



**2011  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**



**HEARTBEAT  
OF BETHESDA**

Oh Holy night  
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FEATURED SONG, DANCE,  
ART & SPIRIT

## 2012 Christian Resolutions

Most resolutions are not taken seriously, but the resolutions below are special. They come from the best self-help/motivational guide in the world—the Bible. Not only that, these valuable resolutions were made by some of the greatest men in history. Talk about a testimonial. Who among us shouldn't find at least one of these samples and embrace it wholeheartedly?

Let us all adopt these sound words as our own. And, let us do our utmost to keep them throughout this year and every other year. For the pessimists out there, if you believe this will be another futile exercise (as with past resolutions), fear not! Remember that you are not alone. The Holy Spirit is always there and willing to help. Let's not waste another minute... **Just like (insert name from list below), I resolve to:**

### Paul

..Forget the past and press on toward the mark set before me by Christ.  
Philippians 3:12

### Stephen

...Exhibit a forgiving attitude toward those who seek me harm.  
Acts 7:60

### Daniel

...Continue in prayer even during sever adversity.  
Daniel 6:10

### Moses

...Choose suffering rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.  
Hebrews 11:24, 25

### Caleb and Joshua

...Refuse to let superior numbers bend me from the path of truth.  
Numbers 14: 6-9

### Aaron and Hur

...Uphold the hands of my spiritual leaders.  
Exodus 17:12

### Joseph

...Flee from all situations that present strong temptations.  
Genesis 39:12

### Peter and John

...Live and act in such a way that others will marvel and recognize that I have been with Jesus.  
Acts 4:13

### Andrew

...Try to lead my relatives into a closer walk with Jesus.  
John 1:40, 41

### Abraham

...Live by faith, as a pilgrim on earth, looking for the city whose builder and maker is God.  
Hebrews 11:8-13

### Job

...Trust in God even when I do not understand His way with me.  
Job 13:15

### Timothy

...Be thoroughly acquainted with the Holy Scriptures.  
II Timothy 3:15

### COVER STORY

This year's Christmas collage concert was a huge success. Hundreds attended "A Holy Night" to witness a jam-packed evening that had something for everyone. From classic carols to the rocking guitar, piano and keyboard jams, audiences were treated to the Spirit-filled gifts of Bethesda's musicians and vocalists. Another of the many highlighted performances was the LIVE silhouette dancers. To the disbelief of many, the young people "in-shadow" were off-stage performing live, while cameras caught the action and projected it on the overhead screens. These talented artists combined drama and dance to depict scenes from the life and death of Jesus Christ. Remarkably, each sequence ultimately ended with the words: hope, peace, love and joy. For more photos and video clips, visit our website and Facebook sites.



Olaf & Emerin Helland	57 years
Michael & Hope Girdley	2 years
Larry & Linda Anderson	42 years
Winferd & Grace Bailey	31 years
Paul & Nehdeen Haselhuhn	25 years
Travis & Esther Wesselmann	1 year
William & Tracie Cuppy	46 years
John & Karen Jones	13 years
Donald & Gail Toth	38 years
Roger & Colleen Holbrook	37 years
Dan & Kei DeFillipi	28 years
Michael & Dorine Birg	44 years
Jimmie & Carol Thomas	6 years
James & Candace Basirico	20 years
Ronald & Ellen Gingrich	41 years
Leslie & Angela Ferris	8 years
David & Mary Ann Hunter	42 years
George & Rosannah Toth	2 years
Oswaldo & Lynn Sensoli	13 years
Michael & Tennille Kozak	7 years
Michael & Belinda Spencer	8 years

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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

