

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST
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10:30 AM

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 6, 2015

WELCOME

Pastor Lynch

ADVENT WREATH

Joan and Larry Strait

*CAROL

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

546

*INVOCATION

Pastor Lynch

*AFFIRMATION

“I Believe in Christmas”

Congregation

Pastor: I believe in the spirit of Christmas, for it is the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose birth it celebrates;

People: I believe in the lights of Christmas, for they remind me of him who is the light of the world;

Pastor: I believe in the greenery of Christmas, for it symbolizes the eternal life of those in Christ;

People: I believe in giving gifts at Christmas, for it is in keeping with the greatest gift the world has ever known;

Pastor: I believe in being childlike at Christmas, for Jesus said we must become as children to enter the kingdom of heaven;

Unison: And I believe in the angels’ song about peace on earth among persons of good will, for when my will is good, as it is at Christmas, I feel a peace and love in my heart that is unlike anything else in all the world. It has to be the peace and love of God! Amen.

*CHORUS

“O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!”

Congregation

MORNING PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Lynch
Insert

THE OFFERTORY Audrey Scipioni
Presentation of God's Tithe
*The Doxology
*Dedication Prayer

*CAROL "There's a Song in the Air" # 554

SCRIPTURE Romans 5:1-8, 6:22-23 Miranda Schell

MESSAGE "What Will You Find at Christmas" Pastor Lynch

*CAROL "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" # 543

*BENEDICTION Pastor Lynch

*POSTLUDE Audrey Scipioni

Good morning and 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. You can also listen to the service through the church's web site bethanyumcpalmyra.org.

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:** Barry Smith, **Acolyte:** Michelle and Samantha Patrick, **Ushers:** Miranda and Seth Schell, Jill and Richard Funck, **Organist:** Audrey Scipioni.

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 Helen Lutz, Jim Walker, Lewis Brough. 2) Military Chaplains and our servicemen. 3) Our deer hunters. 4) Birthday blessings this week to Chad Schell and Kelly Finney.

Our homebound persons of the week is Sandy Long. Please pray for Sandy and sign the card in the rear of the social hall.

Stop by the information table in the Gathering Room and pick up a list of homebound folks who would enjoy receiving Christmas cards.

Would you like to sing in a Christmas Eve Choir? Helen Lutz will be holding brief practices prior to morning worship at 10:15 on Sunday December 6, 13, 20.

Sub and pretzel sandwiches orders can be made at the information table. Orders need be made by Wednesday December 9 and pick up is Thursday December 14. Proceeds benefit Bethany Church.

A Bethany Christmas party will be enjoyed this Sunday, December 13 at 6:30 in the social hall. If you can sing, play an instrument, have a Christmas poem/reading or a joke to share, please sign up to do so on the information table in the Gathering Room. The evening will include a carol sing and refreshments. Please bring a gift for the Caring Cupboard to place in the manger.
~ Selma Patrick, Children's Coordinator

The December church newsletter can be read online at bethanyumcpalmyra.org or you may pick up a printed copy on the information table.

Next Sunday is Caring Cupboard Sunday. Pastor Lynch will preach on "Hurting-Happy-Hopeful" from Isaiah 11:1-6 and Romans 15:12-13. Michelle and Samantha Patrick will sing.

The church office will be open for regular hours, 8-10, Tuesday and Thursday.

The Mitten Tree is being decorated with mittens, hats, gloves and scarves to be a blessing to those in need through the Ronald McDonald House. Next Sunday is the last Sunday to bring in items. Thank you to the Loyal Workers for helping us reach out to our needful neighbors.

SERVING CHRIST AND OUR CONGREGATION

ORGANIST: *Audrey Scipioni*

ASSISANT: *Helen Lutz*

NURSERY CARE: *Vicki Smith*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: *Selma Patrick*

