

TOWER NOTES

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Bethany United Methodist Church

Bethany's Christmas Bazaar And Craft Show

Sat Dec 3rd 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Luncheon served 11:00 – 1:00

Craft Items, Stitchery, Baked Goods, Toys,
Books, Attic Treasures, Silent Auction,
something for everyone!



Don't miss these big events

December 2nd

6:00 Clio Candle walk and Santa Parade

Crossroads District Christmas Party
At Asbury UMC 5:00 Gathering
6:00 Complimentary Catered Dinner
7:15 Program

December 4th

12:00 Men's Soup and Salad lunch to benefit
Clio Community Services Fund

December 6th

7:00 p.m. UMW Christmas Tea
with the Master Singers

December 11th 6:00 p.m

Celebration Sunday Night
A musical presentation by
Bethany's music department

December 15th

7:00 p.m. Flint Concert Band:
Cookie contributions greatly
appreciated!



CHRISTMAS
CONCERT



Holy
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NAME.

LUKE 1:49

December Worship

December 4 The Gift of Grace
Isaiah 58:6-12 Holy Communion

December 11 The Gift of Reconciliation
1 John 4:7-12

December 18 The Gift of Adoption
Galatians 4:1-7

December 24 The Gift of Jesus
7:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Featuring candle lighting and
communion



December 25 God is With Us
Worship 10:30 a.m. No Sunday School

January 1 Worship 10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Page

Simple gifts cost you something other than money, and sometimes we'd rather just pick up a gift card or give \$20 than spend a few minutes with someone or creating something, or step out of our comfort zone, or insert ourselves into someone else's space. But simple gifts are simply powerful, especially in this season.

It's been a contentious few months in our nation, friends. Let's commit to turning the page and practice some Random Acts of Christmas Kindness. You don't have to do all these things on the particular day listed below, but you will find something there that you can do. Go out of your way to be kind and to let your Christ-light shine.

- December 1 Make a card for a soldier
- December 2 Pick up litter
- December 3 Make cookies for a neighbor
- December 4 Donate a toy to a charity
- December 5 Tell silly jokes to make someone laugh
- December 6 Write thank you notes to teachers at your local school
- December 7 Donate food to your local food pantry
- December 8 Let someone go ahead of you in line
- December 9 Talk to someone about what Christmas means to you
- December 10 Sing a Christmas Carol
- December 11 Deliver candy canes to nursing home workers
- December 12 Call someone you have spoken to in a while just to say hello
- December 13 Do a chore for someone in your family
- December 14 Take supplies to an animal shelter
- December 15 Compliment three people
- December 16 Take treats to a police or fire station
- December 17 Make hug coupons for someone
- December 18 Feed the birds
- December 19 Pay for a strangers coffee
- December 20 Leave a happy note for someone to find
- December 21 Color in a color book at a local coffee shop
- December 22 Give a treat to the mail carrier
- December 23 Smile at everyone you see today
- December 24 Do a secret act of kindness for someone
- December 25 Read a Christmas story with someone
- December 26 Hold the door open for someone
- December 27 Leave a happy note in a library book
- December 28 Collect socks for a homeless shelter
- December 29 Tell someone why you love him or her
- December 30 Learn something new
- December 31 Make a list of Random Acts you will do in 2017



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you **good news** of **great joy** for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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Saturday December 3rd 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

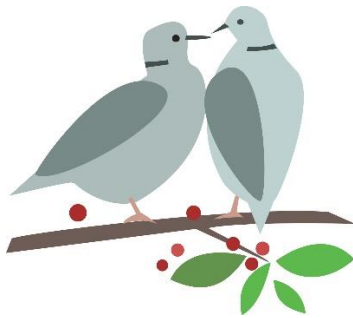
Luncheon served 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Craft Items, stitchery, baked goods, toys, books, attic treasures, silent auction.



Whine and Dine

SLO Bones was a mixed bag of like and dislike: 14 women could not agree. Ha Ha! On December 13th we will head back to Frankenmuth to enjoy the food and decorations at Zehnders. To carpool meet at the church at 12:30, or meet us there at 1:00. Merry Christmas to all of the Whine and Diners!



Note from Ad Council Chair Jerry Stadler

TO ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS

Avoid negative sources: people, places, things, and habits.

Believe in yourself. Consider things from every angle.

Don't give up, and don't give in.

Enjoy life today; yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never come.

Family and friends are hidden treasures: seek them and enjoy their riches.

GIVE MORE THAN YOU PLANED TO GIVE. Hang on to your

dreams. Ignore those who try to discourage you. JUST DO IT !

Remember our Homebound in prayer. Send a card and say hello!