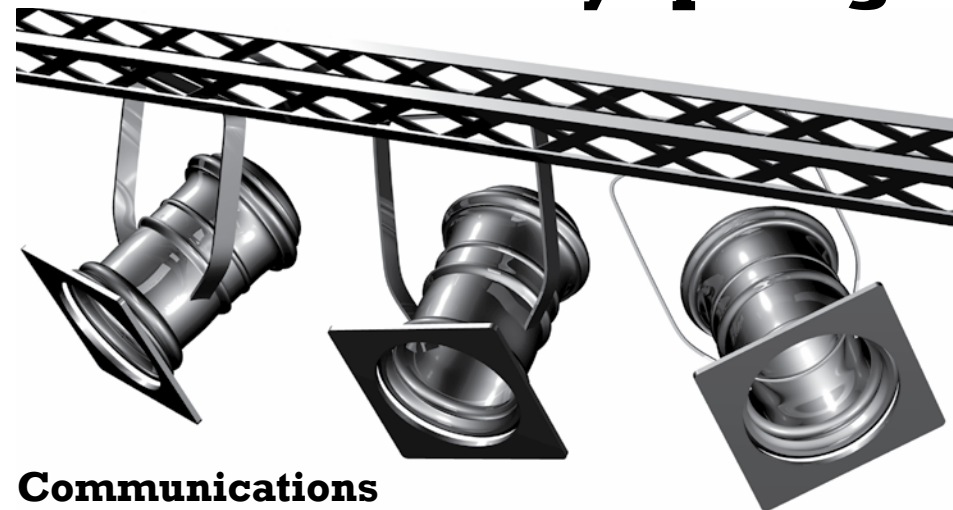
Jan 1- 11		Jan 11-31	
Mary Shonts		Diane MacIntosh	
Laurence White		Denise Jones	
<b>Betty Gardner</b>		Andrea Corbin-Daniels	
<b>John Istvan</b>		Shirley Bratten	
<b>Bob Chupick</b>		Joan Kuczma	
Maria Ward		Denise Korth	
<b>Blanche Istvan</b>		Jeanette Moreno	
Winferd Bailey		Sandra Daugherty	
<b>Helen Hoffman</b>		<b>Bonnye Hambly</b>	
Sandra Anderson		<b>Shirley Booth</b>	
<b>Paul Shalling</b>		<b>Roger Gillett</b>	
Carl Lane		Joseph Marchione	
William Cuppy		Buz Champine	
James Harrison		Mary Grace Campbell	
Mayra Troya-Nutt		Linda Newhouse	
<b>Martha Ostosh</b>		Larry Anderson	
Jo Ann Derringer		Alnor Thomas	
William Boyer		<b>Mary Thomas</b>	
Robert Ferguson		Anthony Stangis, Jr.	
<b>Dorothy Maguet</b>		<b>Charlie Bragg</b>	
Douglas Kaherl		<b>Ann Jozefiny</b>	
Teresa Mollicone		Mary Ann Wegner	
Paul Pierce		John Kare	
Daniel Sengstock		Patricia Ralph	
<b>Julie Frontiera</b>		Carl Brown	
Richard Kuczma		<b>Harebell Childress</b>	
<b>George Toth</b>		<b>John LeBlanc</b>	
Lillian Bologna		Nancy Jensen	
Eileen Fox		Catherine Allen	
Keith Powell		<b>Rosannah Toth</b>	
Catherine Smith		Fay Webber	
Carole McHugh		Thurlow Dreibelbis	
<b>M. Juanita Perkins</b>		Michael Birg	
Hazel Brigner		Paul Rivetto	
		<b>Stefan Lipski</b>	

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BOLD NAMES INDICATE THOSE WITH SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS (50, 60, 70, 80+)  
 THE BIRTHDAY LIST IS FOR BETHESDANS OVER AGE 50. WE DO NOT PRINT ANYONE'S EXACT BIRTH DATE DUE TO PRIVACY CONCERNS.  
 PLEASE REFER TO THE BETHESDA CHRISTIAN DIRECTORY FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND MEMBER PHOTOS. THANK YOU.

# Ministry Spotlight



## Communications

By Sonja Bultynck Director

It has been my great pleasure to become an official staff member of Bethesda Christian Church. Filling the shoes of my predecessors has been an enormous challenge and sincere joy. As I leap into 2012, I am thrilled by the incredible opportunities set before those of us on Bethesda's Mass Communications Team!

