from 8:30a to 12:30p (812-422-5439).*

Caroline Ashby, Stacy Baier, Steve Buckert, John Bunner, Stevie Chivlare, Dave Cox, Steve Cox, Ron Dennis, Family of Gary Dorsey, Michelle Gilles, Cale Harper, Donna Harper, Diane Huett, Mary Jane Hunt, Katie Kelly, Lisa King, Ruth & Joe Lenko, Jeff Main, Nancy McGuyer, Debby Miller, Wes & JoAnn Mitchell, John Rich & the Cheadle Family, Lisa Russell, Frank Rynkiewich, Nancy Slaton, Sheila Smith, Julia Wood, Myra Woolsey



## Join Us!!

Tuesdays, 4p..... Tai Chi  
not meeting on 12/24 or 12/31

Wednesdays, 6:30p..... Choir Practice  
no practice after 12/11

Dec. 1, 10:30a..... Hanging of the Greens

Dec. 8, 10:30a..... Choir Singing

Dec. 8, after worship..... Elders Meeting

Dec. 9, 6p..... GEY Dinner @ IYG

Dec. 11, 11:30a..... Keenagers @ Nellies

Dec. 13, 6-10p..... Board Game Night

Dec. 16, 6:30p..... GEY Crochet Club @ IYG

Dec. 19, 7p..... Blue Christmas Worship  
@ St. Peter's UCC, Highland

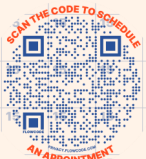
Dec. 24, 8p..... Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 24-26..... Church Office Closed



Greater Evansville Youth Powered by IYG provides a safe space to educate, empower, and support the lives of LGBTQIA+ youth, young adults, and their allies in the Evansville area, located at 501 John St, Suite 12, in Evansville.

**Bethany events on December 9 & 16.**



## Spend Time With Your Pastor!

Arrange a visit with Pastor Michelle by phone, email, or scanning this QR code.

## Angel Tree Gifts

Bethany will be providing Christmas gifts to children in our community. If you would like to give a child more reasons to celebrate the birth of Jesus, see Michelle Rundle for more information.



## Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 19, 7:00 p.m.

You are warmly invited to join with St. Peter's UCC Highland for a Blue Christmas Service. This quiet, contemplative gathering provides space for those who experience sadness, loss, or loneliness during the holidays. Together, we'll find peace and comfort through prayers, music, and moments of reflection. All are welcome to share in this time of hope and healing.

St. Peter's UCC Highland  
7014 Darmstadt Road, Evansville



## Christmas Eve Service—8:00 p.m.



Celebrate the night before our Savior's birth with scripture and song at Bethany Christian Church. If you would like to participate in the service, contact Pastor Michelle or sign up in the narthex by December 22.

## Bethany Christian Church Supports

# Mental Wellness

◆ Education ◆ Inclusion ◆ Accommodation ◆ Compassion ◆ Community ◆

Bethany received a \$40,000 grant to begin a mental wellness ministry beginning this month! See below for more details and upcoming programming.



- ◆ Sensory support in worship including weighted blankets and noise canceling headphones
- ◆ Sensory room adjacent to sanctuary
- ◆ Grace Alliance Support Group
- ◆ Stephen Ministry
- ◆ Art Ministry
- ◆ Dedicated Tai Chi, Yoga, & Meditation Space
- ◆ Mental Health and the Church Event
- ◆ Church Leader Retreat
- ◆ Parent Respite & Support
- ◆ Therapy Fund
- ◆ Trauma Informed Childcare

# Advent & Christmas

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ABUNDANCE  
 AWAKE  
 CANDLELIGHT  
 DONKEY  
 FLOCKS  
 GRACE  
 JOSEPH  
 MERRY  
 PEACE  
 SON OF GOD  
 THE FIRST NOEL  
 WORSHIP

ADVENT  
 BABY  
 CAROLS  
 ELIZABETH  
 FRANKINCENSE  
 HOLIDAY  
 JOY  
 MIRACLE  
 REJOICE  
 SPIRIT  
 THREE WISE MEN  
 WREATH

ALERT  
 BETHLEHEM  
 CELEBRATE  
 EMMANUEL  
 GIVING  
 HOLLY  
 LITTLE DRUMMER BOY  
 MYRRH  
 SAVIOR  
 STABLE  
 TRADITION  
 ZECHARIAH

ANGELS  
 BIRTH  
 CHRISTMAS  
 EXPECTATION  
 GOD  
 HOPE  
 MANGER  
 NATIVITY  
 SHEPHERDS  
 STAR  
 TREE

ANTICIPATION  
 BLESSING  
 DECORATIONS  
 FAMILY  
 GOLD  
 JESUS  
 MARY  
 ORNAMENTS  
 SILENT NIGHT  
 STOCKINGS  
 WAITING

# December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> FOOD PANTRY OFFERING 10:30a - Worship Hanging of the Greens	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11a-2p Pastor Office Hrs 4p - Tai Chi	<b>4</b> 11a-2p Pastor Office Hrs 6:30p - Choir	<b>5</b> 11a-2p Pastor Office Hrs	<b>6</b> 11a-2p Pastor Office Hrs	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:30a - Worship (Choir Singing) 12p - Elders' Meeting	<b>9</b> 6p - GEY Dinner	<b>10</b> 11a-2p Pastor Office Hrs 4p - Tai Chi	<b>11</b> 11:30a - Keenagers 6:30p - Choir	<b>12</b> 11a-2p Pastor Office Hrs	<b>13</b> 11a-2p Pastor Office Hrs 6-10p Board Game Night	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:30a - Worship	<b>16</b> 6:30p GEY Crochet Club	<b>17</b> 11a-2p Pastor Office Hrs 4p - Tai Chi	<b>18</b> 11a-2p Pastor Office Hrs	<b>19</b> 11a-2p Pastor Office Hrs 7p - Blue Christmas Service	<b>20</b> 11a-2p Pastor Office Hrs	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> BDAY & ANNIV. OFFERING 10:30a - Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24 CHRISTMAS EVE</b> Church Office Closed 8p - Christmas Eve Service	<b>25 CHRISTMAS!</b> Church Office Closed	<b>26</b> Church Office Closed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
		Pastor Michelle on Vacation				
<b>29</b> 10:30a - Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>			
Pastor Michelle on Vacation						