

Sermon Notes

On The Fringe - There Was A STAR

Matthew 2:1-12

The M _____ Star 2:1

The M _____ Star 2:2

The M _____ Star 2:3

The M _____ Star 2:4-6

The M _____ Star 2:7-8

The M _____ Star 2:9

The M _____ Star 2:10-11

The M _____ Star 2:12

To activate the BETHANY PRAYER CHAIN call:

The Church Office at 248-681-2130

Being a family of faith means you don't have to go it alone. Call us.

Baptism Coming SOON!

Classes will be offered in January.
If you desire to be baptized, please
contact the Pastor or Church Office.

Gayle S. Joyner Scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 school year are now available.

PLEASE NOTE: Applications due by the 4th Friday in February.

See the Bethany web page (www.BethanyWaterford.org) for application or pick up a copy at the Welcome Center in the Lobby.



You are encouraged to take this list home and offer your personal prayers for the following individuals and families.

From December 24

- Prayers that Pamela Griffin's heart procedure on January 3 goes well.
- God is good! Thank you Bethany family for the cards, calls, visits, and especially prayers. It has been four months since my fall, and I came back home this week. – Mary Ann Stephens
- My friend Stephanie's dad died in a car accident the Monday before Christmas. Please pray for the Mason family. – Connie and Nate King
- Vonda will have hip surgery on December 28. – Jeff and Vonda Starick
- Prayers of healing for Charlotte Rowan. – Diane Seitz
- Peace. – Louise Aebersold
- Pray the Lord continues to work in our lives, for our country that more peace will prevail, and for Rhea Henderson. – Denny Henderson
- Prayers that the devil loses the addiction battle over my family, and they run to Jesus in every way for peace
- Please continue to pray for Paula Rooney

From December 17

- Prayers for Pastor James Bolin, former Bethany Pastor, who had complications from a tooth extraction that required a hospital stay and blood transfusion.—Louise Aebersold
- Prayers for our country. Thank you to God for all the good things happening in your name.

From December 10

- Connie King is stressed with a medical issue.—Staricks
- For my grandchildren, Trey, Mason, Emelia, for their personal struggles.—Dianne Henderson
- Ed has lung cancer; waiting for treatment.—Diane Seitz
- Pray for the people in Clarksville, TN who were in the path of several tornados. Our family is safe but have lost power.—Rooneys
- Restoration of faith in our country. Prayers for those who especially feel the pain of lost ones.
- Praying to God for a good Christmas, great provision and success in job interviews.—Roseline Akoni
- Great news on Dave's test results. Prayers are appreciated.—Niles
- For my good friend Peggy Beach.—Tim Patterson
- Continued prayers for Denny & Rhea on their MS journey.—P. Griffin
- I am confused and disillusioned with my current church and religion. I am an Adventist.—Marijo Huebel
- For Gene's cough—"get-gone!"—Sandy Lewis

Those Serving in the Military

Brian Faulkner	Aaron Parma	Joshua Stone
Jared Linson	Dominic Phillips	Austin Temperly
Ashley Mink	Max Rollison	

To add or update a current prayer request, please call the church office at (248) 681-2130

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On the Fringe of

CHRISTMAS!

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December 31, 2023

Worship Time :: Sunday 10 am

The Lord's Day 10-11:30 am December 31, 2023

Welcome and Prayer	
Praise Songs	<i>What A Glorious Night</i> <i>We Three Kings Of Orient Are</i> Hymn #185
Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible NT p.2)
Pastoral Prayer	
Offering & Special Music	<i>Make Room</i>
Sermon	On The Fringe—There was a STAR
Closing Song	<i>Go Tell It On The Mountain</i> Hymn # 151
Final Thoughts	
Announcements	



Scripture Reading for Sunday, January 7
Colossians 1:1-14

Coming Events

Dec 31	Coffee and Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Service 10 am NO Area 51 tonight
Jan 1	Happy New Year!
Jan 3	Whispering Woods Bible Study 10 am Praise Team rehearsal—Tech Team 6 pm Praise Team rehearsal—Vocalists 6:30 pm Kindle Kids 6:30 pm
Jan 7	Medical Emergency and Security Team meeting 8 am Coffee and Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Service 10 am Take down the Christmas decorations after worship Family Matters @ the Ericson's 5 pm Area 51—Youth Group 6 pm

OFFERING JESUS MORE IN 2024
Sundays at 10 AM in January

Medical Emergency and Security Committee

Our first meeting will be on Sunday, January 7 at 8 am, before the worship service. Anyone interested in this committee, please sign up at the Welcome Center in the Church Lobby.



Help us take down the Christmas decorations next Sunday

Please plan to stay and help as we take down and safely store our Christmas decorations. We will serve a light lunch after everything is packed away.

BIBLE BACKROADS
Six-Week Bible Study of the Book of Acts
Mondays 6 PM in January 2024.

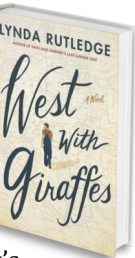
FAMILY MATTERS!
How she thinks | How he thinks
Sunday, January 7 at 5 pm

FAMILY MATTERS!
Combined **CHRISTMAS FLOP** Party
Potluck dinner and White Elephant gift exchange
Saturday, January 13, 6 PM in Fellowship Hall

Join Us for a *Hymn Sing*
January 14
(After the morning service)

Bethany Book Club—January

Our January book, *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge, is inspired by true events in 1938. This is a wonderful story that is part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story. *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, and the passing of time.



We hope you join us Friday, January 19 at 10 am in Bethany's Fellowship Hall for discussion and a light breakfast.

January Mission Focus—Sneek Peek

You Can Help Us Provide A Warm Beverage for Cold Hands
HOPE
HopeShelters.org

Hope Warming Center is Oakland County's only low-barrier overnight facility for homeless adults. They are open from 7 pm until 7 am providing dinner, triage healthcare, showers and access to resources that can be a pathway out of homelessness. They also provide a hot beverage and a place to warm-up in throughout the day.

Will you help us provide "A Warm Beverage for Cold Hands" by donating:

- Hot Chocolate (Individual packets)
- Cans of Coffee
- Hot Beverage Cups
- Warm Hats & Gloves for Adults
- Gently used winter coats and hoodies (suitable for people living on the streets)

A collection box to receive your donations will be placed in the Lobby next to the Food Shelf. Have a warm heart and help us put a warm beverage into the cold hands of someone in need of our love and compassion.

2023 Annual Report

All Church Officers, Team Leaders, and Committee Chairs please submit reports for the **ANNUAL BOOK OF REPORTS**, ready to publish, to office@bethanywaterford.org before **Sunday, JANUARY 28, 2024**. Please use Arial font, font size 12.

Attention!