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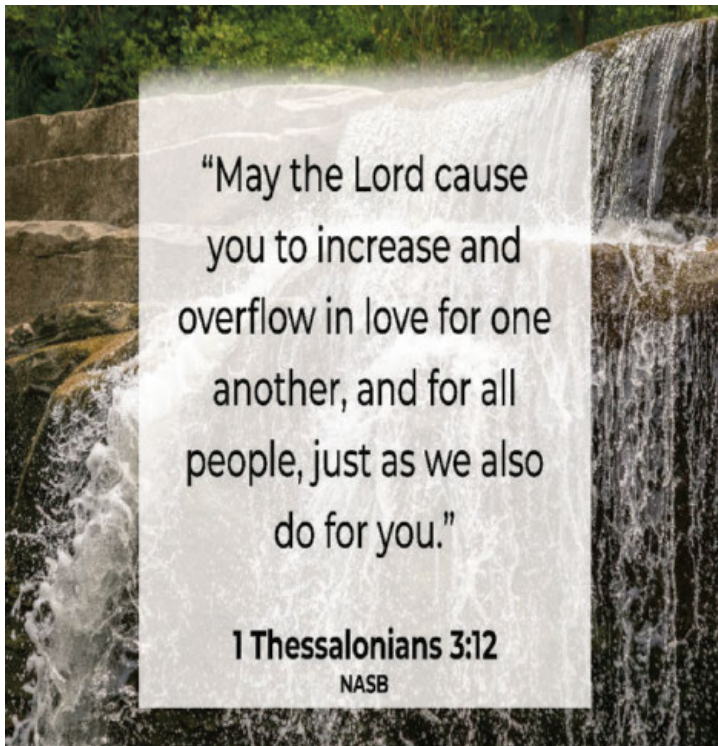
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**WORSHIP WITH US
SUNDAYS AT 10:30A
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CHICAGO FACEBOOK PAGE OR ON OUR
WEBSITE**

www.bethanyunion.com

From the PC of PL,

Greeting and salutations and all that good stuff! I am writing to wish you and us a wonderful, healthy, Lord-honoring New Year in 2022! 2022 sounds like a good year. We can lean into making our desires and efforts make it so. I hope we will.

Although we go into yet another calendar year with COVID on the scene, let us pray and continue to hope that we will somehow get beyond a pandemic level and create some kind of 'new normal' for ourselves and God's Creation. It would be great to have Fellowship hour again and launch our new Bible studies and classes and hold our missed events. I sure hope it will be so. Whatever may be in store for us, we know we have the Good Lord in our lives, and with Him, we have enough.

On Monday, January 10, 2021, we have called a Congregational Meeting at 6:30 pm. Please wear masks and observe the six-foot distancing suggestion. We will be proposing and voting on how we will do the Lord's work this coming year administratively during this meeting. Since our last gathering and discussion, another idea has arisen that seems to make lots of sense and keeps our polity according to our Constitution intact. We will propose that on a given night (like the Second Monday of each month) at 6:30 pm, we will have a called and scheduled Congregational meeting that will take care of all the administrative needs of the Church. So, each and every member of the Congregation is authorized and invited to attend. We will set a quorum number needed to have an official meeting at ten active members in good standing as the minimum number needed.

We believe this will work and stays true to our Constitution and congregational polity and will be able to serve the Church well. For the past couple of years, we have been flying by the COVID seat of our pants, attempting to just maintain during this pandemic. Maintenance alone is not the Lord's will for His Church. We need to launch out and make a significant difference in His name according to His will. More so now than ever!

We hope those of you who are still waiting to return to the site for in-person Sunday morning worship will find your way back to us in this coming year. We need you, and we all need the gathering of Christ's body. Be safe, sound, and confident in the Lord Christ.

Pastor Larry Cameron/12th Seated Pastor of Bethany Union

Make sure to "like" us on Facebook and share often with your peeps by passing along the memes and postings we put up. This helps us spread the Good News! Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and on our website

www.bethanyunion.com





PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR...

January 1, 2022 Happy 2022! New Year's Day!

January 2, 2022 First Sunday in the New Year to worship our God.
Holy Communion Served.

