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## **Thanksgiving Offering November 20th**

It's a wonderful way to help our members and others in need all year round. Your donations to the Thanksgiving Offering will fund the Pastor's Discretionary Account for the coming year. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is set up to allow the pastor to assist families and individuals in financial need, in a confidential manner. Our pastor

frequently receives requests for assistance with rent, utilities, food, transportation, medical needs, and children's expenses. Sometimes these requests come from families within the congregation; sometimes from the community at large. This fund allows him to assist individuals, on behalf of the church. Please help us to help others.

## **November Donation of the Month – Critical Greece Foodshelf Items**

This November we will be supporting the Greece Ecumenical Foodshelf with critical items. These include regular sizes of chunky soup, condensed chicken noodle soup, canned veggies and fruits, peanut butter, and mashed potato flakes. These can be placed in the shopping cart in the back entrance. C&GM will also provide \$600 for gift cards for Thanksgiving Day baskets. Bethany is such an important supporter of the Foodshelf. Thanks for donating!



## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Children Around the World Carol Service**

You and your family will definitely want to worship live and in person Sunday, December 18, 2022. Come join us for a "Christmas Around the World" carol service followed by an international pot-luck lunch, ornament craft and cookie decorating!

### **Bethany Mission Statement**

*We are a welcoming Christian family who worships God and nurtures spiritual growth through friendship, learning, music and serving others.*

## Pastor's Page:

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Dear Friends,

The Advent season is upon us. The word Advent means "Coming." During this time, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ child, the Son of God, the Prince of Peace. The Advent season is marked by the four Sundays before Christmas. We celebrate this season during our worship service, by lighting a new candle on our Advent wreath each week. The culmination of our celebration is on December 24<sup>th</sup>, when we light the fifth and final candle, the Christ candle, which celebrates God's greatest gift, the Christ Child.

During this busy season, we make every effort to prepare ourselves physically, by shopping for the perfect Christmas gift for friends and loved ones; decorating our homes and our Christmas trees; and getting ready for family reunions. Let us prepare ourselves spiritually by concentrating on the true meaning of Christmas. Let us focus our thoughts on the coming of a child, a babe lying in a manger, who would change the course of human events forever. Let us prepare ourselves by devoting one hour each week to the worship of our gracious God and open our hearts to Christ's coming.

Join our caring community each Sunday in Advent for worship, and for our spiritually uplifting Christmas Eve Worship Service at 7 pm. Then join us Christmas Day for worship at 10 am. Make this season the most joyous one ever! "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among all with whom God is pleased!"

Merry Christmas,

Dr. Bob Spratt

## With Our People

### With sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to the Anderson family at the passing of Catherine Anderson.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** At times, families or individuals may find they need pastoral support for various reasons ranging from a long-term matter or an emergency. In the event of a pastoral emergency, this can be sought by calling the church office (585) 663-3000 during normal business hours or after hours at (585) 496-4699. In addition, there are several members of the congregation that can be called on for support called Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. To receive support from a Stephen Minister contact Kim Bolinger at (585) 227-2540 or Wendy Watt (585) 415-2351.

### Per Capita Reminder

For those who have not yet submitted their 2022 per capita contribution, there is still time to send it in before the end of the year. The amount for 2022 is \$35.58 per member.

## Fiscal Focus

2022	September	Year to Date	% Budget
Income	\$28,934.91	\$273,444.54	63.54%
Expense	\$33,433.65	\$284,837.72	66.19%
Surplus/ (Deficit)	-\$4,498.74	-\$11,393.18	

**BPWC= Bethany Presbyterian Women in the Congregation**

**MINO = Mothers In Need of Others**  
Project URGE = URGE!

During the month of November, BPWC needs your assistance for MINO, a program of Project URGE. Mothers in Need of Others (MINO for short) works with 145 shelters, churches, healthcare facilities and other agencies in our area to meet the needs of mothers and their infants. They run a Resource Room that collects supplies that go to these agencies and can also be accessed by case workers to obtain supplies for their individual clients.

BPWC = collecting individually wrapped tampons, maxi pads, pantliners, and monetary donations in the month of November. There will be a decorated box in the narthex for the sanitary items.

Monetary donations will be collected at the table in the Narthex after worship services. Make checks payable to Bethany Presbyterian Church with Presbyterian Women in the memo section.

MINO thanks you for your donations!