Please note the distinction between the official Communications Department, which includes only, Charlese Johnson—our talented graphic designer—and myself. The Mass Communications Team, alternatively, includes you and a few thousand more. I consider every BCC member, visitor and guest to be part of the team. In fact, I even include those who pass by the building or see one of our ads scrolling across the electronic sign. Of course, not everyone is in the starting lineup, some are bench warmers. Regardless, of your role, without each of you, we'd be talking to ourselves.

God has tasked us to spread His good Word among the nations; and it's up to each of us to do our part. As Bethesda's Communications Director, my calling is to provide with you accurate, compelling information about the Church and its wide array of offerings.

Built on 78 years of commitment, love for family, and dedication to the Lord, Bethesda has developed into a diverse, multi-generational congregation that crosses all ages, gender, socio-economic, educational and religious backgrounds. This is one of our greatest assets and biggest challenges. Thankfully, we have God's Holy Spirit and a wide variety of communication channels to support us.

We currently utilize the weekly bulletin, our website, Facebook, brochures, flyers, posters, announcements, e-mail, newspaper/radio advertising, and the Heartbeat newsletter. Amazingly, the list grows longer each day.

Throughout 2012, let us all embrace our roles on Bethesda's Mass Communications Team and look to the guidance given in Luke 14:23 for inspiration:

*And the lord said unto the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."*

If you would like to be part of Bethesda's communication efforts, please contact me to discuss how we can put your talents to work. Not sure where to begin? Start simple and update your contact details in the Church database. Don't forget to include your social media information such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Do you have something to share with the congregation? Let us know, we'll be glad to help. For all you do to help spread His Word and ours...Thank you!



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**-CHURCH MISSION-**  
 ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE  
 ENCOURAGING RELATIONSHIPS  
 EMBRACING DESTINY

**SENIOR PASTOR**  
 Rev. Analee Dunn

**ARTS**  
 Terry Allen

**BIBLE INSTITUTE**  
 Dr. Ruth Whittaker

**BUILDING & GROUNDS**  
 Brian Swarts

**BUSINESS MANAGER**  
 James Dunn

**CARE & OUTREACH**  
 Rev. Barry Allen

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**  
 Rob Susan

**STUDENT MINISTRY**  
 Jesse Allen

**COLLEGIATE MINISTRY**  
 Terry Allen

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
 Sonja Bultynck

**EDUCATION & MEN'S MINISTRIES**  
 Rev. Patrick Visger

**FAMILY MINISTRIES**  
 Rev. Timothy Helland

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
 Maurice Graves

**MISSIONS**  
 Rev. Barry Allen

**PARKWAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
 Lila Place

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**  
 Rev. Julie Visger

# Updates on our Home-Bound Friends

Communion is available to Bethesda members who are in the hospital, homebound, or in nursing care. You must contact Rev. Barry Allen at the church office at least two weeks before the first Sunday of the month to be on the schedule. The recipient must be available on the first Sunday afternoon of the month to be served, unless other arrangements are made with the church or Elder/Deacon assigned to this duty. You can reach Rev. Barry Allen at (586) 264-2300, Ext. 114 or email him at ballen@bethesdachristian.org.

We served **Delores Banks** communion in the Windsor Western Regional Hospital Residential Rehabilitation Centre, where she is receiving medical attention, physical rehab and speech therapy. Delores is now able to walk short distances with a walker. She has her own room and Donald is able to spend most of the day with her. Delores is thankful for a new large print Bible that was sent from one of our church members and she is reading everyday. She loves the pillowcase with the scriptures written on it and can't wait to get home to use it. She thanks the church for their gifts, cards and prayers. Donald and his son Darren were able to rent an apartment on the east side of Windsor, on Wyandotte Street East. Donald is in the process of rebuilding their house on Chappelle Street with the help of Habitat for Humanity in Windsor. He is in need of volunteer carpenters, electricians, plumbers and capable handymen. **Murray Scott**