January 6, 2022 Epiphany

January 9, 2022 Sunday, Sunday, Sunday! The Baptism of our Lord

January 10, 2022 6:30p Pandemic Congregation Meeting

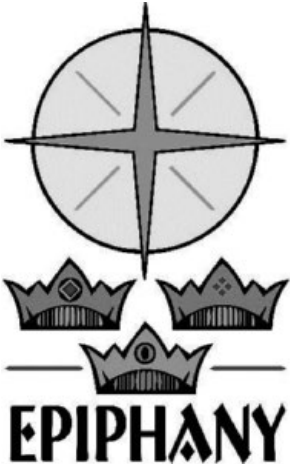
January 16, 2022 Sunday, Sunday, Sunday! Religious Freedom Day

January 17, 2022 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Day

January 18-25, 2022 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

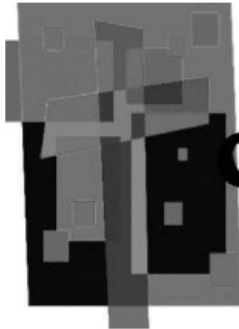
January 23, 2022 Sunday, Sunday, Sunday!

January 30, 2022 Sunday, Sunday, Sunday! Annual Reports will be distributed.



EPIPHANY

January 10th
6:30p



**Pandemic
Congregation
Meeting**

January 16th



Religious Freedom Day

January 9th

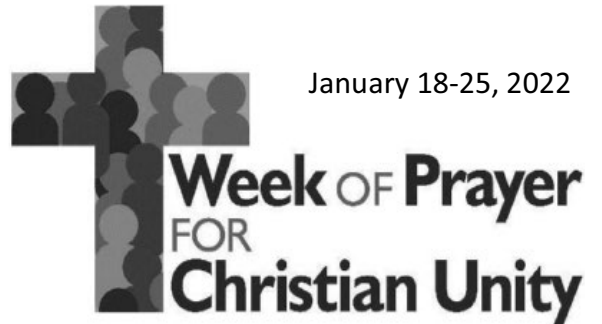


**BAPTISM
OF THE
LORD**



MLK DAY—January 17th

January 18-25, 2022



**Week OF Prayer
FOR
Christian Unity**

Gentle People of Bethany Union,

On Monday, January 10, 2022, at 6:30p, we will have our first Pandemic Congregation Meeting to discuss business matters on behalf of our Church. The Pandemic Congregation Meeting will be a monthly recurring meeting on the first Monday of each month (starting with February) during the pandemic. The meetings will be open to any member who wants to meet and discuss/vote on church business. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Larry or me.

During this initial meeting, we will propose the following structure.

1. A quorum of at least ten active church members for each monthly meeting is required
2. Any member in good standing can attend and vote per our Constitution.
3. Meeting will discuss all pertinent business on behalf of the Church that needs to be reviewed and voted on.

We believe this is the best possible solution to our polity per our Constitution and remains steadfast and true to our historic practice as outlined in our Constitution at this time. We are open to scrutiny and suggestions if any member has some. Again, please talk with Mario or Pastor Larry.

In Love and Peace,
Mario Butler-Del Rio
BUCOC Council Chair

From House Chair – Chuck Diddia

New Windows in 2nd Floor Educational Building – Rooms 15 -16

Many years ago, this room was our Youth Room; today, it is used by JETY Activity Center. The room is warm and draft-free. The old windows were 65 years old and non-functional. The work was done by P. K. Construction, who also replaced the faucet in the Howe House Kitchen.



Carillon Chimes Out for Repair

If you hadn't noticed, our Carillon Chimes were not working and had to be sent to the manufacturer for repair. This is an especially bad time since it is during the holiday season when we flood the neighborhood with the sounds of Christmas. We often receive comments from neighbors and others so appreciative of the music.

I worked with ChimeMaster, but we could not resolve the problem over the phone, and the carillon unit had to be sent to ChimeMaster for testing and, hopefully, repair. It was sent out on 12/13, so now we're waiting for an update. If the unit can be fixed will have it done, but if not, I'm recommending that the carillon be replaced as our ministry to the community. More to come.



- 3rd -Kimberly Diddia
- 10th- Jennifer (Syler) Taylor
- 11th- Lukka Frankie Jean Gandara 3
- 12th - Lisa Butler-Del Rio
- 13th - Jan Winski
- 15th - Pastor Larry
- 15th – Nicole Guevera
- 27th - Nancy Brown
- 28th - Sheila Reid
- 31st - Betty R Baugh



Bethany Union is grateful to those who supported us during 2021, including but not limited to those listed here. Please continue to use the local businesses in 2022 and tell them Bethany Union Church sent you.

