

*"All flesh shall see it together?"*

Advent is drawing to a close. Christmas is only a week from today. I'd like to share these thoughts, inspired by John Killinger.

At the beginning of Advent, we heard the prophet Isaiah promise, "All flesh shall see it together." Didn't happen that way did it?

That first Christmas came and went and only a few people knew about it. We may forget that. After all, we've been hearing all these stories of people who did see, people whose lives were changed, presumably forever. Zechariah and Elizabeth. Joseph and Mary. The shepherds. The wise men. Perhaps even Herod, who sought the Child's death. And, afterwards, old Simeon and Anna, in the temple. But nobody else. A mere handful of people—maybe 15 or 20 is all.

Because, don't forget, all those people in Bethlehem—so full that there was no room in the inn—and apparently none of the rest of them knew a thing about it. The Savior of the world born in a stable behind the local inn, and they didn't even know it!

Maybe this can ease our guilt about Christmas. I mean, here we were, celebrating the birthday of the Messiah, and many of us didn't give it a real thought, did we? A whole month of our lives was given over to the festivities—shopping, wrapping presents, decorating our homes, baking, giving parties, going to parties, having special events at church—and most of us were so busy through it all that we barely had time to see the mystery again, to be quiet and to feel the presence of the One born in the stable, to know in our hearts that God has come and is struggling with the world to turn it into his kingdom.

"All flesh shall see it together." But not this Christmas, any more than the first Christmas.

And ministers, I'll tell you, are as bad as anybody else. Maybe worse. So busy stage-managing, making Christmas happen for everyone else, that we can easily miss the point of it all.

I remember once, as a just out of seminary pastor, being at a clergy gathering at a local church before Christmas. We could hear holiday from down the hall, the aroma of fresh baked gingerbread wafted over us from the preschool. One of the staff brought us some samples, and said, "Don't you love Christmas?" After she left, another pastor said, "I hate Christmas,"—and I hate Easter, too." I looked at him aghast. But he continued, "They're the worst times of the year for me - so busy I can't even sleep." But now, I can at least sympathize with him. Christmas and Easter do seem to fly by before we've had a chance to celebrate them properly.

But Killinger told a story about Harry Williams, who had a nervous breakdown which tore his world apart. Harry couldn't do the simplest things. But, eventually, he began to recover. One day, as he did, he recalled an experience on a winter day, when a light snow was falling and he went for a walk. He entered a park as the sun was setting. The air was still, as it often is after a snow - and it was very, very beautiful!

He says, "The trees with their leafless branches thinly covered with snow looked like the ethereal guardians of some sublime secret. The grass was white with patches of green as though it rejoiced in the snow without being overwhelmed by it. The shrubs were bursting through their white covering as if delightedly playing a game. The sun—a combination now of gold and red—filled the air and gave its color to everything. It was impossible to conceive of anything more glorious than what lay around me. It was overpowering without losing any gentleness; it was blessedness and love."

"Or it should have been," says Harry. "But it wasn't."

It wasn't, because Harry couldn't receive it then. He'd been coming apart at the seams then. His life was unraveling, and he couldn't appreciate anything.

Yet the experience wasn't lost. He remembered it much later, when he'd recovered. It was one of those gentle evidences of the divine in our midst, of God working to reclaim the world he made and lost, or made and gave up to its own devices. It was a glimpse. Nothing more. A glimpse! But it spoke to Harry, and kept speaking through his long ordeal, and was speaking still when it was over and he could see the patterns of his life.

Maybe that's how Christmas is for us, even if we have missed it because we were too busy to celebrate it or to see the mystery of it. It graces us with a lingering taste, a gentle reminder that offers us its holiness, and promises us its grace.

I hope so! I hope that, if your Christmas doesn't turn out to be especially merry, you may still have it, recalling the glimpses along the way.

With Hope for Blessed Christmas Glimpses,

**Steve**

Please join us!



