

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

POINSETTIA & WREATH PICK UP

TODAY • AFTER SERVICE

Thank you for supporting the Bethesda Arts Ministry with your orders! After this morning's service, please drive around to the garage, located adjacent to the Chapel parking lot, to pick up your orders.

NOT A FAN: THE MOVIE

FOLLOW UP Q & A SESSION

WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 7 • Join us in the Crystal Room for our "Not A Fan: A Followers Story" Q & A session. Even if you didn't attend last week's presentation, please plan to participate, as the discussion will also focus more broadly on Pastor Dunn's "Fan or Follower" series. It promises to be a lively exchange; since many of us can testify about our own spiritual journey and how transformational it is when you chose to become a completely committed follower.

MONEY MATTERS DATES ANNOUNCED

SUNDAY • JANUARY 8 • 9 AM • ROOM 113

Start 2012 with a solid financial foothold and get a healthy perspective on money in this small group discussion on Christian finances. Additional details are in the course catalog.

MINISTRY UPDATE

ARTS MINISTRY

Director: Terry Allen • Ext. 147


CHOIR REHEARSAL TODAY

Don't be shy! Everyone is welcome to join us today for Christmas Choir rehearsal and lunch. Immediately following service, we will meet in the Family Center for a light lunch and move to the choir room for rehearsal.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Director: Rob Susan • Ext. 135

DECEMBER 11—Join us in the Sanctuary for the Kids' Praise Christmas performance taking place during service.

 Check out this month's *Heartbeat of Bethesda* for the JBQ & PeeWee Bible Quiz Results.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Director: Rev. Pat Visger • Ext. 119

MEN'S BASKETBALL

MONDAY • JANUARY 9 • 2012—A new basketball season begins and the league has room for (4) four new teams. Come out and enjoy some great competition and fellowship. Contact John Kurtz for more information johnkurtz777@att.net or call (248) 388-1833.

ROUTE 33

Director: Terry Allen • Ext. 147

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY—18-29 YEARS

WEDNESDAYS • 7:33 PM • AUDITORIUM—ROUTE 33 offers captivating worship and compelling, compassionate words for adults 18-29.



ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

GIFTS NEEDED BY NEXT WEEK

Be an angel to a child whose parent is incarcerated through a donation of time and/or a Christmas gift. But, there's only one week left to donate presents! Please choose a tag today and return it by next SUNDAY DECEMBER 11. Volunteers are needed on December 13, 16 & 17 to sort and deliver gifts. Speak to Cammie Finley today, at the Angle Tree display in the foyer to volunteer or for additional information.



NEW ADULT CATECHISM CLASS

STARTING WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 4 • 7 PM

Whether you are preparing to become a Bethesda member or exploring fundamental Christianity, our adult Catechism course is essential. There is a \$45 materials fee and registration is required. Please refer to our course catalog for full details.

TITHING ENVELOPES ARE HERE

IN THE FOYER TODAY • ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Be sure to pick up your 2012 tithing envelopes in the lobby today. They are sorted alphabetically by last name. Thank you for your support!

CARE & OUTREACH MINISTRY

Director: Rev. Barry Allen • Ext. 114

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

DECEMBER 11—Bethesda's Food Pantry accepts donations on the second Sunday of each month. We are currently in need of cereal and laundry detergent.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Director: Jesse Allen • Ext. 111

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERIES

DECEMBER 4, 11 and 18—Jeneane Frazee will present a holiday series on the Magi (a.k.a. the Wisemen) and discuss what we really should be thinking about this Christmas season. Come and discover how powerful the story of the Magi is—even today—and learn what God has planned for us. We start at 9 AM sharp! See you in Room 230.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Director: Rev. Julie Visger • Ext. 117

FIRST PLACE FOR HEALTH • COMING SOON!

TUESDAYS • JANUARY 24 • 7 PM

The First Place program emphasizes balance in the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual areas of life. First Place will help you to discover that the Lord is one who knows and cares about each one of us. You must pre-register by JANUARY 8. Please stop at the women's ministry table, in the foyer, today to sign up or ask questions. You can also contact Rev. Julie Visger at the Church Office.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gus Albrecht had chemo (11/28).

Irene Dunkley is having an echocardiogram.

Jim Dunkley's esophagus and stomach are inflamed and sore.

Vivian Edwards is home taking medication for colitis, and is now showing signs of improvement.

Sylvia Geerdink has constant pain/numbness from neuropathy.

Karen Lowry is suffering with neuropathy in her extremities after chemo and began 30 days of radiation (11/21).

Leander McKee has gum disease and is recovering from oral surgeries that resulted in the removal of nine teeth.

Fannia O'Meara has nerve pain affecting her ability to do her job as a seamstress; pray MRI test on (12/1) will uncover solution.

Doug Rich is recovering from foot surgery (11/22) that successfully treated infection; pray for patience during healing process.

Kathie Ruegsegger fell and broke two metatarsal bones in her right foot; caused by meds that affected her equilibrium.

Steve Serra continues to battle unresolved issues. Doctors at Cleveland Clinic adjusted treatment plan (11/21) and scheduled additional tests for the coming weeks.