### November Birthday November 14,

**Peggy Troutman**  
Wolk Manor Rm 6205  
4000 Summit Circle Drive  
Rochester, NY 14618-3965





## Stephen Ministry

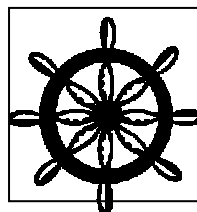
Sometimes I just don't know what to write, and then I will receive from a member of the congregation an appreciation of something I may have mentioned that they enjoyed or may have helped them in some way. That's the entire focus of the Stephen Ministers. It is our way of reaching out to you to give you a nudge that we are always here for you and we in return appreciate you contacting us to help you with something that is just not balancing well in your life.

We may reach out to you if we are aware of some loss, change, health issue, or if you are a caregiver to someone and you just need a quiet break to regroup. You may have a close friend who is concerned about you and feels that you need to just sit, take a deep breath, exhale, and let someone listen to you.

This time of the year can be overwhelming with a combination of plans, family, friends, and the holidays upon us. Add this to an issue you were dealing with and you could be ready to shut down. Not yet. Not while we are here to help. And we are always here to help you and to listen. It's what we do. Our hearts are here at Bethany and that means our hearts are here with you. It may take only a couple of visits, or it may need extended attention. You and the Stephen Minister will decide that. There is no set amount of visits. We work with your schedule and as always, it is totally confidential. Sounds like a plan, right?

Enjoy your upcoming holiday and the gathering you may have scheduled with family and friends. It is a loving and thankful season and it should be a peaceful one for your spirit. If you would like some help getting there, please contact Wendy Watt or Dr. Bob.

Peace to you from the Stephen Ministers,  
Cindi Sywulski



**SHIPMATES:** Saturday, November 12, meeting starts at 11:30 AM – Bethany Large Hall. U.S. Customs and Border Control, Agent Steve Wasser will be joining us to share: border patrol history, overview, special operations, border patrol sectors, strategy, air and sea, international initiatives, canine program human trafficking. Lunch will include pizza, cookies and drinks. \$10 p/person or \$25 for a family of 3 or more. Sign up after church on October 23 and October 30. Or contact Beth Thomsen at her cell phone number 217-1053.

### SHIPMATES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Friday Dec 09, 2022  
11:00 AM

The Christmas Party Luncheon will be held at the Brook House party room on Friday,

December 09. Cost \$30.00 per person. A buffet luncheon will be served from 12:00 to 1:15pm with the main entree being sliced top sirloin and roast chicken (gluten free spaghetti available upon request) All Bethany congregants, friends, and guests are welcome! For Reservations call Jerry Bouton at (585) 457-7701 and mail your check to Bonnie Bouton, 176 Parliament Circle, 14616 to arrive by the reservation deadline of Dec. 01 Make your check out to "Bethany Presbyterian Church" for \$30.00 per person and write "Shipmates Luncheon Dec 09" on the memo line.

We look forward to a Joyous celebration of Christmas with our Bethany Family!



## **BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

### **in the CONGREGATION**



#### **Our Purpose:**

**Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves**

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

#### **Veteran's Appreciation Card Making:**

It is time again to show our Veterans how much they are valued. **Saturday, November 5, from 10am-12pm**, the Presbyterian Women will be gathering in the large hall to assemble approximately 60 small "tokens" of appreciation. The supplies will all be provided, and you don't have to be an acclaimed artist to participate. These will be distributed to our very own Bethany Veterans as well as those at Warrior Salute, a program provided by CDS Life Transitions in Webster. Please feel free to check them out at [WarriorSalute.org](http://WarriorSalute.org) to learn more about them. Extras will go to the VA Outpatient Clinic on Westfall Road. Many hands make light work, so I look forward to working with a big team. Please contact Debbie Haskins at 585-260-5790 or [debbiehaskins66@gmail.com](mailto:debbiehaskins66@gmail.com) with any questions.

#### **November Meeting and Speaker:**

On Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 10:00 am, Bethany women and friends will be meeting in the **Narthex**. Jeannette Johnson will present information about the Greece Community Center.

#### **Women's Brunch:**

During the months of November, December, January, February, and March, all women and friends are invited to share in a brunch at **Long Pond Family Restaurant on the last Saturday of the month at 10:00 am.**

#### **Christmas Luncheon:**

All women are invited to celebrate the Christmas season at Bella Pasta Restaurant on **Saturday, December 3, 2022 at noon**. The menu will be a Chicken Buffet which includes baked chicken, pulled pork, salt potatoes, salad, beverages, rolls and butter. There will be a cake to celebrate women who have turned 90 years old. The cost per person \$22.08. You may make a check out to Karen Bolinger. Jesse Smith and Karen Bolinger will have a sign-up sheet after church services beginning in November.

