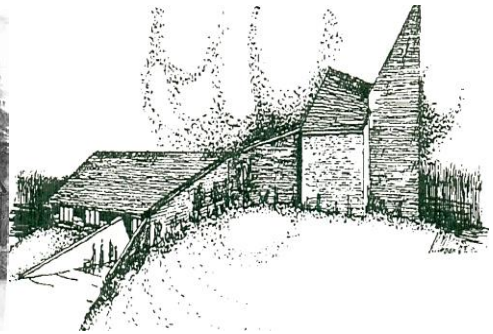
Hope Crossing and Bethany Church of God





Two Churches – One Faith
United through God

Welcome Home to God's House!

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PRAISE and WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 22, 2026

CALL to WORSHIP and PRAISE

"Revelation Song"

PRAYER of WELCOME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME of PRAISE

"No Longer Slaves"
"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"
"Thank You, Lord"

A TIME of PRAYER

MESSAGE Pastor James Matt

"Power in Thanksgiving"

SONG of RESPONSE

"Blessed Be the Name of the Lord"

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION



MESSAGE NOTES

Scriptures

Ephesians 1:15-23

Thanksgiving – Fueled by Faith and Love _____

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Thanksgiving – Open the Door for a Deeper Wisdom _____

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Thanksgiving – Anchors Us in a Hope and Inheritance _____

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Thanksgiving – Connects Us to Christ and His Power _____

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Next Sunday – First Sunday in Advent

"Jesus Is The Undefeated Light"

Read John 1:5

CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

GIVE GOD PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING IN ALL THINGS!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today

12:30 p.m. "Hanging of the Greens"
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting @ Bethany

Wednesday, November 25th

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

Thursday, November 26th

Happy Thanksgiving!

Saturday November 28th

10:00 a.m. Warrior Women in Christ @ Chippewa Valley CoG

Sunday, November 29th – First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise and Worship Celebration @ Bethany CoG
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School @ Hope Crossing
11:00 a.m. Traditional/Blended Praise & Worship Celebration @ Hope Crossing
3:30 p.m. 5th Sunday Unity Service @ Farmington Hills Church of God
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting @ Bethany

CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

"HANGING OF THE GREENS" – TODAY!
Please join us for this fun tradition as we decorate and prepare Hope Crossing for Advent and the Christmas Season following the 11 a.m. Worship **TODAY**! Lunch will be provided as we decorate the Church. Please stay and share in preparing for this special season! It's a fun time of decorating, listening to carols and eating Christmas cookies too!

POINSETTIAS
We will be ordering Poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuaries for both Hope Crossing and Bethany this year. This is a tradition that Bethany has done in years past and we would like to share it with Hope Crossing this year! We hope everyone will be as excited as we are to decorate the churches! 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!**

SAMARITAN'S PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Thank you to everyone that participated in the Shoeboxes for children! You helped to share the Gospel story and some fun to make Christmas special for a child. Please see Denice Vitale if you still have any questions. Thanks for being a blessing!

THANK YOU!
Thank you to everyone that helped Wednesday evening with the decorating at Bethany! It wouldn't have been possible without your help! The church looks beautiful!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY
Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will be taking a break this week from gathering. Please enjoy the time with your family and plan to join us for Dinner and Bible Study the following Wednesday, December 2nd at 5:00 p.m. for dinner and 6:00 p.m. for Bible Study.

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 in the foyer, or you can contact the Church office to receive yours. One per family please – thank you.

WARRIOR WOMEN IN CHRIST
This Women's Life Group meets on the **2nd** and **4th Saturday** of the month at **10 a.m.** The next one is **Saturday, November 28th** and they meet at **Chippewa Valley Church**, 41411 Romeo Plank Rd., Clinton Township. Come join the fun!

CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

5th SUNDAY UNITY SERVICE
Abba's Daughters present a **5th Sunday Unity Service**. Join us as we come together as the body of Christ to worship the Lord on **Sunday, November 29th** at **3:30 p.m.** at **Farmington Hills Church of God**, 25717 Power Rd., Farmington Hills. The speaker for the event is Rev. Portia Davis-Mann. After the service, there will be a time of fellowship and light refreshments too.

SAVE! SAVE! SAVE!
Please save your **clean** empty 1-gallon milk and water jugs! We need clean gallon milk and water jugs (Please remove the lids!) to make luminaries for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration. You can place them in the box in the foyer at Hope Crossing or in the box by the Welcome Center at Bethany. Thanks!

