January/February Upper Room devotional booklets and 2015 estimate of expenses, are available on the information Table in the Gathering Room next to the sanctuary.

Next Sunday we celebrate New Year communion in the pew. Mission envelopes will be available in support of holiday meals provided by the Palmyra Caring Cupboard. Pastor Lynch will preach on "Come Home" from Ephesians 2:1-10, Matthew 11:28-30.

Sub and pretzel sandwich orders may be made at the information table. Orders need be made by January 21 and pick up is January 29 from 11-12. Proceeds benefit Bethany Church in many ways.

A Flower Chart for 2015 has been posted on the bulletin board at the Railroad street entrance to Bethany. Please fill in the date(s) you desire to sponsor flowers in honor, celebration, memory of loved ones. First come, first serve.

"Thank you for all the Christmas gifts, cards, and goodies. Your kindness and generosity of support and prayers are appreciated so very much." In Christ's love, Sharon and Pastor John.

Attendance last Sunday: 95 Offering Last Sunday: \$ 2,162.00 Attendance last year: 91 Offering Needed Weekly: \$ 1,500.00

SERVING CHRIST AND OUR CONGREGATION

ORGANIST: Helen Lutz LAY LEADER: Steve Scipioni

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<u>10:30 AM</u>	CHRISTMAS SUNDAY	December 28, 2014
WELCOME		Pastor Lynch
CALL TO WORSHIP		Helen Lutz
*CAROL	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	# 534
*INVOCATION		Pastor Lynch
*CAROL	"There's a Song in the Air"	# 554
SPECIAL MUSIC	Braden and Jacob Dibeler, Kalin Scipioni	
MORNING PRAYER Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer THE OFFERTORY Presentation of God' *The Doxology *Dedication Prayer	's Tithe	Pastor Lynch Congregation Helen Lutz
*CAROL	"What Child Is This"	# 540
SCRIPTURE	John 3:16-17	page 94
MESSAGE	"Christmas Reminders"	Pastor Lynch
*CAROL	"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	# 550

*BENEDICTION Romans 15:13 Unison

"May the God of hope fill us with joy and peace, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen"

*POSTLUDE Helen Lutz

*We stand to honor Jesus Christ.

Good morning and Merry Christmas! Welcome to Bethany where God's word is honored, taught and proclaimed. Our mission is to glorify God by making-maturing-mobilizing enthusiastic disciples for Jesus Christ. Please sign the blue attendance pad and pass it along. Infant care and a toddler class are held downstairs during worship and Sunday School.

Units for the hearing-impaired are available. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

CD's of today's service are available for \$2.00. Please contact Karen in the church office.

Our extended Sunday School for children is called Kid Zone. Those up to sixth grade are welcome to go downstairs to Kid Zone or remain in the sanctuary for worship.

Serving today: **Sound System**: Dick Lasher, **Acolyte**: Samantha and Michelle Patrick, **Ushers**: Barry Smith, Tom Gussler, Richard Funck, Dick Lasher, **Organist**: Helen Lutz.

Prayer request cards are in the pew rack. Please place them in the offering plate knowing that Pastor Lynch and the Bethany prayer chain will pray over your joys and concerns. If you would like to activate the Bethany prayer chain please call Vicki Smith at 838-5665.

Prayer joys/concerns: 1) Healing mercies for Paul Finney, Freida and Ken Schaeffer, Joan Strait, Annette Floyd, Arlene Gable, Wendy Kling. 2) Our servicemen including David Floyd, Ben Derr, Mark Edmond, Michael Gesford, Jr., Jonathan Hartman, Keith Lanzer, Garrett Rhynalds, Chad Schell, Luke Scipioni. 3) For enjoyable and safe New Year celebrations.

- 4) That Bethany Church may grow in grace, membership, and service this coming year.
- 5) Blessings upon Jackson Drew Allen, Marilyn Allen's grandson, who was baptized here yesterday.

Our homebound person of the week is Annette Floyd. Please pray for Annette and sign the card in the rear of the sanctuary.