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Clio MI 48420

Marie Orvis
Gross Assisted Living
5286 E Vienna Rd
Clio MI 48420

Marge Schoeppach
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255 Mayer Rd
Frankenmuth MI 48734

Della Sutton
Birchwood Meadows
2304 Frances Rd
Mt Morris MI 48458

Don Hutchison
MediLodge
9317 Vienna Rd
Montrose MI 48457

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1417 W. Vienna Rd
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2376 S Lincoln Rd
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Junis Wildfong
3062 Field Rd
Clio MI 48420



It's time to Order Poinsettias! If you wish to order a plant, let the office know by Wednesday December 14th. Choose a color: Red, Pink, White, or Marble. Tell us if the plant is in memory or in honor of someone special. The cost is \$12 for a 7 ½ in pot with 12+ blooms. Plants will be displayed in the sanctuary on December 24th.



Scripture Study for December

- 1 Isaiah 4:2-6
- 2 Isaiah 30:19-26
- 3 Isaiah 58:6-12
- 4 Isaiah 11:1-10
- 5 Isaiah 40:1-8
- 6 Isaiah 40:25-31
- 7 Isaiah 42:1-9
- 8 Ruth 1:6-18
- 9 Ruth 4:13-22
- 10 1 John 4:7-12
- 11 Luke 1:26-38
- 12 Isaiah 35:1-10
- 13 Ezekiel 47:1-12
- 14 Zechariah 8:1-17
- 15 2 Samuel 7:1-17
- 16 Galatians 3:23-29
- 17 Galatians 4:1-7
- 18 Matthew 1:18-25
- 19 Galatians 4:8-20
- 20 Galatians 4:21-5:1
- 21 Matthew 1:1-17
- 22 Joel 2:23-27
- 23 Luke 1:39-56
- 24 Luke 2:1-20
- 25 Luke 2:25-40
- 26 Psalm 148
- 27 1 John 5:1-12
- 28 Isaiah 49:13-23
- 29 Psalm 19
- 30 Isaiah 26:1-13
- 31 John 8:12-19

HELP WANTED

We need someone willing to volunteer to put the Tower Notes Newsletter together each month or every other month. Please contact Pastor LuAnn if you are interested.

Worship Servants for December:

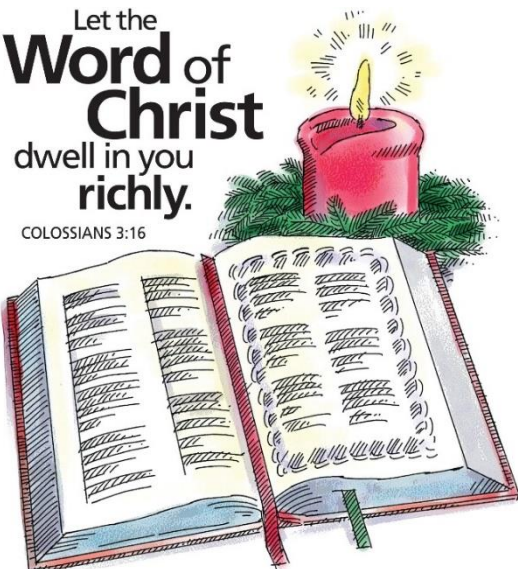
If you have a conflict with the date you are assigned, please trade with someone, and then contact the church office to let us know who will be serving on a particular date. Thank you for your service in the name of the Lord.

LAY READERS

December 4	Karen Nichols
December 11	Ron Lemmon
December 18	Tom Hendricks
December 24 7:00	
December 24 11:00	Otis Stout
December 25	Pat Rourke

Let the
**Word of
Christ**
dwell in you
richly.

COLOSSIANS 3:16



A REQUEST

As we move forward into 2017, please make sure that you notify the office and place on the calendar any event, meeting, or gathering, and tell us which space in the church you intend to use. If you reschedule or move a meeting day or time, you may inadvertently collide with the plans of another group. In order to help us operate smoothly and with grace communication of your plans, and any change in your plans is important. Thanks for your cooperation.

December 2016

				1 AA 7:00	2 5:00 district Christmas Party Asbury UMC 6:00 Clio Candle Walk / Parade	3 UMW Bazaar 9 - 2
4 9:00 Sunday School & Choir 10:30 Worship 12 – Soup Salad Lunch	5 10 a.m. UMW Exec Bd Ruth Cir 7 p.m.	6 12:30 Whine and Dine 7:00 Intercessory Prayer 7:00 UMW Christmas Tea	7 2:45 CORE 5:00 Wed Night Live	8 AA 7:00	9	10 10 a.m Set up Luminaries
11 9:00 Sunday School & Choir 10:30 Worship 5:00 Celebration Sunday Night	12 10 a.m. Esther Cir 7:00 Trustees	13 6:00 Men's Night Out 7:00 Intercessory Prayer	14 10 am Tabitha Cir 2:45 CORE 5:00 Wednesday Night Live	15 7:00 Flint Concert Band AA 7:00	16 10 a.m. Good Cheer Plates	17
18 9:00 Sunday School & Choir 10:30 Worship	19 7:00 Finance	20 6:00 Men's Night Out 7:00 Intercessory Prayer	21 2:45 CORE 5:00 Wednesday night live	22 AA 7:00	23	24 7:00 Worship 11:00 Worship
25 10:30 Worship	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 6:00 Men's Night Out 7:00 Intercessory Prayer	28	29 AA 7:00	30	31