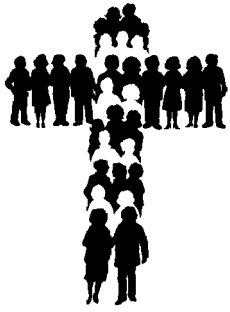


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all of these things around in her head.” Somehow, I find that more comforting as we close out 2021. We see from our perspective now, that God was with Mary leading and guiding. Even in our changing and challenging world today, Jesus is still born on Christmas, and God is still with us. I am deeply grateful to be called to walk this journey with you in this time. God is faithful; I see that in you and your faithfulness and in your continued generosity toward the ministry at Bethlehem. God’s peace in the new year. May 2022 bring healing, deep connection, and much joy.

Pastor Carol

BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE

Church World Service gives the blankets to families fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster or the strain of poverty and more. Special envelopes will be available in the Narthex, during the month of February, for your donations. A gift of \$10.00 provides a sturdy, comforting blanket to those in need. Thank you for your support which provides warmth, hope and care during cold and trying times.

Service Committee



Dear Bethlehem Family,

I have enjoyed time this week after Christmas resting and reflecting on

our celebration of the birth of our Lord as well as on this anniversary year at Bethlehem. Challenging, joyful, heartbreaking, fearful, encouraging, inspiring, creative, and courageous are all descriptive words that bounce around my head as I ponder these days.

I used to see Mary the mother of Jesus as passively “pondering” the circumstances around the birth of Jesus. I imagined her sitting calmly while trusting in the power of God on display. But the Greek word translated as “she pondered these things” when the angel first called her “favored” and again when the shepherds called her son “Savior” might be a little more like head spinning ☺. Literally she “threw

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 James Massa
- 02 Clarence Wittenstrom
Connie Uzzell
- 04 Charles Edwards
- 05 Vivian Peck
Valerie Mette
- 06 Max Anderson
Julissa Gomez
- 07 Kim Lynn
- 13 Jennifer Eberdt
- 16 Lori Anderson
- 17 Jackie Gordon
- 18 Jeanne Hergert
- 19 Timothy Canham
Derrick Warren
- 29 Jerry Drommerhausen
Elyssa Shroder
- 30 Wilma Peterson
Eli Richoz-Latigo

BETHLEHEM'S GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Below is the action report of our giving with dollar amounts for November and YTD.

2021	November	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Receipts to Gen. Oper. Fund	\$15,300.90	\$164,977.57	\$171,789.75
Expenses	\$14,716.06	\$170,085.73	\$171,789.75
Total Receipts less Expenses	\$ 584.84	- \$5,108.16	\$ 0.00

Please remember your church with regular offering and special Christmas offerings as we catch up on our budgeted giving in December. All your gifts to Bethlehem are needed and so appreciated.

Property Trust Fund

2021	November	YTD
Contributions to Renovation	\$ 550.00	\$ 4,807.00
Contributions to Property Trust	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,648.00

Our Renovation loan balance for our building improvements is \$58,200.

Chery Peacock, Treasurer

HAT & MITTEN COLLECTION

The Service Committee will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves through January 9th, 2022. We will take all sizes, from children to adult and these will be delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center. What has been collected so far was delivered to the Crisis Center the week before Christmas. Now that winter seems to have finally arrived the need will be great.

Thank you, Bethlehem!

SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS

Socks are one of the most needed items for the Homeless community. The Service Committee will be collecting socks through **January 9th, 2022. We will collect both adult and children's sizes.**

We are grateful to Jennifer Korp for stepping up and taking on the duties of soup kitchen coordinator. We have, however lost a valuable volunteer as Joyce Ross can no longer serve. So, it would be great to have at least one other person to help out regularly for us to maintain the Bethlehem soup kitchen ministry. We start again in January and would love your help. Thank you.

