

Bethel United Methodist Church

"Seeking The Life In Grace As The Way of Life"

November 25th, 2001

On the Calendar

Saturday, Dec 1st.....Decorating the Church
Sunday SchoolSunday's, 9:45
Women's Morning Circle.....2nd &4th Wednesday's
10am-noon
Women's Afternoon Circle.....3rd Sunday's, 3pm
Church Council.....2nd Tuesdays, 6:30pm
Covered Dish Dinner.....2nd Sundays after Church

Finance committee meeting.....Dec. 8th, 8:30am
District Pastor Parish Training (here).....Dec. 13th, 7pm

Advent – a Season of Preparation

To help us prepare for the Christmas season, the season of Jesus the Messiah's birth, we will celebrate the season of Advent beginning Sunday December Second. We invite you to join us for special activities and services that we hope will be spiritually enriching as they heighten our anticipation of the wonderful event of Jesus birth.

Saturday, Dec 1st.....Decorating the Church
Sunday, Dec. 2nd.....Christmon Service in Worship
Sunday evening, Dec 16th.....Christmas program & party
Dec. 24th, 6pm.....Christmas Eve Service

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Laura Beth Fisher, Pastor

Dec 2nd, 2001
1st Sunday of Advent
11:00 am – 12:15

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES –

***HYMN** #211 (v1)
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*** DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE
Petitions - Pastoral Prayer - Lord's Prayer

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISMONS

PRESENTATION OF THE NATIVITY SYMBOLS

(The persons with the appropriate Chrismon should bring it forward and hang it on the tree as the Scripture passage referring to that symbol is read.)

THE CROWN Revelation 11:15

BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREE (in unison)

*** BENEDICTION**

* Please Stand If Able

THE EPIPHANY STAR Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty
bright, west ward leading still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

THE CHRISTMAS ROSE Isaiah 35:1-2

PEOPLE: With heart and soul we rejoice, for the Christmas Rose reminds us of God's love blossoming in our soul.

THE ANGEL Luke 2:8-14

PRESENTATION OF THE PASSION SYMBOLS

THE CHALICE Matthew 26:26-28

THE SACRIFICIAL LAMB John 1:29

PEOPLE With this offering, we seek to honor him, for God has heard our cry and has answered our plea. God gave his son to die for us. O Lamb of God, grant us your peace.

THE CROSSES - THE LATIN CROSS John 19:16-18

THE JERUSALEM CROSS John 20:27

THE DOVE AND THE SHELL

Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19-20

PEOPLE: With this offering, we seek to honor him who baptizes us with the gift of salvation.

PRESENTATION OF THE SYMBOLS OF VICTORY

THE FISH - CHILDREN'S SERMON - Phill Brown

THE CHI RHO, THE IOTA-CHI, AND THE IHS

Philippians 2:9-11