

November Sermon Series



Sundays at 11:00 am

No matter what comes our way we can **Choose Gratitude**, knowing this is the day that the Lord has made. Come and learn how choosing gratitude can impact your life.



November Verse

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God.





Packing Party

November 8th at 10 am

All the work and donations that have been done have gotten us to the FUN part of packing and praying for the shoeboxes that will travel to children around the world! Join us in gym as we prepare the one thousand shoeboxes we plan to send. The morning will begin with a short explanation at 10:00 am.

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Newborn - 5th graders

We have classes for newborn - 5th grade on both Sundays and Wednesdays. Starting at 9:45 am on Sundays, nursery, preschool, and elementary students are invited to join in the fun with other kids as we study God's Word. Wednesday Kid Connection starts at 7 pm after dinner for the whole family. Come join us!

Sunday Funday for Families

Join us Sunday, November 9th, for a special treat as Illusionist Brenden Trojan will be with us for the morning to share his talents and testimony at 11:00 am. Invite a friend and bring the whole family. Childcare will be available for Preschool and younger if needed. Kids Connection for elementary students will be available from 9:45-10:45 am.



2nd Graders that earned Bible Program Recognition

Having God's Word is of utmost importance. As a way to emphasize this with our kids, we offer 2nd graders a chance to receive their very own, new leather-bound Bible as well as a 3-week class about the Bible. We would like to recognize those students that attended at least 2 of the 3 classes this fall allowing them to receive a new Bible:

Izabella B Elliott D JJ H Kaya N Dominic S

Congrats to all these students and a special "shout-out" to **Elliott** and **JJ** for completing extra homework too! We will have a similar class for our 5th graders in May 2026 where they can receive a new leather Teen Bible.

What's Next:

Wed, Nov 5, 12, 19,Student Musical Drama Team Practice at 5:30 pm (off on Nov 26)

Sat, Nov 8th.....Operation Christmas Child Packing Party for Families 10 am

Sun, Nov 9th.....SUNDAY FUNDAY with Illusionist and Mentalist, Brenden Trojan

Wed, Nov 26th.....No Wednesday Dinner or Classes—HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sat, Dec 6th.....Student Musical Drama Team Dress Rehearsal

Sun, Dec 7th.....Student Musical Drama Team Performance

Wed, Dec 17th.....Christmas Parties in Wednesday Clubs

Wed, Dec 24th......No Clubs - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service!

Wed, Dec 31st.....No Clubs - Happy New Year!

Wed, Jan 7th.....Wednesday Dinner and Clubs start again







Middle School 6-8th Grade High School 9-12th Grade

Middle School (MS) and High School (HS) Souled Out Wednesday Nights

Join us every Wednesday for a time to build relationships with each other and with the God who not only made us but loves us so much. Each night has some crazy games, a time to learn about God's Word, and gym time. Middle School meets upstairs in the Fireside Room and High School meets in the Teen room at 7 pm.

Sundays Morning Student Bible Study

Students in 6th-12th grade are encouraged to join us at 9:45 each Sunday morning as we dig deeper in God's word. This is the time to really grow and stretch our knowledge of Christ and His Word while spending time with peers. Our next unit will take a closer look at what the Bible

really says about heaven, hell, angels, Satan, and God and Hiss ultimate plan for us all.





High School Event Night

Plan to join us for an adventurous night of *Capture the Flag*. Not sure how to play, no worries, we'll teach you. Ask a friend and sign up with the QR code on the left so we know you are coming by November 12th. See Chris or Anna W if you have any questions. We will start at Bethany at 7 pm. May the best team win!

Middle School Event ACTIVATE UTICA

Middle School students won't want to miss this afternoon event. After lunch at Bethany, we will head to ACTIVATE UTICA for an electric experience. Cost is just \$25 and you can pay in person or online. Registration is due by November 19th. See Daniel W or Wendy R if you have any questions.





Update on our friends – November

Rick & Christy: Please pray for us personally. Our beautiful granddaughter, Everly Jo Gascho, was born to Josiah and Veronica on September 10th, weighing 4 lbs. 2 oz. and



measuring 17.5 inches long. We were given three and a half precious hours with Everly before she left this earth and went to her Heavenly Father. Thank you for standing with us in prayer as we walk through the highs and the valleys and still see God faithfully at work. It is at these times that we cling to God's promises and the hope we have in Him. Thank you for being with us on this difficult journey together.

Joshua & Caroline : We are pleased to announce our new blessing, Hansel Archur Born in Sept 2025. Thank you for your prayers for a safe delivery and continue to pray for a smooth adjustment to new family life situations.

