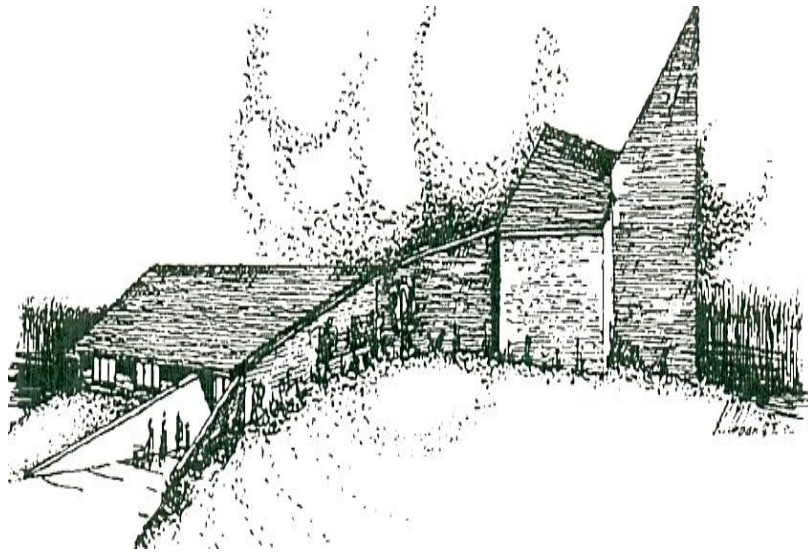


# Bethany Church of God

**PRAISE and WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

Sunday, November 24, 2024



## Welcome Home to God's House!

Come, rediscover, and find your place in a community of believers.  
Come and Be Blessed!

### CALL to WORSHIP

“Open Up The Heavens”

### WELCOME and GREETINGS

### A TIME of WORSHIP and PRAISE

“Holy Is The Lord”

“I Speak Jesus”

### A TIME of PRAYER

### MESSAGE

Pastor James Matt

“We Give Thanks!”

### SONG of RESPONSE

“Your Name Is Power”

### CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION

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**MESSAGE NOTES**

**Scriptures**

John 18:33-37

Revelations 1:4-8

**Giving Thanks is not About What – But Whom** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Will Our Conversations be Earthly or Eternal?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Stick to the Truth – And Give Thanks** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Finally, Let Us Seek to Serve Others** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Next Sunday – First Sunday of Advent – The Candle of Hope  
“Those Who Wait With Hope”**

Read Psalm 72:1-15



**CHALLENGE for the WEEK**

The Challenge for this week:

**GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES!**



**THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES**

**Today**

- 12:30 p.m.** “Hanging of the Greens”
- 8:00 p.m.** AA Meeting

**Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**No Dinner or Bible Study  
this week due to the Holiday!**

**Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>– First Sunday of Advent – Communion Sunday**

- 9:15 a.m.** Contemporary Praise and Worship Celebration
- 11:00 a.m.** Traditional Praise and Worship Celebration
- 8:00 p.m.** AA Meeting



**Our Vision:**

Our prayer is that we are a faithful, loving people who are seeking to grow in Christ and thereby affect our world.

**Our Purpose:**

To Know and Share Christ



## CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

### “HANGING OF THE GREENS”

Please plan to join us as we decorate and prepare the Church for Advent and the Christmas Season following the 11 a.m. Morning Worship **TODAY!** Lunch will be provided as we decorate the Church. Come and share in preparing for this special season! It's a fun time decorating, singing carols and eating Christmas cookies too!

### POINSETTIAS

The ordering date has been extended through today! Please see the order form in the bulletin for information on ordering Poinsettias for the upcoming Advent Season. **TODAY WILL BE THE LAST DAY TO ORDER!**

### ADVENT MEDITATION JOURNALS

Each year we receive Advent Meditation Journals to help us prepare for the Christmas season. They are available starting today, you can pick yours up at the Welcome Center, or you can contact the Church office to receive yours. One per family please – thank you.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY

**We will be taking a break this week from gathering due to the holiday.**

Please plan to join us for Dinner and Bible Study the following **Wednesday** evening **December 4<sup>th</sup>** at **5:00 p.m.** for **dinner** and **6:00 p.m.** for **Bible Study**.

### THE PANTRY

The Pantry is an on-going project here at the church. We can help those in need because of your donations. We welcome the donations of non-perishable food items (**Please Remember to Check Expiration Dates!**), personal toiletry items, Kleenex, paper towels and toilet paper at any time for this Community Outreach.

### STAYING CONNECTED!

Whether you are not feeling well, travelling, working, or just getting up late, it is important to stay connected to your Church family! You can still be a part of everything by connecting with us on Facebook or our website, [bethanychurchofgod.org](http://bethanychurchofgod.org). You can watch Sunday Morning Worship, Wednesday night Bible Study or keep up to date on all things Bethany! It is a wonderful way to stay connected with us when you can't be here!

### SPEED LIMIT DRIVING SCHOOL

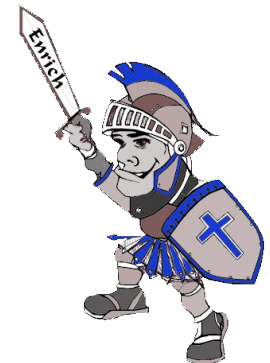
This is a Driving School in the Sterling Heights Community that will be meeting here at Bethany during the week. If you know of someone who is ready to start driving, please encourage them to gather more information about this school. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center. For more information, you can call (586) 339-5899 or see Sal Sinawi.

## CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

### GIVING TREE

This is an opportunity to get a head start! Our Annual **Giving Tree** will be up and ready for donations on the first Sunday of Advent, **December 1<sup>st</sup>!** This year we will be helping to support the work of **Enrich Christian Homeschool Co-Op**. **They currently serve 95 families and have over 275 students!** Enrich Christian Homeschool Association, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) corporation, and exists to help the homeschool family. They are made up of independent Christian homeschooling families and their mission is to provide a stimulating and educational enrichment experience for children in grades K-12, focusing on godly learning as a supplement to their home education experience. They do this by offering a wide range of subjects utilizing their resources at a minimal cost to the students. Children learn in a group setting with favorable teacher/student ratios maximizing the child's learning experience. Parents are expected to participate as well, Enrich is not a drop-off program, parents must stay and be committed to the program. They also provide a healthy nursery and preschool for younger siblings who are not yet old enough to attend the Enrich classes. They run two sessions per year, Fall and Spring, and they strive to vary the offerings and keep most of the classes low-cost so that all families have an opportunity to participate. Their goal is to provide a positive, Christian environment for the children to spend time with friends and learn exciting new things. They want to help balance the academics with fun meaningful relationships for everyone in the family – even the parents! They help support learning as they gather every week, and they also help with support for families in need due to illness and other situations. They genuinely believe in being the body of Christ to others. As such, they need a variety of items. Please consider picking up a **Giving Tree Tag** at the Welcome Center and help us be the hands and feet of Jesus this Advent season! We will be collecting items through **December 29<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please see Beth Matt or give her a call at (248) 542-9451. Thanks for helping to bless others!

ENRICH



**“For in Him you have been enriched in every way; in all your speaking and in all your knowledge.” 1 Corinthians 1:5**

## PRAISE and PRAYER CONCERNS

### Praises

Our Many Blessings!

Preparing for Advent!

### Prayer Concerns

Pastor Jim, Pastors, and Church Leaders  
Church Health – Local, Regional, National  
World Health

Disaster, Homeless & Violence Victims  
Fire, Police, EMT & Military Personnel  
Healthcare and Essential Workers  
Henry Ford II High School and Students  
Our Country, Communities & Their Leaders  
MALU – Ministers and Laity United  
All Schools and Students  
Speed Limit Driving School & Students

Mary Bader

Dave & Lisa Birtles

Patricia Brady

Judy Brecht

Saunja Caddell

Reenu Chacko

Kristi Cross

Rob DiGiovanni

Josie Gregory

Jean & Gary Hill

Darla Jackson

Louie & Suzanne Johnston

Nolan Lockhart

Sam, Nicole, Jeremiah & Riley Matt

Deanna Morian

Earlene Naugle

Wade Owens

Butch Patrico

Charlotte Richards

Ralph & Evelyn Schultz

Evannah Stanley

Doris Warren

Shirley White

Linda Zavitz

Janine Barrett

Chris & Nedra Bork

Jackie Brecht

Lee Burbidge

Larry Carrico

Thomas Collins

John Dzbanski

Kelle Garver

Jack & Debbie Harper

Mary Howard

Evelyn Johnson

DeBorah Lindsey

Roxann Lockhart

Yvonne Martin

Dave & Rita Nakkula

Niki Nome

James Pardon

Tony Purgatore

Barb Richardson

Harold Selvidge Family

Scott Stephens

Cathy White

Mark Wilson

Unspoken Requests

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's that time again! Would you like to purchase a Poinsettia to beautify our Sanctuary as we glorify God and celebrate

His Son's birthday this Christmas Season?

All flowers will be in 6.5" pots and the cost is \$12 per pot.

You may take your Poinsettias home with you any time after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration.

**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> is the last day to order!**

Name(s)

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Yes, I/we will donate # \_\_\_\_\_ Red Poinsettia

Yes, I/we will donate # \_\_\_\_\_ White Poinsettia

In Celebration of:

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In Honor of:

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In Memory of:

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Please return this form with your payment. You may also call the Church office to place your order and make payment arrangements. Thank you!



Please fill out a Prayer slip or contact Pastor Jim or the Church Office if you need a Praise or Prayer Concern listed above.



Our Stewardship

November 17, 2024

To fulfill our General Budget, an average weekly offering is necessary.  
Please tithe in faith and as your response to God's blessings.

General Tithes .....	\$ 4,742.06
Weekly Need .....	\$ 2,153.00
YTD Giving .....	\$81,370.04
YTD Need .....	\$99,038.00



# GIVE

**T**hanks be to God for His  
incredible gift! 2 Cor. 9:15

Enter **H**is gates with thanksgiving and  
his courts with praise. Psalm 100:4

**A**scribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Psalm 29:1

And **N**ow we thank you, our God, and  
praise your glorious name. 1 Chron. 29:13

Let us **K**neel before the Lord our Maker.  
Psalm 95:6

**S**ing to the Lord with thanksgiving,  
sing praises to our God. Psalm 147:7

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