MEN'S STOREHOUSE
This Men's group meets for fellowship opportunities and service projects. All men are invited to take part in this ministry! If you have questions about **Men's Storehouse**, and when they meet, contact Glenn Hartshorn at (248) 318-3020.

THE PANTRY
The Pantry is an on-going project at Bethany. 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 for this Community Outreach. **Donations can be made on Wednesday evenings!** If you know of someone who is in need, please contact Pastor Jim or the Church office! Thank you for helping with 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 one of our websites, bethanychurchofgod.org, hopecrossing.church or on Facebook. You can watch Sunday Morning Worships, Wednesday night Bible Study and keep up to date on all the things that are happening! It is a wonderful way to stay connected when you can't be here!

SPEED LIMIT DRIVING SCHOOL
This is a Driving School in the Sterling Heights Community that meets at **Bethany CoG** 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 in the foyer. For more information, please call Sal Sinawi at (586) 339-5899.

GIVING TREE

Our Annual **Giving Tree** will be up and ready for donations on the first Sunday of Advent, **November 29th**! This year we will be helping to support the work of the **Macomb Foster Closet!** They are an all-volunteer nonprofit 501c3 organization providing much-needed clothing and essential items free to children in foster care and the amazing families that care for them. Throughout the year they also provide additional services such as school backpacks with items needed for school, birthday party bags, Easter baskets, and holiday gifts. We will be helping to support their ongoing need of personal items by collecting **FULL-SIZE TOILETRIES**. The needed items are listed below, and a list is also available at the Welcome Center at Bethany or in the foyer at Hope Crossing. **We will be collecting items through Sunday, January 3, 2027.** You can drop off your donation at either Hope Crossing on Sunday mornings or at Bethany on Wednesday evenings. If you have any questions, please see Beth Matt or give her a call at (248) 542-9451. Thank you for helping to bless others this Christmas season!



We will be helping the Macomb Foster Closet this year.
Please be in prayer about how you can make a difference
for this local ministry during the Christmas season and
thanks for helping with this Community Outreach!

Listed below are the **FULL-SIZE TOILETRY** items that they need:

Body wash/soap	**shampoo**
Conditioner	**Q-tips**
lip balm	**new combs & hairbrushes**
new toiletry bags	**kids' toothpaste**
kid's toothbrushes	**baby lotion**
diaper rash cream	**baby shampoo/wash**
deodorant	**lice kits**

Thank you!

PRAISE and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises

God's Never-Ending Blessings! Preparing for Advent!
Judy B. Jean C. Dave B.
Gideon H.

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 – **M**inisters **a**nd **L**aity **U**nited
All Schools and Students
Speed Limit Driving School & Students
Detroit House of Recovery

Gino	Margit A.	Maria
Marsha	Rose	Simon
Jack A.	Ken A.	Chad B.
Chris & Nedra B.	Dave B.	Debbie B.
Jackie B.	Judy B.	Megan B.
Jean C.	Mason C.	Pam D.
Josie G.	Allison H.	Dawn H.
Gary & Jean H.	Jack & Debbie H.	J. Keith & Joey H.
Jason H.	Dr. Suzanne H.	Louie J.
Roxann L.	Jennifer M.	Dave & Rita N.
Sherry N.	Tim N.	Tony N.
Cherie P.	Gasper P.	Barb R.
Charlotte R.	Chuck R.	Judith S.
Cathy W.	Shirley W.	Evelyn W.
Linda Z.	Unspoken Requests	



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's that time again! Would you like to purchase a Poinsettia to beautify our Sanctuary at Hope Crossing or at Bethany 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. (Same price as last year!)
You may take your Poinsettias home with you any time after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration.

Please place your order by Sunday, November 22nd

Name (who is ordering)

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Yes, I/we will donate # _____ Red Poinsettia
Yes, I/we will donate # _____ White Poinsettia

Please fill in below the name of who, and how, you would like to remember them:

In Celebration of:

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In Honor of:

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In Memory of:

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Please circle one: Order is for Hope Crossing Order is for Bethany

Payment is due with your order, please return this form with it. You may also call the Church office to place your order and make payment arrangements. Thank you!



Our Stewardship – Bethany CoG — November 15, 2026

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	$	1,479.73
Weekly Need	$	2,019.23
YTD Giving	$	62,471.42
YTD Need	$	92,884.58

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