Nathan & Lynn: Thank you for your prayers, your friendship and your love as we grieve the sudden loss of Lynn's father, Dale. He passed away on August 26. We have felt your love in your texts, phone calls, visits, hugs, and food delivered. He was a great man who loved deeply, laughed easily, and taught each and every one of us who knew him more than we can communicate in a simple email or letter. We will continue to miss him like crazy as we move forward. We thank you for your support during this difficult time! We are so blessed by our family, both biological and spiritual.

Operation Christmas Child Fundraiser



Thank you, thank you, thank you! This year's OCC Fundraiser was a huge success. Because of your generosity and that of other friends, God provided the funds to ship the one thousand shoeboxes we will pack in November. We appreciate everyone who helped set up, clean up, cook, serve, and participated in making the Fundraiser a success. God is so good. We look forward to seeing all of you at the November 8th Packing Party.



Operation Christmas Child

Ready! Set! Go! The preparations have been made and its now time to put the pedal to the metal. Come join us on **Saturday, November 8th at 10:00 a.m.** as we gather to pack 1,000 boxes. The morning will begin with some light refreshments and packing instructions, so don't be late. Please help us as we pack these shoeboxes and prayerfully send them off for children around the world to hear the "Good News" as we share the love of God with children one shoebox at a time.







PACKING PARTY November 8th at 10:00 AM

Come and join us as we pack 1,000 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. There will be refreshments, a great time of fellowship and a lot of work. Mark your calendar and sign-up at the Welcome Center.

Search Committee Update

Meet the Candidate

The Deacon Board and Search Committee are excited to announce Garret B as our candidate for the Youth Ministry position. Garret and his wife Alison will join us on Wednesday, October 29th for the evening. They are currently involved at Woodside in Troy. Additional information including videos of Garret leading young people can be found on the Daily Hope and at the Welcome Center. Please continue to pray for Bethany, our Young People and Garret and Alison for God's leading in our search.



Prime Timers Upcoming Events

November 3-OCC Work Day

Friends (50 years+) are welcome to join us as we prepare for the upcoming Operation Christmas Child Packing Party by putting the boxes together and finishing remaining projects here at Bethany. Pizza, salad, and desserts will be provided for \$7.00 but bring your own drink. Sign up at the Welcome Center.



December 11 - Prime Timer Annual Christmas Party at the Gazebo

Join us for our Annual Christmas Party at the Gazebo starting at Noon. As part of our theme, "Christmas Bells," please plan to bring a wrapped \$5-\$10 ornament to exchange. Cost of this fun afternoon will be \$30. See Sheryl MacPhee if you have any questions. Sign up and pay at the Welcome Center.



Annual Business Meeting

Attention Members! **November 16th at 4:00pm** is our Annual Business Meeting. We will meet in the gym for light refreshments as we hear updates from committees, vote for elected positions, and approve the 2026 budget. This will be a wonderful time to look forward to what God has and also reflect and show our **Gratitude for God's Faithfulness** to us!



Connect at Bethany...

Do you want to know more about what is happening at Bethany? Do you want to feel more connected to our Bethany family. If so, follow-up on a few of these ideas:

- 1) Grab a newsletter available the last weekend of each month.
- 2) Read the weekly Bulletin & Prayer Sheets to check out upcoming events and people to pray for.
- 3) Check out our website connect2bethany.org and subscribe to our free Daily Hope at connect2bethany.org/home/daily-hopenewsletter. These emails contain all the latest information as well as some inspirational words from Pastor Mark.
- 4) Check out our Church Center App and list Bethany as your church.
- 5) Call the office to join a Growth Group, volunteer, or be added to the directory or mailbox list. Please note you do not have to be a member to be in our directory or get a mailbox here at Bethany.



Women's Ministry

"JOY to the WORLD"

Ladies Annual Christmas Gathering; Monday, December 8th - 6:00-9:00pm

This year we are going to do something NEW and EXCITING! As we strive to share the "JOY" with the world around us that don't have a church home, we will meet at Bethany promptly at 6:00 pm, divide up in groups of (8) and carpool to our assigned Host Homes for an intimate dinner & fellowship. The evening will conclude as we travel back to Bethany for dessert and an inspirational speaker. Cost is \$15 for this special celebration. PLEASE sign-up at the Welcome Center or on the Church Center App and pay by December 3rd.



For Ladies 18 and up. Space is limited! Questions? See Patti D.