We had a most enjoyable visit with 91-year-old **Ann Dikin**. She shared with us her memories of herself and her husband being in the first service with Sister Beall so many years ago. We shared communion and sang a song about "The Blood" that will never lose its power! Ann told us how God has kept her through these many years and although she has pain in her body, she depends on God to see her through each day. Ann loved the pillowcase that Bethesda sent monogrammed with Scripture and had us hang it on her wall. We are very proud to be part of a congregation that remembers its elderly shut-ins. They have so much to offer us! Although we serve...often we are served! **Tom and Rhea Withers**

**Betty Grasl** was fully dressed for the first time in nearly a month. She has shingles and they are causing her tremendous

grief, especially when clothing touches her skin. Betty resides in a very lovely condominium complex in Sterling Heights and has enjoyed living there for over 20 years. She just recently signed up for "Meals on Wheels" and says the food isn't too bad and for \$3 a meal it's a bargain. Betty no longer enjoys cooking for herself. We anointed her with oil, prayed for healing, and served communion at her beautiful dining room table. **Mel & Twyla Baggett**

**Lillian Grayewski** looked good but said "you can't judge a book by its cover." She's in the nursing home receiving physical therapy so her strength will return. Her goal is to regain her independent mobility, allowing herself to move from bed to chair, etc. She also continues to get dialysis three times each week at another facility. Due to lack of movement she now has very painful sores on her back. We encouraged her in the Lord and reminded her to eat more, especially protein, to help renew her strength. She has a roommate by the name of Marian; who claims to be "alone" in the world. They seem to be good for one another since they both have a good sense of humor. Marian says she knows Jesus as her Lord and Savior. We served communion to them both. Debbie, Lillian's daughter (who is faithfully at her mothers side), also took communion. **Rev. Barry Allen**



Visiting **Dorothy Howton** is a real hoot! She was very excited to see me and moved her wheelchair out so I could sit on the bed. I gave her the gift of the pillowcase and she asked if it had a picture of Elvis on it. I admitted it did not and read the scripture on the case,

which she loved. I also read Scripture to Dorothy and talked a little about what Pastor Dunn said in service, then served her communion. Afterwards, we talked and she told me she loves hazelnut coffee and creamer. In the future, I will remember to take her some. She is constantly in conversation with one of the people working at the nursing home and laughing with them. You can tell she brings a lot of joy to those who know her. She is a little nervous that they want her to move to a group home because she is doing so well. We should pray for God's direction. She said she really misses Bob Nelson's visits; I explained that Bob has retired and is home taking care of Phyllis after her surgery, but I would share her compliments. Well, time was arriving to go down to the cafeteria for bingo and I asked her if she wanted me to push her there and she said "NO" she does everything herself. It was a pleasure serving Dorothy and spending time with her. **Arnold & Jones Jones**

This communion call reminds us that nothing stays the same forever. There was a time when **Leander Mckee**, his father Lee and his mother Mable were active members of our church. Now time and failing health have changed everything. But still there is hope. And that is what I sense in the life of Leander. He is a man who is so appreciative of the Church and those who serve in various capacities. This month we sang Christmas carols, talked about the morning service and read the communion scriptures. Leander expects his Christmas to be a little quiet; yet he is thankful. Naturally our prayers go to lift him up and to give him strength, as it will help him to get through his health concerns and the future dental care he is to receive. **Herman Liggins**

## Hombound Friends - Continued from pg. 5

**Catherine Zabrzenski** was moved to Shelby Nursing Care but she was unable to tell me when that happened. She is thankful for the good care she is getting, but told me multiple times that she is just ready to go home to be with the Lord. After a little while, Catherine was back to the Catherine I have come to know; she settled down so we could talk and take communion. She worried about how her mints could be passed out and whether someone was taking care of nursing home ministry so the residents could hear about Jesus. I explained that now Jesus has her where she can share His word not only to those needing therapy, but also to those who provide the therapy. She asked that we continue to pray for her and almost seemed relieved after having communion. I prayed with her for peace, protection and healing so she can get back into her own home. **Rev. Barry Allen**

Do you know someone who is homebound and would like Communion, or a visit from an Elder/Deacon? Contact Rev. Barry Allen to see if they can be added to the schedule. You can reach him by phone, (586) 264-2300, Ext. 114 or by email ballen@bethesdachristian.org.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Join us Wednesday, January 11 for the American Red Cross Blood Drive. We will be meeting in the Crystal Rooms between 2 - 8 PM. Your 1-unit donation could save up to three different lives.