We extend a special debt of gratitude to Pastor Larry who saw us through the ups and downs of COVID; Mario Butler-Del Rio, Council Chair; Andrew Greene, Trustee Chair; Tom Winski, Church Life Chair; Chuck Diddia, Treasurer and House Committee Chair; Tom Winski, Church Life Chair; and Music Director, David Zizic, who kept us afloat. A special thanks to Arlene Williams for securing our Payroll Protection Free Loan.

Bethany Union Church Want Ads

A new feature of our Unifier! Bethany Union Church always needs your help or a referral; some standing, some seasonal, some unexpected. Someone from the church will be able to help you get started. We do everything COVID safe! This year we need:

- Weekly - members, friends, and neighbors, fill our pews for Worship!
- Twice a week - The Church Boiler Maintenance - share it with someone if you can't commit to two days - we can set up the schedule based on your availability - currently done on Tuesday & Friday.
- Monthly - Unifier mailing - fold, label, stamp, and get them to the post office. Everything is provided; just need the people power. They need to reach people by the 1st Sunday of the month.
- In the fall - Raking the leaves - rakes & bags provided.



THE POINSETTIAS GRACING OUR SANCTUARY

IN MEMORY OF

Jane & Max Achtenberg; Ora & Charles Fortmiller by Len Achtenberg

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Family and 2020 by the Butler-Del Rio/ Charles Family

My parents, Paula & Roger Cameron by Pastor Larry

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Joe Hale by Betsie Hale

Claire, Ed & Ed, Jr. Klein by the Klein Family

Christine Linnerud by Lory & Mark Linnerud

Bette & Bud Livesey; Lillie May & Ancil Livesey by Steven Livesey

Charlotte & Don McGarry by Gail & John Murchison

Willard K, Margaret K, Kelly Ann Nelson by John Nelson

Eduardo Marmolejo by Rafael Ramirez, Jr.

William Sandstrom, by Marie Sandstrom

Earl Syler by The Syler & Taylor Families

The Couser-Mains-Tedesco Family by Dorothy Tedesco

Heather Ann Farrell & Jarvis White by Monica White

The Boyens, Heniff, & Winski Grandparents by Jan & Tom Winski



IN HONOR OF

The Brooks-Orellana-Discua Family by Aracely & John Brooks

All the Saints of Bethany Union Church by Pastor Larry

Nancy & Chuck Diddia by the Diddia Children, Grandchildren, & Great Grandson, Lucas

1st Great Grandchild, Lucas Franchetti by Nancy & Chuck Diddia

Friends & Family by Elaine & Rol Dix

My Children by Betsie Hale

Nancy Brown by Gail & John Murchison

Infants of 2021: Winnie, Caden Ezra, Caden John, Noah, & Lucas Brooks by the Peterson Family

Linda Joy Mains; Viola & Luther Couser

(Poinsettia Plants reserved may be taken after the Christmas Eve Service)

BETHANY UNION CHURCH BROADENS ITS COMMUNITY TIES IN 2022

Bethany Union Church is proud to share space with the TEECH Foundation, The Music Scene, My Crafty Table, and JETY Activity Center. We also have some neighbors who look to Bethany Union to support their programs, whether it's in prayer, space, or getting their message out. In 2022, we have some great opportunities to broaden our scope.

- **Envision Unlimited, Inc., Foster Care Program** focuses on the wellness of each child and supports foster families in providing a safe, nurturing environment. They not only use the parking lot but use space for training.
- **Bookish Literacy Center LLC** was launched in 2021 as a tutoring and education consulting business to provide enrichment and intervention supports for children during the national health pandemic. In 2022, August Smith, the founder, and owner, in addition to providing reading and learning programs for our youth, is looking for opportunities to speak to audiences, particularly people associated with youth. She will talk about the importance of literacy in our lives and how circumstances, especially in our current lives, can affect literacy and foster and develop it in children.
- **Snapology** is the premier STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) education enrichment program. Classes, camps, workshops, clinics, birthday parties, private events, coding, robotics. They will begin Saturday sessions in January 2022.
www.snapology.com/location/evergreenpark
- **Bodied by Nature** host, Alexis Scott, will host two fitness classes beginning in 2022; Tuesday at 5p for children and Friday at 5p for adults. See registration information at www.bodiedbynature.com



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