**Saturday - December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve**

7:30 p.m. Bethany Family Worship Service & Children's Pageant ~ Miracle at Midnight

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service



**Merry Christmas!**



**Sunday - December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day** (One service only)

10:30 a.m. Bethany Family Worship Service / Christmas Carol Sing

6:00 p.m. We begin a week of hosting guests from the Family Promise network



***“For the Joy!”***

On Dedication Sunday we got off to a wonderful start with our stewardship program for 2012. We focused on the joy we find in giving our time, talent and treasure “for the joy” of our God. We’re encouraged by the response today; we have received 159 Estimates of Giving, totaling \$292,178. Of course, the final outcome depends on those who’ve not yet made an Estimate of Giving. If you haven’t you can do it at any time. If you can’t find the card that was mailed to you, they are available in the pews, or call the church office at 330-923-5277. We hope everyone will keep the continued response in their prayers.



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| 12/18 | 11:30 a | Mentor Meal and Talk |
| 01/08 | 11:30 a | Meal and Class       |

**Youth**



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| 12/18 | 5:30p | Christmas Caroling  |
| 12/29 | 5:00p | Family Promise Meal |

**Esperanza Honey Baked Ham Sale**

Bring your checkbook to church Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>, if you would like to order Honey Baked Ham items for your holiday gatherings. The Esperanza Mission Trippers earn 15% of all items sold. Thank you for your support.

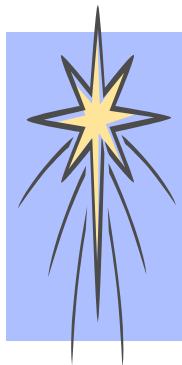


Don't forget to join us for the **“All Church Caroling Party”** Sunday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>**; meet at the church at 5:30 PM. After caroling to Bethany's shut-ins, the Choir welcomes everyone back to the church for cookies and hot chocolate. Yum!!

# Men's Volunteer ...

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It is a great time for men of the church to get together to share faith, food, and fellowship together; as well as a few chores with which the custodians could use some help. The men gather the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. (Next breakfast **December 21<sup>st</sup>**.) You can help make this time possible by providing breakfast for 8-10 men once during the year. If you'd like to help in this way call Nancy Read at 330-928-3002.



**Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL**  
 9:00 am - 12:30 pm  
 Sanctuary ~ Snack / Lunch provided

*Christmas Eve*  
**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pageant Participants**  
**6:00 pm in the Sanctuary**  
*Service to begin at 7:30 pm*

## Help Good Neighbors...

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| December 25 | Jar of Jelly |
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## Host Week

Our next Family Promise/IHN Host week is **December 25 – January 1**. Please consider **VOLUNTEERING** to help this week and contact one of our team leaders: Carol Clemente – meal preparation, Carolyn B. Hofmann – overnight and Frank Read – van drivers. Thanks to our many volunteers who help make this week possible.

## Family Promise Request for Help

The beds for our Family Promise families will be arriving on Christmas morning. There are usually people available to help unload the beds and get them downstairs, but that may not be the case on Christmas morning. Please let me know if you are able to come at 10 a.m. and help with this project. We will also need help on New Year's Day after the service to load the beds into the truck. Thanks for considering this request.

*Carolyn B. Hofmann*



The church office will be **CLOSED**  
**December 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 and again on  
**January 2, 2012**

A church newsletter will **NOT** be published on Sundays, December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1, 2012. *TBL* will continue on a weekly basis with the January 8<sup>th</sup> issue (deadline 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>). *Please plan accordingly.*

**Year-end Contributions ...**  
 ... *must be postmarked* by **December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 to be included in your 2011 contributions.



**January 1, 2012**  
**One service only, 10:30a / Communion**  
**Epiphany Sunday**

**Epiphany;** (from Greek, meaning to show or to manifest) is a feast day of the church's year. Epiphany falls on the last of the twelve days of Christmas. The Gospels for this season all have to do with the manifestation of the identity of Jesus - starting with the wedding at Cana and ending with Transfiguration. Celebrating God coming to earth in human form, Epiphany reminds us that Jesus comes to the world for all people. Wrapped up in the idea of ta theophania (The Theophany), as Gregory of Nazianzus noted, is the understanding that "God is With Us." We are not alone.

## Get your blood pressure checked here!

The first Sunday of each month, Bethany's volunteer nurses, Linda Goodwin and Holly Keenan, offer blood pressure tests during social hour. If you are interested in having your BP checked look for them **January 1, 2012**.