Southeastern Michigan hospitals need 900 units of blood each and every day. To make even a small dent in their daily needs, we have a donation goal of at least 50 units. Every donation can potentially save up to three lives. How can you pass up an opportunity like that?

### TO DONATE BLOOD YOU MUST:

1. Present valid picture ID with first and last name.
  2. Be at least 16 years old.
  3. Weigh at least 102 pounds.
  4. Never have had hepatitis.
  5. Not have received blood or plasma in the past twelve (12) months.
  6. Not have been pregnant within the past six weeks.
  7. Not have recent history of night sweats, unexplained fever, unexpected weight loss or swollen lymph glands.
  8. Be free from cold, sore throat or flu symptoms on the day of donation.
- \* All illness, surgery and/or medications need to be evaluated by the Red Cross representative on site.



Still curious about donating blood? Wondering what happens after you leave? Watch what happens to your blood after you donate it. See the science unfolding and learn why it takes 48 hours to get from donor to recipient. All this and more can be found at our website. Visit us today, [www.BethesdaChristian.org](http://www.BethesdaChristian.org).

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The First Place 4 Health movement has taken the nation by storm! Started in 1981 as a ministry of Houston's First Baptist Church, First Place 4 Health is a reliable, proven method of weight loss and healthy living. It continues to grow as a strong church program. First Place 4 Health has had groups in over 12,000 churches across the country—with over a half million members! And now you, too, can participate! Bethesda's Women's Ministry is pleased to launch First Place 4 Health this January. Contact Rev. Julie Visger to register before January 8 by calling (586) 263-2400 ext. 117 or email [JVisger@bethesdachristian.org](mailto:JVisger@bethesdachristian.org).

The tremendous success of First Place 4 Health is due to its biblical approach to weight loss and overall health management, which puts Christ first and improves every area of a person's life. This Christ-centered, balanced weight-loss and healthy living program has guided hundreds of thousands of people to a healthy lifestyle and a closer walk with the Lord. What's unique about First Place 4 Health?

- \* Christ-centered priorities: Bible study, prayer and Scripture memory
- \* Choices for health: Addressing the whole person—emotions, mind, body and spirit
- \* Community: Support and accountability through small groups

First Place 4 Health offers a series of Bible Studies. These studies address many issues of everyday life and provide opportunities for growth in Christ. Members complete a weekly Bible study which—combined with prayer and Scripture reading—helps to impart God's strength, empowering members to overcome temptation and make long-lasting lifestyle changes.

*Health Note: Before undertaking this or any other weight-management program, you should consult your physician and disclose any pre-existing medical history which might effect your participation in the program, including but not limited to heart disease, high blood pressure, anorexia/bulimia, diabetes or hypoglycemia.*

## IN LOVING MEMORY

### Angeline Wickenhauser

Oct. 7, 1927 - Dec. 14, 2011

Angeline Gloria Reamer was born the third of four daughters to parents Max and Stella on October 7, 1927.

Angie grew up with her family in the royal Oak area and as a young woman worked at Lockheed. One beautiful summer day Angie found her true love, Joe Wickenhauser, sitting under a big Willow tree. At age 21, Angie married Joe on November 27, 1948.

Throughout her childhood, Angie always had a sense of God's hand on her life. She was certain it was God's protection that saved her from a near drowning experience when she was young. She even visited the Bethesda storefront Sunday school in Detroit with a girlfriend. In 1950, Angie and Joe accepted the Lord into their lives and made Bethesda Missionary Temple their spiritual home.

As the family grew to include four daughters, Joe and Angie moved to California, where she learned how to make tacos! Several years later, the family returned to Michigan, and she became famous for her taco dinners (before Taco Bell, this was quite the novelty!)

