

# WELCOME

December 20, 2020

Good morning! We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our desire is to build biblical community and to make disciples who love God, love others, and serve both. Please take a moment to fill out the connection card attached to this bulletin and drop it in the offering plate at the entrance. This will give us an opportunity to learn your name and know that you were here. Thank you again for joining us in worship today. May God bless your week!

## TODAY

### Sunday School - 9:45 am

There is one Adult Sunday School class in the gym for 7th Grade and up. Today, we will continue with the series "The Case for Christmas" by Lee Strobel. Our Children's Ministry, newborns to 6th graders, meet in the lower level.

### Morning Service - 11:00 am

Today, Pastor Mark will continue in the series called UN-Christmas and we will observe communion.

### CrossRoads - 6:00 pm

Young adults, 18 & up, meet in the room behind the balcony for a time of encouragement and a study in Galatians. If you would like more information, please email [crossroads@connect2bethany.org](mailto:crossroads@connect2bethany.org).

### Prayer Cards

We have cards of encouragement at the Welcome Center to let others know that we are praying for them. This week, there are cards for the Mrocza family, Timmy Price, Deanna Wilson, Ben & Kathy Walker, and Tiffany Piper who teaches Special Ed at Rainbow Elementary.

### Food Boxes

We are still blessed with a large amount of food from a local food bank. If you or someone you know could use food, please feel free to take some from the Common Grounds area.

### Our Daily Bread and Bible Reading Plans

Our Daily Bread booklets for January - March 2021 are available for you to pick up at the Welcome Center. While you're there, grab a Bible Reading Plan, either in chronological order or one that just goes straight through the Bible with dates to help you stay on track.

### Daughters of the King

There is a special gift for the women on your way out of the service on behalf of the Daughters of the King Ministry (Women's Ministry).

## THIS WEEK

Monday:	7:00 pm	Virtual Celebrate Recovery
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	Prayer for the Nation
Wednesday:	11:00 am	Quilting Time
Thursday:	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Friday:		Merry Christmas!

### Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery meets every Monday at 7:00 pm over Zoom. Follow Celebrate Recovery on Facebook @[CelebrateRecoveryBethany](https://www.facebook.com/CelebrateRecoveryBethany) and on YouTube at [CR Bethany](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR1B8t8t8t8t8t8t8t8t8t8) for weekly playlists and updates.

### Prayer for the Nation

Prayer for the Nation meets each Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room.

### Quilting Time

Come and join this ministry that makes quilts for those in need and various ministries! Sewing skills are not necessary. They meet every Wednesday at 11:00 am in Room 103 in the gym.

### Christmas Eve Service

6:00 pm on Christmas Eve, join us for a family worship experience as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. This candlelight service will include the Christmas story, Christmas music, and Christmas songs. This service will also be live streamed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Clintondale Food Pantry

Help serve our local community by distributing food at the Clintondale Food Pantry every other Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Distribution happens outside with loading food into cars curbside. You can sign up at the Welcome Center. See Robyn Miller or Wendy Washburn for more information.

### Church Mailboxes

Just a reminder that church mailboxes are available to give and receive Christmas cards. Please mail cards for our out-of-town guests. If you don't have a church mailbox but would like one, contact the church office at 586-791-1190.

### Church Information

If we have to close down because of snow, covid, or other issues, we will keep you updated through group emails and on our website. Continue to check your email and stay up to date. If you do not receive emails from Bethany, please call the church office at 586-791-1190 and we will add your email to the list.

### January Newsletter

Any articles or events that you would like published in the January newsletter need to be submitted to the church office by Tuesday, December 22.

Stay connected all week long on our website [connect2bethany.org](https://connect2bethany.org).

## CONNECTION CARD

Let us know how we can best serve you. To complete, please use both sides of the tear-off.

- I'm interested in joining a connection group
- I'm interested in becoming a volunteer

I want to know more about baptism

Please update my information

I want to make a faith offering commitment

I want to thank God (Please write in the blank space)

I have a prayer request (Please write in the space below)

# SERMON NOTES

December 20, 2020  
Pastor Mark Reynolds

## "The UN Christmas"

UN—a prefix meaning "not"

### UNCOMMON

Common— \_\_\_\_\_

Uncommon—unordinary, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

### Luke 2:21-40

Named \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Leviticus 12:6  
Leviticus 12:8

\_\_\_\_\_ **offering** - offered every day as praise and thanks to God

\_\_\_\_\_ **offering** - offered on behalf of one's sin

\_\_\_\_\_ - comfort, encouragement, exhortation

\_\_\_\_\_ - mentioned 3x's in verse 25-27

Took Jesus \_\_\_\_\_  
at that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:  
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,  
and will call him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

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Welcome! We are so glad that you chose to worship with us today and look forward to seeing you again!



If you are visiting today and would like to learn more about Bethany, please complete this side of the tear-off, and place it in an offering plate at the entrance.

If you are a member, or regular attender, and need to update your contact information, or choose to make a faith offering commitment, please complete both sides of the tear-off, and place it in an offering plate at the entrance.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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