## **Bethany Buckeyes**

Anyone 50 years and older - come and spend a fun-filled evening with dinner, cards and board games. Kathleen Keenan prepares delicious full-course meals for **ONLY \$5.00 per person**. Reservations are needed and must be made **BEFORE** the Buckeye gathering. **Reservations** for the **Jan. 6, 2012** gathering must be made **NO LATER** than **December 30<sup>th</sup>**. You may make a reservation on your Sunday attendance card by Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, call Nancy Read at 330 928-3002.

# GREEN TEAM MEETING

January 9, 2012 7:00 p.m.

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE**  
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY  
**JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 2012**  
PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, GET THEM IN  
ON TIME; THE EARLIER THE BETTER! Thanks!

## *“The Story of Stuff”*

January 15, 9:30 am - Social Hall

### A Special Adult Class in the New Year

This simple, insightful and powerful film looks at the huge role “stuff” plays in our hearts, minds and lives, as well as where it comes from and social and environmental consequences of our producing and consuming so much of it. It also offers great insights into the spiritual values which drive our global economy. As Christians we are called to care for God’s creation and uphold justice for all of God’s children. This film is an excellent opportunity for all of us to renew our commitment to that calling.

## Bethany Church Directories for 2012



will be available in January. Now is the time for corrections to be made. Please call the church office and let us know of any changes made to your families: address, phone number, e-mail, additions/deletions etc. We would like to publish an up-to-date directory for your use.

## New Year Coming...

### Sign up for Altar Flowers ~ 2012

Thanks to everyone who chooses to honor or remember loved ones by selecting a date to place flowers on the altar on Sunday mornings. This not only graces our service but often provides a bit of cheer to a shut-in. *Please remember to complete the pink slip and turn it in to the office so information can be included in the bulletin.*



## † Congratulations ...



...to Amy and Jason Randall on the birth of their daughter, Paige Ellen, born December 7<sup>th</sup>!

## Welcome Our Lay Visitors!

When someone is sick and in the hospital a visit can mean a great deal. That’s why Pastor Mark and Pastor Steve make sure they each visit our hospitalized members at least once a week. That’s also why we’re grateful that we now have a team of Lay Visitors who will supplement their visits by each visiting those in the hospital once a month. Here are their names and their usual visiting days:

Week 1 – Bob Charton – Wednesdays

Week 2 – Ernie Albert – Thursdays

Week 3 – Frank/Nancy Read – Wednesdays

Week 4 – Evelyn Fisher – Thursdays

## Bethany Offering Envelopes

### LOOK EACH WEEK

Help defray the cost of mailing your box, or perhaps that of a neighbor or friend, and pick up envelopes located in the hallway outside of the Social Hall. Money saved on postage is another step toward good stewardship of our funds. Thank you.

- (As of 12/15 I am still working on reassigning a few box numbers so we can order fewer boxes next year. If your box is not on the table by the end of the year please call me. *Barb McCrady*)

## *Please remember in your prayers...*

- † Ron Shultz, Akron General
- † Ted Housley, Traditions
- † Barbara Sunyecz, Select Specialty



- † “Special prayers” to Bethany members who are unable to worship with us Sunday mornings. Please keep them in your prayers and keep in touch with a call or a card.

## ♥ GIFTS OF THE HEART

### Bethany Missions

The Mission Committee selected twelve of the mission projects Bethany supports. You can use this list (included) to give a gift in someone’s name or as a special Christmas donation you would like to make. You may want to write a card and tell the person this gift was given by you in their name. Please return your list and check at the Mission table in the Social Hall, the offering plate or the church office by December 31.

# **Top Ten Reasons Why YOU Should Become a Stephen Minister**

## **Reason #10: You will learn to turn danger into opportunity**

The Chinese word for crisis is made from a combination of two other characters: danger and opportunity. Every crisis, whether it is a divorce, the loss of a spouse, sudden unemployment or even a much-desired pregnancy provides both an opportunity for growth as well as a danger of choosing destructive solutions. The care of a dedicated, trained, Christ-centered Stephen Minister can help a person in crisis find equilibrium and wholeness.

## **Reason #9: Stephen Ministers are skilled caregivers**

Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training before they are commissioned and assigned to care receivers. They learn skills such as listening, identifying and expressing feelings, setting boundaries, and being assertive. They also learn about specific challenges such as hospitalization divorce, grief, and depression. Stephen Ministers feel well prepared to walk alongside people in crisis, whether it is with an assigned care receiver, or in their own relationships with family, friends and coworkers.