Angie was full of creativity, inheriting her mother's talent as a skilled seamstress. She used this gift make clothing for the family, including wedding dresses for daughters Janet and Ellen. Sewing also became a ministry as Angie made "layettes" for babies in Africa. Serving the church was always the central point in Angie's life. God's gifts were demonstrated in Angie through prophecy and intercession. She faithfully attended Tuesday morning prayer meetings; volunteered cleaning the church, folded bulletins and sang in the choir. But her

dearest ministry was serving as a Catechism counselor to both children and adults.

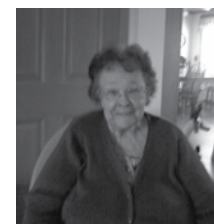
Her daughters all say the best gift their Mom ever gave them was teaching them how to pray. The sound of prayer was a natural part of her home. And, because of her faith she became a haven for many who needed answers to prayer. Angie was a loving and generous woman, ready at all times to give whatever she could to make things better.

The greatest tragedy of her life was losing her true love, Joe, who passed in the fall of 2000. Soon after, she took residence in Grand Rapids near her youngest daughter Joanne and attended Resurrection Life Church.

More recently, Angie's mobility significantly decreased, making it necessary for her to move to an assisted living environment. The staff soon endowed her with the special title of "Momma," commenting on her sweet, affectionate nature. The only time Angie's soft nature would change was when she was talking politics. She was addicted to Fox News and at any time she could give you a full news report along with her own commentary. You never had to guess where she stood on the issues.

In recent days Angie grew more and more frustrated with her physical limitations. After the loss of her baby sister, Elaine, Angie's desire to be with the Lord increased. Her constant prayer was to be reunited with her "honey" Joe. Without fear, she looked forward to the day she would be with him again. On the morning of Wednesday, December 14, her prayers were answered when the Lord entered her room, took her by the hand and walked her to her new home.

~Submitted by the family Angie Wickenhauser



It was a cloudy and rainy day today but when I walked into **Delores Robles** home she and her two daughters greeted me with a huge smile, it seemed as if the sun was shining inside her house! Delores talks about how she and her girls love to watch football on her huge TV screen. Her days are filled with gratitude and she feels blessed that the Lord supplies all her needs. Her girls take good care of her. Delores misses Bethesda and coming to the services but has a hard time walking. Nonetheless, she is so grateful for the visits she gets from the body of Christ. Communion seemed to really bless her and we all enjoyed the time with the Lord together. God Bless, **Karen Jones**

The last time we visited **Mary Shonts** she was in bed. We were pleasantly surprised to find her up and in her wheelchair waiting for dinner to arrive. She has her tray table facing the courtyard so she is able to enjoy looking out at the scenery as she dines. She is gaining strength with her therapy every day and is able to go down the hall in the chair by herself. We assured her that her greeting spot in the Church's main foyer is still awaiting her return. We all look forward to her beautiful face, as it lights up, each time someone walks through the door. We served Communion and had a time of prayer. **Richard and Jeri Eix**

Today, I visited with **Eleanor Stewart** and she was pleased to receive the Christmas gift from Bethesda Church. The pillowcase with the scripture was exactly what she needed. Eleanor expressed to me that she has been suffering from depression that has made her days long and tiresome. I discovered that she wasn't sure that her sins were forgiven, feeling condemned all the time. I assured her with scripture, that all of her sins both past and present were forgiven.

I encouraged her with the scripture embroidered on her pillowcase from Matthew 11:28, telling her to come to God with her burdens and concerns so they be replaced with rest and peace of mind echoed with Eleanor's spirit. I read and explained that God was not against her. He is totally on her side and loves her more than she could comprehend. She needed only to accept His forgiveness as well as accept forgiveness for herself. Before leaving, I laid the pillowcase across her bed as a reminder to make the choice to go to the Lord with all of her concerns and doubts. Eleanor appeared grateful and somewhat at peace at the conclusion of our conversation and prayer. I believe Eleanor accepted forgiveness for herself, and is ready to move forward into God's grace and peace. What an incredible visit. **Kit Warren**

