



# TOWER NOTES

A Publication of Bethany UMC  
Clio, Michigan 48420

January 2025

## BIBLE STUDIES

Take up a pattern of discipleship that includes studying God's word in community. Some opportunities this year are:

- **Sunday School for children & adults.** The adults have a conversation based topical study each Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Children have a rotating class leadership.
- **Tuesday Bible Study with the Pastor at 5 PM.** Come and explore the scriptures of worship more deeply.
- **Tuesday Men's Night Out Fellowship & study at 6 PM.** All men are welcome to come to this Video based Bible Study and Dinner.
- **Wednesday Night Bible study at 4:30 PM.** Join a study of the Gospel of Luke. Books are available, but not required, for \$13.50 Join as you can.

## FINANCE

Thank you to everyone who has returned their pledge card for 2025. If you have not already, you can place them in the offering plate on Sunday morning, mail them to the church, or email BethanyUMCclio@gmail.com with your information.

**2025 Offering envelopes are available outside the sanctuary or by calling the church office.**

## CARING for the Church BUILDING &

**GROUNDS** Please see Richard and Laura Gray if your able to help with maintenance and custodial needs this winter! Some tasks are daily, but most are weekly or when there are special circumstances.

**Roller Skating Every Tuesday 6:30-7:30!** Skating is fun and it takes a lot of hands, wheels, and smiles to make this ministry happen. A \$1 donation per skater is requested.

If you are available to help prepare the Fellowship Hall Floor, needed every Tuesday morning, please contact Bill Thorton. Help is appreciated.

## WEDNESDAY FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND

**DINNER** resume on January 8th at 4:30 PM.

Children, Youth, and Families are invited to participate in a faith based program and then stay for dinner.

**YOUTH GROUP:** January Youth Group schedule:

- Jan. 5th Cancelled due to illnesses
- Jan. 12th Bethany UMC hosting
- Jan. 19th Flushing Presbyterian Hosting
- Jan. 26th Mission Project

## ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY

The annual tradition of celebrating all the birthdays in the church at the same time continues this year! On January 26th, after worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to decorate tables with themes for the various months and then enjoy Birthday festivities together. **ALL ARE WELCOME** to patriciate.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Psalm 147:12-20    | 8. Ephesians 5:15-20      | 18. Luke 11:14-23         | 28. 2 Corinthians 7:2-12     |
| 2. James 3:13-18      | 9. 1 Corinthians 2:1-10   | 19. Isaiah 54:1-8         | 29. Luke 4:38-44             |
| 3. Luke 8:16-21       | 10. 1 Corinthians 2:1-10  | 20. Romans 12:9-21        | 30. Acts 10:44-48            |
| 4. Acts 7:44-53       | 11. 1 Corinthians 2:11-16 | 21. 1 Corinthians 1:3-17  | 31. Acts 19:1-10             |
| 5. Isaiah 6:1-5       | 12. Ecclesiastes 3:1-15   | 22. Luke 5:33-39          |                              |
| 6. Psalm 72           | 13. Ephesians 6:10-17     | 23. Romans 7:1-6          | <i>Looking to go deeper?</i> |
| 7. Ephesians 4:17-5:1 | 14. 1 John 5:13-21        | 24. Romans 12:1-8         | <i>Join one of the Bible</i> |
|                       | 15. Luke 11:33-36         | 25. Luke 2:39-52          | <i>Studies this month.</i>   |
|                       | 16. Acts 8:18-24          | 26. Nehemiah 5:1-13       |                              |
|                       | 17. 1 Corinthians 7:1-7   | 27. 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 |                              |

## BETHANY'S AT HOME MEMEBERS & FRIENDS

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### **Wilma Thoms**

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### **Diane Westling**

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### **Juanita Woolworth**

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*Are we missing someone?*

*If so call or email the office to let us know!*

### Prayer, Care, and Visitations

Thank you to everyone who took Cheer plates and communion to our at home members.

If you would like to be a part of the Member & Congregational Care & Prayer Team join us the **2nd Tuesday of each Month, at 11 AM in the Prayer Room.** All are welcome to participate in this time of prayer, the next is Tuesday January 14th at 11 AM.

**Card Ministry!** Did you know Bethany has cards in the narthex to send for a verity of occasions and needs? The cards are free to help bring encouragement, cheer, and fellowship to others. Who will you bless this week?

### **January Birthdays:**

Kevin Usealman	January 5th	Larry Heller	January 14th
Lily Ewing	January 5th	Diane Westling	January 14th
Brenden Doolittle	January 8th	Debbie Boyse	January 24th
Patricia Walker	January 10th	Eliana Cervoni	January 24th
Joanne Belill	January 13th		

If your birthday or anniversary is in January and not listed here, give the office a call so we can update your information. Thank you!