Peggy Graham

Worship /Study Schedule**Sunday Services: 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.****In person or on Zoom/YouTubeLive****Call 1-312-626-6799****Meeting ID: 947 2112 9583****Password: 058733****Tuesday Bible Study 10 a.m.****Call 1-312-626-6799****Meeting: 852 4417 3785****Password: 387195****Wednesday Activities:****Call 1-312-626-6799****Meeting ID: 894 7503 5205****Password: 088632****Thursday Activities:****Call 1-312-626-6799****Meeting ID 95210094147****Password: 935958****Coming Events:****Sunday, January 9 and January 16 – normal schedule of worship****Sunday, January 23—One service at 10 a.m.**

Following the service, there will be the annual meeting for 2022. The budget for 2022 will be presented. Election to the boards is occurring. Annual report for 2021 will be available on Sunday, January 16.

Sunday, January 30 Celebration of our anniversary at 10 a.m.

Bishop Yehiel Curry will be the guest preacher.

Please pray for:

Our BLC members: Karen Allen, Julie Anderson, Tom Ayres, James Bacon, Karen Dingel, Fred Harnish, Karyn Lunsford, Kathra Naviaux, Ashley Ottaviano, Wilma Peterson, Shirley Pflederer, Dave Quick, Larry & Juanita Rohrssen, Sharon Williamson.

Homebound BLC members: Sigrid Barker, Kathy Lehman, Alan Lentz, Ellen Nelson, Vivian Peck, Mary Schalow

For friends and relatives: Paige Allen, Marian Anderson, Armando, Rudy Bivic, Cuca Cartagena, Linda Conn, Jessica Crampton, Ginny & Harry Datisman, Bob Drafall, Dale Durham, Kathi Fafendyk, Ed Fagre, Dennis Fagre, Kristen Forman, Michelle G, Robert Goers, Al Grantham, Reed Harnish, Maren Harnish, Jan Hornbostel, Jayme Hext, Ron Hyde, Vicki Kopecky, John Korp, Erik, Beth and Ryan Lindstedt, Jane Larson, Norma Lopez, David M, Janet Mayes, Charlotte Lee Miller, Belinda Mockler, Richard Osar, Sandy Patterson, Tom Peterson, Josh R, Irma Raddatz, Leslie Ross, Diane S, Debbie Sanders, Diane Scholinski, Cathy Selpien, Louise Tuma, Nancy Voross, Bruno Zaucha & family

Our men and women in the Armed Services:

Jason Patterson (nephew of Shirley Harnish)

Regular Sunday Worship Times**9 a.m. Traditional worship with Peg Youngren.****Masks required with social distancing****9 a.m. Youth group in the Loft.****10 a.m. Coffee in the Red Room****10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, led by Arturo Guevara. Masks required with social distancing**

Zoom and YouTube Live available for both services

tacklehunger.org

Souper Bowl of Caring/Tackle Hunger –

Sunday February 13, 2022

Souper Bowl of Caring/Tackle Hunger is making the Big Game into a nation-wide movement encouraging people to give locally and make an impact on hunger. Charities need our help now more than ever.

In 2021, there were 6,140 participants, \$5,328,520.79 collected, 100% given to 4,564 local charities.

Please consider supporting **All Peoples Interfaith Pantry**. Please make checks payable to the pantry. Mail it to church to be received by February 10 or donate to the soup pot at worship on Sunday, February 13. All donations will be tabulated and reported to Souper Bowl of Caring/Tackle Hunger on the day of Super Bowl.



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
FOOD DRIVE**

Did you know this? Cash donations are accepted and converted to eight pounds of food for each dollar received. That is correct, food pantries have a buying power of 8 to 1. **You can make a donation by visiting www.cityofelgin.org/1023/Martin-Luther-King-Jr-Events or writing a check payable to the City of Elgin and sending it to the MLK Committee, 150 Dexter Court, Elgin IL 60120L.**

Our distribution process will be the same as in prior years. Supporters are asked to collect canned goods from now until January 16, 2022. On Sunday, January 16, please bring the collected food to the Church of the Brethren's warehouse on Dundee Ave.