Looking for Bethany Pictures

We need you! We are looking for photos from events at Bethany that we can use for advertising to share with the community what we do. These can be pictures from Sunday Fun Days, selfies at the Holiday Picture Station, Prime Timer Events, Women's Retreats, Kids, Youth and Young Adult Events, Men's Breakfast and Retreats or even progress while making your trunk for Trunk or Treat. They can be of you and your friends having a good time, or the event as a whole. Help us show the community what God is doing in our lives and what He can do in someone else's life. If you take any pictures, please feel free to download them with this QR code link. For more info about sending pictures, please contact Sam Scholtens at sam@connect2bethany.org. Your help is greatly appreciated!





Thank you to all our volunteers!

November is a great time let all our volunteers know how much we are thankful for them. For all those that serve, such as during the service, greet at the doors, send cards, visit our shut-ins, pack a shoebox, pray, hold a baby in the nursery, sit on the

floor with our preschoolers, jump around with our elementary students, cook, serve, teach, drive, and so much more, we would not be the same without you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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| FOR Everyone For Women For Men For Committee | | | CODE For 1st-5th Graders For 6th-12th Graders For 18-29 Year Olds For PrimeTimers (50 +) | | 8:00 am Men's Bible Study | |
| 9:45 am 2 Growth Groups & Kids Connection 11:00 am Worship Service Communion 1:00 pm Griefshare 5:00 pm Evening Service 5:30 pm Titius Small Group | Noon PrimeTimers OCC Set up 6:30 pm Deaconess Meeting | 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study | 11:00 am 5 Missions Meeting 5:30pm Kids Musical Drama Team 6:15 pm Wednesday Dinner 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Groups Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting | 6:30 pm Faithfully Fit | 7 | 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00am OCC PACKING PARTY |
| 9:45 am 9 Growth Groups & Kids Connection 11:00 am SUNDAY FUNDAY 1:00 pm Griefshare 5:00 pm Evening Service 5:30 pm Titus Small Group | 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study | 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 5:00 pm Youth Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Drop-in Volleyball 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting | 11:30 am 12 Men's Luncheon 5:30 pm Kids Musical Drama Team 6:15 pm Wednesday Dinner 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Groups Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting | 12:30 pm Single Senior Luncheon at Cloverleaf Pizza 6:30 pm Last Faithfully Fit | December Newsletter Articles Due | 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm HS Capture the Flag |
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November Birthdays and Anniversaries

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- 5 Boone B, Phil P
- 6 Marvin C, Sandra D, Sam O, Asher W, Sophia M
- 7 Aubrianna A
- 9 Robyn J, Marilyn S, Hunter S
- 10 Audrey T, Ashley A
- 11 Zya M
- 14 Kelly W, Gavin K
- 15 Caiden C
- 17 Virginia L, Erma S, Karen W, Alex N
- 19 Bill P, Autumn P
- 20 Zack K
- 23 Adam L
- 24 Vicky L, Lee L
- 25 Kayleigh D, Kimberly W
- 26 Jackson T
- 28 Rae F
- 29 Jeff D, Juliana H, Susan N.
- 30 Tony R, Janet R

- Birtholay!
- 5 Lawrence & Vicky L
- 18 Gary & Jackie W
- 22 Phil & Debby D



COLOR CODE

Friends of Bethany Shut-In No Mailbox

To ensure those whose names are color-coded receive their cards, please use the postal service.

Men's Luncheon

Wednesday, November 12th at 11:30 am

All men are welcome to enjoy some food and fellowship as we gather together at **Michael's Kitchen** located at 35481 Groesbeck, Clinton Township.



Single Senior Luncheon

Thursday, November 13th at 12:30 pm

All Single senior men and women are welcome to enjoy a meal together. We will meet at **Cloverleaf Pizza** located at 24443 Gratiot in East Pointe at 12:30 pm Sign up at the Welcome Center.



Clintondale Schools, Serve Our Community

Dragon Food Pantry (2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month) 3:30-4:30 pm:

Come volunteer to bag up food, passing it out to each car, and assist with set up and clean up at Clintondale Middle School. We are always looking for help. If you would like more information please contact the church office.



McGlinnen Elementary - Scholastic Book Fair Assistance - November 11-13th

Leaders at McGlinnen Elementary are asking for assistance during their Scholastic Book Fair, November 11-13th. If you have time in the morning or afternoon one or more of those days, please call the office or look for a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center the weeks prior. A background check must be filled out ahead of time and left in the church office.



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Bethany has been established on the corner of 15 Mile Road and Beaconsfield since **1956**, and has a rich heritage that involves Christ followers who are devoted to seeking the will of God. We know it is no accident that we have been placed on this corner and we strive to reach out to our community with the love of Christ.