

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

Our outdoor manger scene will be taken down this Saturday at 8:00 AM. All help will be appreciated.

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.

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.

Next Sunday is Caring Cupboard Sunday. Pastor Lynch begins a sermon series on prayer.

#### LIVING PRAYER STUDY

Pastor Lynch will be leading a seven week study/sharing group on prayer, Monday evenings February 9 - March 23. The 6:30-7:30 meetings will be held at the home of Jenean Speck, 540 N. Lincoln Street, Apartment 4, Palmyra. Jenean is the Lay Leader at the Mountville Church that Pastor Lynch also serves. The group will be limited to 6 people from Bethany, and 6 people from Mountville.

Each participant is expected to be present for every session, is required daily to read in their workbook something about prayer, reflect, record in their workbook how the reading applies to them, and during each day follow the workbook suggestions for living out what they have learned about prayer. The first six who sign-up from each church will comprise the group. The sheet is on the Railroad Street entrance bulletin board.

Attendance last Sunday:	70	Offering Last Sunday:	\$2,116.00
Attendance last year:	77	Other Income Last Week:	\$ 523.91
		Total for the Week:	\$2,639.91
		Income Needed Weekly:	\$1,838.00



**BETHANY UNITED METHODIST**

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10:30 AM NEW YEAR SUNDAY January 4, 2015

WELCOME Pastor Lynch

\*NEW YEAR HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" # 196

\*INVOCATION Pastor Lynch

\*CHORUS "Father I Adore You " # 213

ANTHEM "Let There Be Peace On Earth" Choir

THE OFFERTORY Helen Lutz

Presentation of God's Tithe

\*The Doxology

\*Dedication Prayer

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:1-10, Matthew 11:28-30 page 192, 12

MESSAGE "Come Home" Pastor Lynch

\*PREPARATION HYMN "Softly and Tenderly " (vs. 1, 4) # 461

HOLY COMMUNION Insert

\*COMMITMENT HYMN "It Is Well With My Soul" # 381

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Lynch

\*POSTLUDE Helen Lutz

*\*We stand to honor Jesus Christ.*

*To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship, to all who pray and need a sanctuary, to all who sin and need a savior, to all who desire the more abundant life and need the Spirit of Jesus, to whosoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ says, "WELCOME."*

*Good morning and Happy New Year! 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.*

All who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior, are welcome to share in holy communion.

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.

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God by Cindy and Terry Patrick in celebration of their 36th wedding anniversary.

The rose buds on the altar are in celebration of the birth of twins Norah and Noah, born December 29 to parents Tori and Sean Brock.

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: **Communion Preparation:** Karen White, Janine Wimmer, Helen Lutz, **Sound System:** Barry Smith, **Acolyte:** Braden Dibeler, **Ushers:** Tim and Barb Laraia, Richard and Sue 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) That Bethany Church will grow in grace, membership and service this coming year. 2) Healing mercies for Paul Finney, Joan Strait, Annette Floyd, Wendy Kling. 3) Our servicemen. 4) Bethany Church leaders and officers.