## **Reason #8: Stephen Ministers experience the joy of fellowship with one another**

Stephen Ministers meet about an hour a week with their care-receivers, but they also meet twice a month in small groups with other Stephen Ministers. Here, in a confidential manner, they share the joys and challenges of their caring relationships, pray for one another, offer encouragement and practical help, and relate to one another in a deep and spiritual way. The bonds of friendship and commitment are strong and positive.

## **Reason #7: Stephen Ministers learn to listen**

Most people think of listening as a simple, natural, and passive activity, but it is actually a powerful caregiving tool. Using Jesus as our model, Stephen Ministers learn the skill of *active listening*, which involves commitment, patience, and attention to body language. Stephen Ministers learn to listen for more than just words. They seek true understanding and empathy.

## **Reason #6: Stephen Ministers are assertive caregivers**

Stephen Ministers are trained to "speak the truth in love." Christian assertiveness is a positive and constructive way of relating that respects others and ourselves. Stephen Ministers learn to recognize and avoid aggressive behaviors such as belittling and manipulation, and to avoid passive behaviors such as withdrawing and relinquishing rights. By learning to behave assertively, Stephen Ministers become more aware of God's will for their lives and more aware of the needs of others.

## **Reason #5: Stephen Ministers are caregivers, not cure givers**

Stephen Ministers are **not** therapists or problem solvers; they are **caregivers**. Only God can bring about healing, forgiveness, and hope. Stephen Ministers are trained to listen and pray, to be reliable and non-judgmental, and to help care receivers express their feelings. Focusing on caring and not on curing means Stephen Ministers never pressure a care receiver to "get better." Stephen Ministers are there for as long as the process takes, and trust that God works in His own time to provide wholeness.

## **Reason #4: Stephen Ministers feel needed (because they are!)**

Stephen Ministry was created by a minister named Kenneth Haugk who realized that there are not enough pastors available to provide patient, long-term care to people in crisis. By training lay ministers in his congregation, he was able to ensure that the newly widowed, those going through divorce, people with chronic or terminal illness, and many, many others were able to meet regularly with a compassionate listener. Stephen Ministry benefits our pastors, our congregation, and our community.

## **Reason #3: Stephen Ministry skills apply in other relationships**

Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, to recognize, accept and express feelings, to behave assertively, and to depend on God for healing and change. They often find themselves using these skills in dealing with spouses, children, coworkers, clients, and in-laws. Imagine how a work place could be transformed by a single person who has learned to listen without judgment!

## **Reason #2: Stephen Ministry is a life changing experience**

Have you ever avoided approaching a person who was hurting because you "didn't know what to say?" We all have. But Stephen Ministers **know** what to say and how to act. They are trained to respond compassionately and respectfully when others need them, and they feel confident in their caregiving skills. Stephen Ministers are the first to respond when neighbors, family members, and coworkers need someone to talk to.

## **Reason #1: Jesus commanded it**

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." We are called to "bear one another's burdens," and to "accept one another." Jesus wanted us to be doers of the Word, not just hearers. Stephen Ministers are in the trenches every day, caring for those who are hurting, bringing warmth and kindness to those who feel alone, creating an atmosphere where trust and respect can lead to wholeness. Stephen Ministers answer the call of Jesus.



**We are all called to care! Stephen Ministry classes will start in the Spring.  
Contact your Stephen Leader, Tammy Jensen, for more information**

**Calendar - additions to ~ or ~ changes to the  
2011 monthly calendar mailed to you.**

(as of 12/08) **December 19<sup>th</sup> to January**

- 12/19 7:00p Bell Choir Practice  
 12/20 9:00a Staff Meeting  
 12/21 8:00a Men's Volunteer Breakfast  
 12/22 *First Day of Winter!*  
 9:00a Pageant Final DRESS Rhrl.- 12:30 pm  
 (Sanctuary) Snack / lunch provided

12/23

- 12/24 *Christmas Eve*   
 6:00p Pageant participants meet in Sanctuary  
 7:30p Worship / Pageant "Miracle at Midnight"  
 (Childcare available this service only)  
 11:00p **Worship / Candlelight Service** 



*Christmas Sunday*  
**December 25, 2011**

- † Nursery Available 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.
- † Family Promise Host Week
- † Bethany Family Service

ONE SERVICE ONLY...