### **THANK YOU NOTE:**

I want to thank everyone for their calls, letters, cards, food, and prayers while I have been ill. You have no idea how important those things are until you need them for yourself. I still have a ways to go as it seems that all of this "drama" was caused by a number of smaller things that all got together to ambush the rest of my body- infection, sciatica, and an ulcer. But, I plan on resting and taking care of myself and doing what all of the doctors tell me to do - whew, that's hard when I want to be involved!!! So, please continue to pray for me to get better quickly - because I know Steve is getting tired of taking me to doctors appointments!!! Thank you, again, from the bottom of my heart. Diane



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**Bethany UMC, Clio**  
**\*2025 Nominations Report (Standard Model)**

*Unless otherwise noted, all end dates are December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year indicated.*

**Ad Board / Church Council (Book of Discipline ¶ 252. The Church Council)**

*Elected annually to work together with the pastor to cast the vision and plan the administrative components of the church's ministry.*

*\*Membership in local church required. Cannot serve on SPRC if they or a family member is employed by the church.*

*\*\* Paid Staff with voice but not vote.*

BOD Members

Acting Chair Rev. Sarah Elliott

Vice Chair Laura Gray

Appointed Pastor

Rev. Sarah Elliott

Lay Member to AC\*

Diane Weaver

Lay Leader\*

Diane Weaver

Finance

Steve Weaver, Finance Chair

Amy Dickinson, Finance Secretary\*\* Debbie Boyse, Treasurer\*\*

Harlow Crawford, Endowment Fund

Richard Gray, Memorial Chair

Staff Parish Relations

Gary Langdon

Trustees

Laura Gray

Youth &/or Young Adult

VACANT

Membership Secretary

Sally Crawford

Christian Education

Sue Hilgris

United Women of Faith

Debbie Wesenick

Men's Group

Bill Thorton & Richard Gray

Camping Ministries

Les Randall

Merry Methodists (M&M's)

Dave Sheaffer & Gloria Sheaffer

Missions Chair

Sue Hilgris

At Large Members

c/o 2025 Marilyn Laycock, c/o 2026 Linda Daniels, c/o 2027 Nola Massey

**Finance Ministry (Book of Discipline ¶ 258.4 Committee on Finance)**

*The chair, Treasurer, and Finance Secretary are elected annually. C/O or Class of individuals are elected for 3-year terms. Other members are based on their other roles in the church.*

*\*\* Paid Staff with voice but not vote.*

Finance Chair: Steve Weaver

Vice Chair: Larry Heller

Finance Secretary\*\*: Amy Dickinson

Treasurer\*\*: Debbie Boyse

Memorial Chair: Richard Gray

Endowment Fund: Bill Thorton

Appointed Pastor Rev. Sarah Elliott

SPRC Rep

TBA

Lay member to AC/Lay Leader

Diane Weaver

C/O 2025

Keith Smith

C/O 2026

Don Lee

**SPRC (Book of Discipline ¶ 258.2 Staff Parish Relations Committee) \***

*SPRC members are generally elected for 3-year terms and can serve for no more than 6 years consecutively.*

*\*SPRC members must be professing members and cannot have a family member employed by the church. Only one person from a family and/or household can serve on SPRC at a time.*

Chair

Gary Langdon

Appointed Pastor

Rev. Sarah Elliott

Lay Member & Lay Leader

Diane Weaver

C/O 2025

Kris Fraiser

Gail Bower

C/O 2026

Dave Bower

Nonie Lemmon

C/O 2027

Otis Stout

Gary Langdon

*Our mission is to share God's love, provide a spiritual home and humbly serve others.*

**Trustees (Book of Discipline ¶ 2525, 2526, 2530, 2532 & 2533)**

*Chair, Secretary, Treasurer are elected annually from committee membership in January.*

Chair: Laura Gray (elected annually from committee membership)

C/O 2025 Carol Bookout Diane Weaver  
C/O 2026 Laura Gray Dave Sheaffer Herman Koresh  
C/O 2027 Harlow Crawford Bill Thornton Bill Nickerson

*Appointed Pastor Rev. Sarah Elliott, non-voting member.*

**Endowment Ministry (Book of Discipline ¶ 2534 Permanent Endowment & Planned Giving Ministry...)**

*Chair Bill Thorton*

*Treasurer Harlow Crawford*

C/O 2025 Don Lee C/O 2026 Dave Sheaffer C/O 2027 Bill Thorton

*Lay Member to AC & Lay Leader Diane Weaver*

*Appointed Pastor Rev. Sarah Elliott*

**Garden of Life and Remembrance & Memorial Ministry (Book of Discipline ¶ TBA)**

*Chair Richard Gray Lay Leader Diane Weaver*

*Appointed Pastor Rev. Sarah Elliott*

C/O 2025 Laura Gray Carol Jones  
C/O 2026 Gail Bower Linda Daniels  
C/O 2027 Nola Massey Marilyn Laycock