Mary Jane Smith had a tough week with neck pain.

Asha Soni has nerve pain on her left side and is currently unemployed.

John Streber is recovering after quadruple bypass, but now doing so at home. PTL!

Clarence Tylkowski had a cardio defibrillator implanted (11/29).

Steve Wanamaker is progressing well after rotator cuff surgery, but still has pain.

Mattie Woods has pain all over.

FRIENDS OF BETHESDANS

Debbie Sirvio for Nathan, who has Huntington's disease.

Patricia Kincaid for Barbara, who had a mastectomy.

PRAISE REPORT

Theresa Bragg is having fun learning to drive her new power wheelchair. Pneumonia is gone, heart is normal, and she has no pain!

Ann Dikin had her pacemaker replaced (11/23).

Nick Mangiapane was back in church last week, after (10/19) hip replacement surgery.

Richard Myers had back pain and was prayed for while in class Sunday (11/27). His pain is gone—what a miracle!

THANK YOU

I'm so deeply grateful to all my friends who have called, prayed, sent such lovely cards and expressed your care and concern in so many ways at the time of my recent eye surgery and subsequent fall. Two broken metatarsals bones in my right foot, caused by a reaction to medication and loss of equilibrium, account for this surprise mishap. I thank God that I was not injured any worse than I was! God is so good. Thank you for your love and continued prayers as God is working to complete my healing. Body ministry is a beautiful thing! Love, Kathleen Ruegsegger

CONGRATULATIONS

Larry/Linda Anderson are proud to announce the birth of their fourth grandchild. Anderson Matthew was welcomed by parents Jill/Chris Leaym on October 28.

ENGAGEMENT

Tom/Rhea Withers are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Tia to Justin Peoples of Kalamazoo. An August 2012 wedding is being planned.



Today marks the second week of Advent and in our celebration we light the second candle to remind us that our Lord Jesus brings peace to all who trust in Him. The prophet Isaiah foretold the coming of Jesus, calling Him "the Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6-7). In our troubled world, oftentimes there is very little peace to be found. Wars, injustice and tragedy are all too common. However, because of our relationship with Jesus, we are promised peace.

Christ brought peace with His first coming; and thankfully as we celebrate the second week of advent, we can relish the fact that His second coming will bring everlasting peace. As you light this week's Advent candles, take a moment to reflect upon their beautiful, soft light; take in their warmth and see how easily the sense of peace is awakened in you. Then use that renewed sense and focus on peace in your lives and in the lives around you. Pray for inner peace, forgive others and treat them with kindness. For, as we promote peace through kind actions and words, peace will be perpetuated among us.

When Jesus came, he taught people the importance of being peace makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. Let us all strive to bring favor to God, through our loving and peaceful actions.



HOLIDAY SPECIALS

30% OFF FALL ITEMS

Need Christmas gift ideas? Stop by and explore the wholesome gift selection, perfect for the holidays. Remember all proceeds benefit Bethesda ministries.

- ANNALEECE JEWELRY 20% OFF
- TOYS, BOOKS & DOLLS
- NATIVITY SETS
- ORNAMENTS
- 2012 CALENDARS & PLANNERS



NEW JANUARY CLASSES

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

ADULT CATECHISM

Jan 4 - Jun 20 • Wednesdays • 9 AM

BEYOND MALIGNANT RELIGION

Jan 10 - Apr 3 • Tuesdays • 9 AM

DEEPER STUDY

LIVING UNDER...

Jan 11 - Mar 28 • Wednesdays • 7 PM

RENOVATING OUR HOMES

Jan 11 - Mar 28 • Wednesdays • 7 PM

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Jan 24 - Mar 13 • Tuesdays • 7 PM

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

GROWING TOGETHER (MARRIAGE PREP)

Jan 8 - Mar 25 • Sundays • 9 AM

GROWING KIDS GOD'S WAY

Jan 11 - May 2 • Wednesdays • 7 PM

MONEY MATTERS

Jan 8 - Feb 19 • Sundays • 9 AM

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE

Feb 12 - May 13 • Sundays • 6 PM

SUPPORT GROUPS

GRIEF SHARE

Jan 11 - Apr 25 • Wednesdays • 7 PM

FIRST PLACE FOR HEALTH

Jan 24 • 7 PM • Tuesdays • Space Limited



MANY CLASSES AVAILABLE
SEE CATALOG FOR DETAILS!

**VOLUNTEER CORNER:
SNOW CREW**
(A.K.A. ANTI-SNOW PRAYER TEAM)

Help Bethesdians get to church safely by clearing/salting the church walkways on Saturday or Sundays after a snowfall. Please drop this completed form at the Church Office or put it in the offering plate.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____


Caregiver Support Group
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
10 AM - 12 PM

Are you caring for a loved one, on a part-time or full-time basis? Bethesda's Caregiver Support Group invites you to join us for our monthly meeting on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, from 10 AM until noon. We understand your concerns and welcome you as we encourage one another in the Lord. Our meetings are off-site, across Schoenherr from the church.