#### **BPWC Budget Update:**

In October we received a \$25 pledge and we had two expenses. \$500 to Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf and Clothing Closet for Thanksgiving baskets and \$12.28 for items needed for the Allan memorial.

#### **Afghan Mission Project:**

Four afghans have been donated to our new Jennifer's Clothing Closet @ Bethany Church.

#### **SAVE THE DATE: Bethany Women's Retreat**

**On Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am** all women and friends are invited to our retreat, *Wonderfull World- Where Women Explore God's Wonder and Love*. Last year we traveled to North America, Asia, Antarctica, and Africa. This year we travel to Europe, Australia, and South America. Get your passports ready!

#### **Building Caring Relationships:**

Any woman currently active or inactive with BPWC and would like to be added to the *Bethany Presbyterian Women in the Congregation Communication Distribution List* please contact Karen Bolinger- 585-227-2540 or [kbolinger@rochester.rr.com](mailto:kbolinger@rochester.rr.com).





 **Seneca Park Zoo**  
Connect. Care. Conserve.

**Shipmates September visit to the  
Seneca Park Zoo  
September 10, 2022**



### Attention Snowbirds:

If you are going to have a temporary address this winter, please let the church office know the dates that you will be gone. This will enable the office to get your newsletter to you in a timely fashion.



### Annual Report

#### ANNUAL REPORTS

It's that time of year again!

Attention all Committees, Fellowship Groups and Ministries: Annual Report time is fast approaching! Annual Report deadline

is December 31st. If possible, please submit your report via email (sengillo.bethany@gmail.com) to the church office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



If you would like to beautify the sanctuary on Sunday mornings by purchasing flowers for the chancel in memory of a loved one or in honor of, order forms are available on the table in the narthex. Make your check payable to: Bethany Presbyterian Church, in the amount of \$46.00 for a communion table piece. Place a check in the envelope and place in the offering plate or mail to Bethany church office.

# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux	<i>2</i> 12:30-Staff meeting 6:30-Worship & Music 7-Budget & Finance 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>3</i> 2-Property 7-Bethany Choir	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 9-Men's Club Breakfast
<i>6</i> 10-Worship, with Communion Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Youth Studies 11:15-BYF 11:30-Contemporary Worship 7-Greece Concert Band	<i>7</i> 2-Pastoral Care Deacons	<i>8</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux 9:30-Belles & Beaux 10-Presbyterian Women 7:30-Congregational Life	<i>9</i> 12:30-Staff meeting 6-C&GM 6:30-Spiritual Growth 7-Christian Ed 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>10</i> 7-Bethany Choir	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 11:30-Shipmates
<i>13</i> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Youth Studies	<i>14</i> 7-Life Group	<i>15</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux 10-Personnel	<i>16</i> 12:30-Staff meeting 7:30-Celebration Ringers	<i>17</i> 7-Bethany Choir	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
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<i>27</i> 9-Present Word 10-Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings 11:15-Youth Studies	<i>28</i> 7-Life Group	<i>29</i> 9:30-Belles & Beaux	<i>30</i> 12:30-Staff Meeting 7:30-Celebration Ringers			

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## Ministries Team

### Head of Staff / Sr. Pastor

Dr. Bob Spratt

### Music Ministry

Jacob Montgomery - Music Director

Jean Coniber - Bell Choir Director

Jeff Tabor - Staff Singer

### Bookkeeper

Tom Olney

### Administrative Assistant & Mouse Editor

Eileen Sengillo

### Custodian

Jim Cruppe

Jennifer Smith

### Nursery Child Care Worker

Jennifer Watt

### Youth & Children's Ministry Leader

Andrew Ferreira

### The Session

Craig Johnson, Budget & Finance

Wendy Watt, Christian Education

Judy Price, Community & Global Miss.

Jennifer McGarrity, Congregational Life

Bev Murray, Nominating

Jim Hetzler, Personnel

Dick Bauman, Property

Heather Kruspe, Spiritual Growth

Liz Whittingham, Worship & Music

Dr. Bob Spratt, Moderator

Linda Lamb, Clerk of Session

### Treasurer

Carl DeGraff