We had the distinct honor and privilege of serving **John Streber** today. Many Bethesdians know John from his years of dedicated service to our church. The structure and mechanics of our buildings and grounds would not be the same without him. Even after his retirement, you probably passed him countless times in our hallways and maybe never shared a word with this quiet, smiling man, but surely you noticed the Spirit as it shines around and out through him! Coming through this heart attack and recovery has certainly been a challenge, but we can see the pink is back in his cheeks and the sparkle is back in his eye! John appreciates beyond words the 8-inch stack of cards and notes sent by all of you! He also appreciates his stepdaughters, nieces and nephew who have cared for him throughout this ordeal. We had a sweet time of sharing the Scripture and the Lord's Supper. We anointed John with oil and prayed for a complete healing, bringing this dear man to tears of joy and gratitude for the Lord's merciful Hand through this challenging time and in all of his life! **James and Mary Visger**

**Joan Strumbos** was not having a good day, with dizziness troubling her a bit worse than usual. She was happy to see us though; and the surprise of a Christmas gift from Bethesda brought a smile. She promised to put the pillowcase imprinted with an encouraging verse from God's Word on her bed pillow. There were pleasant things to talk about, with Christmas coming so quickly. We shared the highlights of Pastor Dunn's message on "A Martha Stewart Christmas." The wonder of Jesus' birth coupled with the amazing love of God shown in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus gave us plenty to think about as we participated together in Communion. **Revs. Bob & Phyllis Nelson**

We visited "**Uncle Bill**" **Thompson** today. He was waiting for us by the front door where he serves as the "greeter" for all family parties. We served communion to him and his niece, Linda Cadariu. We enjoyed a long visit with them. Will brought some of his car books to share and the two car guys had a good time looking at "automotive art". Linda also gave us a guided tour of the beautiful lakefront home that God has provided for them. They have plenty of space for family parties and everything is easily accessible for Uncle Bill. They all enjoy having a gorgeous view of the water and are celebrating God's blessing in this new home. **William & Beverly Worman**

On a beautiful Thursday, we traveled to Windermere Senior Living where **Hattie Turner** welcomed us. She is always such a delight to visit and serve communion. The day before two of her doctors were in to check her health and Hattie was happy because the doctors found her blood pressure was normal. She thanks the church for their prayers. She is also thankful for her neighbor Richard, who checks in on her and brings what she needs from the store. In our conversation, I discovered that Hattie was born in Dover Township only ten miles from where I was born. Hattie was over joyed with the pillowcase from the church. She said the scriptures are written in her favorite color. She misses getting out to church but thanks everyone for their kindness in serving her and praying for her. **Murray Scott**

## FREE CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLEANING



Macomb District Dental Hygienists Society

PROUDLY PRESENTS

Free Dental Screenings, Cleaning and Fluoride Treatments for kids 3 - 13



**WHO:** Macomb County Children ages 3 to 13 without dental insurance or government assistance of any kind.

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 28, 2012

**WHERE:** Dental Offices within Macomb County

**WHAT:** An oral screening, dental cleaning and fluoride treatment will be provided FREE of CHARGE

Plus, a goodie bag of dental supplies and prizes will also be given to each child along with information and demonstrations on proper dental/oral health care.

### HOW TO APPLY:

A limited number of appointments available and registration is required. Please go to <http://mddhs.tripod.com/id20.html> and download the form and return it by Jan. 13, 2012. Or, stop by the Church Office for a hard copy.

# 5 Prayers

TO CARRY YOU

## into the new year

The holidays and winter months can leave us feeling drained and seeking encouragement. These helpful prayers courtesy of *Good Housekeeping* will warm your heart and fill your soul.

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### GIVE ME SIMPLICITY

If the only prayer you ever say  
in your entire life is  
'thank you,'  
it will be enough.

~ Meister Eckhart

5

### GIVE ME A BREAK

GOD,

GRANT ME THE POWER

TO GET OUT OF THIS SHOWER.