Please call Susan Bulat for directions or details
(248) 652-4414

**BETHESDA'S
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
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NOW AVAILABLE
IN THE
DAYSTAR GIFT SHOPPE







Concert Volunteers
If you can volunteer to assist with the 2012 Christmas Concert, "A Holy Night" please complete the form below and put it in the offering plate.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate what day(s) you can help.
Fri 12/16__ Sat 12/17__ Both __

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
9 AM • Youth & Adult Catechism • Nurseries • Connection Groups • Growing Together 10 AM Service & Children's Church 12 AM Christmas Choir Practice Pick Up WREATHS / POINSETTIAS (GARAGE)	4 LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS 	5 9 AM Bible Study: Galatians 10:30 AM Prayer Mtg 7 PM • 12 Step • DivorceCare • BBI Class • DivorceCare4Kids	6 7 PM • Adult Ministries • Student Ministry • Children's Ministry MOVIE NIGHT FOLLOW UP Q&A 7:33 PM ROUTE 33	7 10 AM Service (Chapel)	8 9 AM-12 PM Christmas Rehearsal	9 10
10 AM • Youth & Adult Catechism • Nurseries • Connection Groups • Growing Together 10 AM Service & Children's Church Kids' Praise Concert	11 LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS 	12 9 AM Bible Study: Galatians 10:30 AM Prayer Mtg 6:30 PM Toastmasters 7 PM • 12 Step • DivorceCare • BBI Class • DivorceCare4Kids	13 7 PM "A HOLY NIGHT" DRESS REHEARSAL NO ADULT SERVICE ROUTE 33 & THEWAY ANGLE TREE DELIVERIES	14 10 AM Service (Chapel) NO MEN'S MEETING IN DECEMBER	15 7 PM "A HOLY NIGHT" CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 	16 7 PM "A HOLY NIGHT" CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 
17 9 AM • Youth & Adult Catechism • Nurseries • Connection Groups • Growing Together 10 AM Service & Children's Church	18 LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS 	19 9 AM Bible Study: Galatians 10:30 AM Prayer Mtg 7 PM • 12 Step • DivorceCare • DivorceCare4Kids	20 NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT SERVICE 7 PM TheWay Student Ministries 7:33 PM ROUTE 33	21 NO SERVICES OFFICE CLOSED	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 OFFICE CLOSED
24 9 AM • Youth & Adult Catechism • Nurseries • Connection Groups • Growing Together 10 AM Service & Children's Church	25 LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS 	26 No Bible Study 7 PM • 12 Step (meets will be held offsite)	27 NO WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES	28 NO SERVICES OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 OFFICE CLOSED
31 MERRY CHRISTMAS! 10 AM Service ONLY Crystal C will simulcast for families with babies No Classes No Nursery	32 OFFICE CLOSED	33 No Bible Study	34 NO WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES	35 NO SERVICES OFFICE CLOSED	36 OFFICE CLOSED	37 OFFICE CLOSED


A Holy Night

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SINGERS - JOIN US TODAY!
STAGE HANDS
USHERS
GREETERS

To volunteer complete the form in the bulletin, or for more information, contact Paul Tosch at ptoch@BethesdaChristian.org or in the office ext. 169.

Volunteers are needed on Dec. 14, 16 & 17.




REFINER'S FIRE

FROM WHAT YOU HAVE, TAKE AN OFFERING FOR THE LORD. EVERYONE WHO IS WILLING IS TO BRING TO THE LORD AN OFFERING OF GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE. EXODUS 35:5

PLEASE SUPPORT BETHESDA'S BUILDING REPAIR PROGRAM, WITHOUT THE NEED TO WRITE A CHECK.

REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR scrap GOLD ON DECEMBER 11 AND 18

YOU WILL RECEIVE 100% OF ITS VALUE AS A TAXABLE DONATION.



SCRAP GOLD IS EVERYWHERE. LOOK FOR JEWELRY, GOLD EARRINGS-MATCHED OR SINGLE (EVEN JUST POSTS), GOLD WEDDING BANDS, GOLD CLASS RINGS, WATCHES, COINS, GOLD MEDALS, LOCKETS, CHARMS, CHAINS, BROOCHES OR GOLD DENTAL WORK. PICK UP A DONATION PACKET FROM THE USHERS

Bethesda Christian Church
A Worshipping Community since 1934
DECEMBER 4, 2011

A Holy Night

FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT
FRI • DEC. 16 • 7 PM
SAT • DEC. 17 • 7 PM

ORDER OF SERVICE	SERMON NOTES
Solo Kristie Bugajski	_____
Welcome/Opening Prayer Rev. Pat Visger	_____
Music Terry Allen	_____
Hark The Herald Angles Sing	_____
There Is A River	_____
Revelation Song	_____
Prayer Needs/Greeting Rev. Pat Visger	_____
Offering/Announcements Rev. Pat Visger	_____
Message Pastor Analee Dunn	_____
THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME	_____
"A Martha Stewart Christmas"	_____
Communion Pastor Analee Dunn	_____

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