TRUSTEES: *Don Brubaker, Ed Kaylor*

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANT: *Gary Nicholson*

MISSIONARIES: *Carrie Callahan, China and Rachel Nicholson, Germany*

LAY LEADER: *Steve Scipioni*

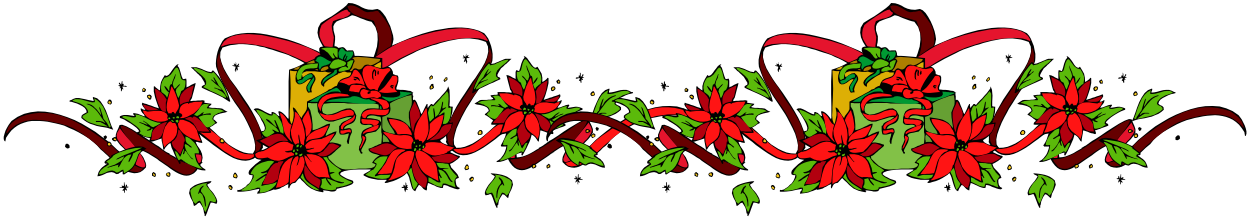
SUNBEAM CHOIR: *Bethany Oleyniczak*

ADMIN. COUNCIL: *Cindy Anspach*

CHURCH SECRETARY: *Karen Neidigh*

CUSTODIAN: *Beverly Bell*

PASTOR: *John Lynch (298-1308)*



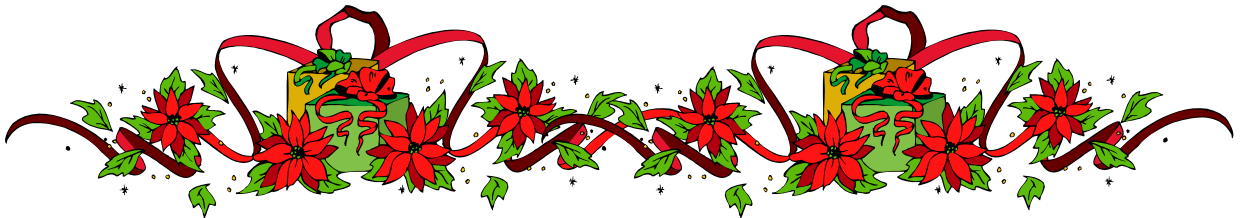
POINSETTAS

You are invited to help decorate our church for Christmas by contributing red poinsettias in honor or in loving memory of your loved ones. Please fill out this form, and place it in an envelope with \$8.00, put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Sunday December 13.

Your Name(s) _____

In Honor of _____

In Loving Memory of _____



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Sung to the tune "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear")

**Our Father, Lord on Heav'n's high throne,
Most holy be Your name.**

**Your kingdom come. Your will be done
On earth-in heav'n the same.**

Give us this day the food we need;

Forgiven may we be;

Into temptation do not lead;'

From evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom; unto You

In grateful love we bow;

And Yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view

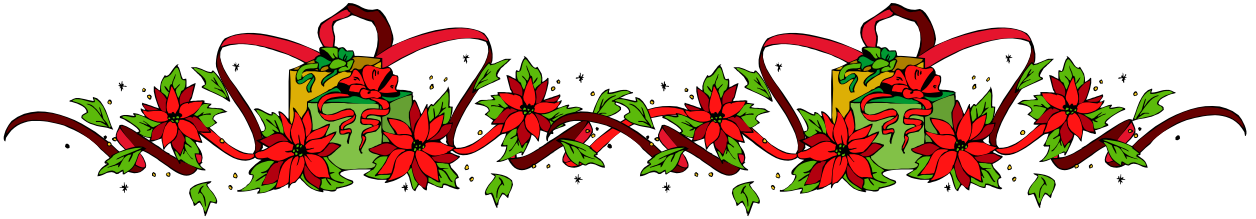
Your mighty presence now.

The glory Yours; Your praise be sung'

By angel hosts and men

In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue

Forevermore! Amen.



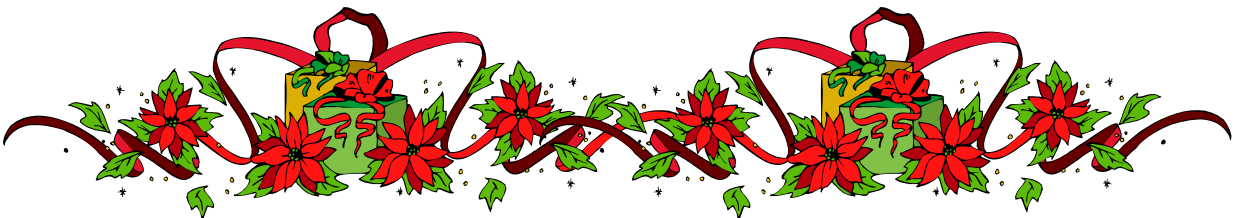
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