~ Monica Sheehand, from *Prayers for All Occasions*



2

### GIVE ME THE GRACE OF A SILENT NIGHT

"I still think that  
the prayer without  
words is the best."

~ C.S. Lewis

3

### GIVE ME OPEN EYES

For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything  
goodness sends

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

4

### GIVE ME OPTIMISM

Whatsoever things are true,  
Whatsoever things are honest,  
Whatsoever things are just,  
Whatsoever things are lovely,  
Whatsoever things are of good report;  
If there be any virtue,  
And if there be any praise,  
Think on these things.

~ *Philippians 4:8, KJV*

## \* \* \* \* \* Winter Class Offerings \* \* \* \* \*

### Adult Catechism

Instructor: Reverend Barry Allen

Wednesdays, 7 PM Room 201

January 8 - June 20

What happens to people who never hear about Jesus? Are the books of the Bible just stories? Don't all religions worship the same god? Our Catechism class gives answers to these questions and more. Catechism offers interactive discussion in small group settings. As the class progresses, each class member can experience the sacraments of the New Testament Church.

### Bible Study: Galatians

Instructor: Rev. Tim Helland

Tuesdays, 9 AM Crystal Room A

January 10 - April 3

We live in a society that has moved far away from the lifestyle encouraged and reflected in the Bible. As a result of this gradual cultural shift we find ourselves challenged by people who call themselves "Christians" but don't know or follow biblical directives. In this class we will confront issues that can disrupt and poison the Body of Christ.

### Living Under...

Instructor: Pastor Analee Dunn

Wednesdays, 7 PM Crystal A

January 11 - March 28

As Christians we must be able to reconcile this Scripture with the recorded words of Jesus in Matthew's gospel where He states, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law..." Do you live under grace or the law? Many wish to distill the Word down to a single statement: "I live under \_\_\_\_\_."

### Financial Peace University

Instructor: Dave Mutschler

Sundays, 6 PM Crystal A

February 12 - May 13

Dave Ramsey's FPU is a life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future and giving like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever.

### Renovating our House

Instructor: Rev. Tim Helland

Wednesdays, 7 PM

January 11 - March 28

Renovating our House have been planned to meet the needs of parents of children at various stages of life and to equip them with very practical tools for more effectively teaching the principals of faith and Christian lifestyle in the home. Please join us as together we seek to be exemplary parents before God and renovate what were house into a good Christian homes.

### Growing Kids God's Way

Instructors: Fred & Judith Esquivel

Wednesdays, 7 PM Room 111

January 11 - May 2

Growing Kids God's Way is a values-based parenting curriculum. Topics include helping children to internalize virtues and values and to live out the character of God in their life. In addition to the core curriculum, there are supplemental resources for single parents and blended families.

### Growing Together

Instructors: Don & Gail Toth

Sundays, 9 AM Room 101

January 8 - March 25

This preparation class is designed for couples contemplating marriage at Bethesda. Warm and instructive gatherings prepare each couple for the wedding as well as married life. Completion of the course is a prerequisite for marriage at Bethesda.

### Grief Share Support Group

Facilitator: Joann Randazzo

Wednesdays, 7 PM Room 106

January 11 - April 25

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Help is available at GriefShare. This is a group sponsored by people who understand what you are experiencing and want to offer comfort and encouragement.

### Money Matters

Instructors: Tom & Carole Delano

Sundays, 9 AM Room 113

January 8 - February 19

There are over 2,350 verses in the Bible about money and nearly half of Jesus' parables are about possessions. The Bible is packed with wise counsel about your financial life. In fact, Jesus had more to say about money than about heaven or hell combined. If you would like to learn how to manage money God's way, don't miss this 7 week small group discussion on Christian finances.

### BBI: Systematic Theology

Instructor: Dr. Ruth Whittaker

Tuesdays, 7-10 PM

February 7 - April 10

A disciplined study which strives to give a coherent statement of the doctrines of the Christian faith. The study explores God's works and His relationship to them, God's creation, particularly man and his condition; and God's redemptive working in relation to mankind.

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