**Lay Leader (Book of Discipline ¶ 251.1 Duties of Leaders and Members)**

*Elected annually. Serves as the primary representative and role model of Christina Discipleship and faith lived out in the church and in daily life. Leads the laity in ministry and works closely with the pastor to guide the life of the church.*

*\*Lay Leaders cannot serve on SPRC if a family member is employed by the church.*

Diane Weaver

**Nominations (Book of Discipline ¶ 258.1 Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development)**

*Chair Rev. Sarah Elliott*

*Vice Chair Nonie Lemmon*

*Lay Leader Diane Weaver*

C/O 2025 David Bower Joanne Belill  
C/O 2026 Carol Jones Marilyn Laycock Nonie Lemmon  
C/O 2027 Betty Short Gail Bower

**Lay Member to Annual Conference (Book of Discipline ¶ 251.2 Duties of Leaders and Members)**

*Serves as a primary representative and role model of Christina Discipleship and faith lived out in the church and in daily life. Represents the local church at Annual Conference and works with the pastor to interpret the actions of Annual Conference for the local church. \*The Lay Member cannot serve on SPRC if a family member is employed by the church.*

Diane Weaver

**Membership Ministry (Book of Discipline ¶ 214-242 Church Membership)**

*Secretary Sally Crawford*

*Appointed Pastor Rev. Sarah Elliott*

C/O 2027 Virginia Heller

# Bethany UMC January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 8th Day of Christmas HAPPY NEW YEAR! <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b>	<b>2</b> 9th Day of Christmas 6:30 PM Grief Support 6:30 PM A.A.	<b>3</b> 10th Day of Christmas	<b>4</b> 11th Day of Christmas
<b>5</b> Second Sunday of Christmas 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6 PM Youth Group— Field Trip	<b>6</b> <b>Epiphany</b> 10:30 AM UMF Bd. 11:AM Food Pantry Meeting 7 PM Trustees	<b>7</b> 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM Men's Night Out <b>6:30 PM Roller-skating</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Community Night</b> 4:30 Classes & Adult Bible Study 5:30 PM Dinner	<b>9</b> 2 PM Band Rehearsal 3 PM Bells Rehearsal 5 PM Grounds Maintenance 6 PM Finance Meeting 6:30 PM A.A.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10 AM Taking Down of Christmas Decorations 4 PM Private Event, Fellowship
<b>12</b> <b>Baptism of the Lord</b> 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6 PM Youth Group— Bethany UMC	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10 AM Mission Team 11 AM Member Care & Prayer Gathering 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM Men's Night Out 6:30 PM Roller-skating	<b>15</b> <b>Community Night</b> 4:30 Classes & Adult Bible Study 5:30 PM Dinner <b>*February Tower Notes Content Due*</b> <b>Due*</b>	<b>16</b> 1 PM Ruth Circle 2 PM Band Rehearsal 3 PM Bells Rehearsal 5 PM Grounds Maintenance 6:30 PM Grief Support 6:30 PM A.A.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6 PM Youth Group— Flushing Presbyterian	<b>20</b> <b>Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service</b> <b>*Ad Board Ministry &amp; Committee Reports Due</b>	<b>21</b> 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM Men's Night Out 6:30 PM Roller-skating	<b>22</b> <b>Community Night</b> 4:30 Classes & Adult Bible Study 5:30 PM Dinner	<b>23</b> 2 PM Band Rehearsal 3 PM Bells Rehearsal 5 PM Grounds Maintenance 6:30 PM A.A.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>6 PM Merry Methodists Game Night</b> <b>All are invited</b>
<b>26</b> <b>All Church Birthday Party</b> 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6 PM Youth Group—	<b>27</b> 6 PM Ad Board	<b>28</b> 5 PM Bible Study 6 PM Men's Night Out 6:30 PM Roller-skating	<b>29</b> <b>Community Night</b> 4:30 Classes & Adult Bible Study 5:30 PM Dinner	<b>30</b> 2 PM Band Rehearsal 3 PM Bells Rehearsal 5 PM Grounds Maintenance 6:30 PM A.A.	<b>31</b>	<b>February 1st</b>



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*Guiding Spirit, FILL us with YOUR fire, Lead us  
by YOUR Light, Unite us in Your calling. Amen*

**Sunday School — 9:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship — 10:30 a.m.**

The Pastor's Sabbath is Thursday. Call 810-620-5151 to make an appointment.

- Our goal is to motivate and equip all people to:
- Accept Jesus as the Son of God and choose Him as their personal savior
- Engage in a lifelong relationship with Jesus
- Use all means to share the love of God with others.

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**Church Office Hours**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Mon.—Thurs.

Closed for lunch 11:30 to 12:30

**STAFF MEMBERS**

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