- 10:30a **Worship Service** with Carol Sing  
 Coffee to follow (Nursery available)  
 6:00p Family Promise Meal (SH)

- 12/26 **Office Closed**  
 6:00p Family Promise Meal (SH)  
 7:00p Bell Choir Practice  
 12/27 **Office Closed**  
 6:00p FP Meal (SH)  
 12/28 NO Bible Study  
 6:00p FP Meal (SH)  
 12/29 5:00p **YF meet for FP meal**  
 6:00p FP Meal (SH)  
 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice  
 12/30 6:00p FP Meal (SH)  
 12/31 6:00p FP Meal (SH)

*Sunday ~ January 1, 2012*

- † Nursery Available 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.
- † Epiphany Sunday / Communion

- 10:30a **Worship/** Children remain in worship  
 11:30a Coffee Hour  
 11:30a Nurse BP Check

Names of Sunday Volunteers are published AHEAD OF THE SCHEDULED Sunday as a kindly *reminder* and early *thank you!*

**Altar Flowers given in December by...**

12/04 Dale and Betty Pickard

*Christmas Eve*

**Volunteers for December 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 Ushers: T. Hermann, M. Jensen, L. Short,  
 C. McGraw, H. Bowman, A. McVan  
 11:00 Ushers: L. Luginbill, F. Read, B.&C. Pletzer,  
 N. Buck, K. Fratz

**Volunteers for December 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Special Music: Bell Choir / Children's Choir  
 Ushers: C. Hofmann, H. Walker, A. McVan, M. Spring,  
 A. Jensen, R. Berie  
 Van Driver: S. Gaskill

If you are unable to volunteer the day you are scheduled, please remember to...

...Find someone to take your place ... **and then**  
 ...Call the church office so we may make  
 the necessary changes on our schedules

*Happy New Year!*

**Volunteers for January 1, 2012**

- Greeters:  
 Lay Reader: J. Seymour  
 Nursery: T. Ocepek, M. Peyak, A Keenan,  
 N. Zeller, R. Read  
 Special Music: Story & Song/ Chancel Choir  
 Ushers: C. Hofmann, B. Charton, N. Buck, C. McGraw,  
 J. Nielson, L. Short  
 Van Driver: C. Jones

# Christmas 2011 ~ Gifts from the Heart Shopping List

## Bethany United Church of Christ Mission Committee

*Gifts from the Heart* is an opportunity to give a gift, in honor of a friend or relative, to a variety of local and international self-help projects. Use the list below to select your gifts.

**BACK BAY MISSION:** This UCC mission to the community, located in Biloxi, MS, suffered severe damage from Hurricane Katrina. Your gift will help with the rebuilding and repairs. \$20 / \$25 / \$30 for reconstruction of facilities.

**BETHANY KITCHEN:** A free meal is provided in the Bethany Social Hall for those in need of nourishment and social interaction the third Saturday of each month. \$10 / \$15 / \$20 will help purchase food.

**CHAPEL HILL HOMES:** This United Church Homes retirement community in Canal Fulton helps add life to years for its senior residents. \$10 / \$15 / \$20 for the Life Enrichment Fund.

**ESPERANZA:** For the past several years, members of Bethany have traveled to Tijuana, Mexico to assist local residents with the building of homes. Your gift will help with the expenses of this trip and the costs of building materials. \$10 / \$20 / \$30 will assist with expenses.

**FAITH IN ACTION:** To help our neighbors maintain their independence through trained volunteers from the Interfaith community with the support of service organizations. \$10 / \$20 / \$30 helps to fund this vital ministry.

**GOOD NEIGHBORS:** This ecumenical outreach program provides food, clothing and utility assistance to those in need in our community. Bethany helps with donations of gently used clothing, food and volunteer help. \$10 / \$20 / \$25 helps provide fresh food vouchers and utility assistance.

**HAZLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** A fund was established to benefit graduating high school seniors. \$10 / \$20 / \$25 provides funding to help our youth.

**FAMILY PROMISE/IHN:** Bethany provides leadership and serves as a host congregation for this ecumenical program which provides housing and support for families. \$10 / \$20 / \$30 helps to fund this vital ministry.

**PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:** Provides funds that Pastor Steve may use to provide emergency assistance to those in need, both within the congregation and in the community. \$10 / \$20 / \$25 provides gasoline or food vouchers

**SOUTH STREET MINISTRIES:** This inner-city ministry reaches out to the children in the Summit Lake neighborhood with tutoring and mentoring programs. \$10 / \$20 / \$25 provides funding for this ministry

**UCC CAMPS:** Templed Hills and Pilgrim Hills Camps provide camping and retreat facilities for children, youth and adults. Your gift helps with camp programs and upkeep. \$10 / \$20 / \$30 helps to fund this mission.

**WILLIARD UCC FOOD PANTRY:** This church is located in downtown Akron and provides important outreach in the community, including assistance through a food pantry. \$10 / \$15 / \$20 will help fund this program

**OTHER:** Indicate here what mission you would like to make a donation to:

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Office use: PD/ DEPOSIT \_\_\_\_\_

# Christmas Greetings



*From the Staff of Bethany!*

*We who work on your behalf at Bethany want to express our gratitude for the blessing of serving with you in the ministry of our church. We are grateful for the care and support you offer one another and us and the many ways you give time and energy to the ministry we share. May God bless all of you with love, joy, and peace this Christmas!*

*With Grateful Hearts, Bart Clemente, Carol Clemente, Steve Gehlert, Sue Jensen, Barb McCrady, Beth McDevitt, Dawn Filler, Carolyn Shroyer, Mark Steiner and Carol Wood.*

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## **CHRISTMAS FUND BEING RECEIVED AGAIN THIS YEAR**

Your gifts last year along with other UCC congregations and individuals made possible for the Pension Board Ministerial Assistance Program to provide some form of ministerial assistance to approximately 1,600 persons over the past year.

1. Christmas "Thank You" gift checks were sent to around 900 in 2010. Of those who received checks, 20 are over 100 years old. The oldest person is 107. One person has received Christmas checks continuously since 1976. The 900 gifts total \$270,000.
2. Monthly pension supplementation is being provided to 440 persons. These gifts total \$105,924 per month. A significant part of the annual \$1,283,208 given comes from the Christmas Fund (2011 data).
3. Quarterly health premium supplementation is being provided to 261 families, totaling \$155,883 per quarter. All of the funding for health premium supplementation is derived from the Christmas Fund. (2011 data)
4. Emergency grants totaling \$44,973.81 were provided to 33 individuals and families from January 1 through October 31, 2011.

Updated information is available on the Pension Boards' website at: [www.pbucc.org](http://www.pbucc.org), or visit the Christmas Fund section of the sit directly at: [www.christmasfund.org](http://www.christmasfund.org).

The retired pastors and their widows or widowers are in critical need. The help is given is such a way to preserve the dignity of those receiving this aid. Please remember that your generous contributions can and do make a difference in so many lives.

Thank you all so much for your continued generosity, kindness and love.

*Mark Steiner*

Family Promise at Bethany UCC December 25, 2011 - January 1, 2012

|                      | Team Leader                     | Family Center Volunteers                      |   |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Sunday<br>Dec. 25    |                                 | 8:30 am - 5:30 p.m. (9 hrs)                   | Not sure who this is going to be.   | Total of \$72                   |
| Saturday<br>Dec. 31  |                                 | 8:30 am - 5:30 pm (9 hrs)<br>Kathy Buckwalter | <u>Chuck Jones</u> to pick her up Saturday morning and <u>Bob Pletzer</u> to take her home Sat. Night | Total of \$72                   |
|                      | Team Leader                     | Meals   | Van Driver  | Overnight                       |
| Sunday 12/25         | Tammy Jensen                    | Tammy Jensen SH                               | 5 p.m. Don Welfley  | Carolyn B. Hofmann              |
| Monday<br>Dec. 26    | Carolyn B. Hofmann              | (Pilgrim) Polly & Becky SH                    | 7 am Fred Clark<br>5 pm Doug Shroyer  | Pat Cochran<br>Lynette Sheppard |
| Tuesday<br>Dec. 27   | Donah Gehlert                   | Nancy Zeller SH                               | 7 am Dick Eberly<br>5 pm Howard Edwards   | Martha and Bob Peyak            |
| Wednesday<br>Dec. 28 | Frank Read                      | (NT ) Gladys Washington SH                    | 7 am Ben Bantum<br>5 pm Rollie Seguin   | Dale Renner<br>Frank Read       |
| Thursday<br>Dec. 29  | Beth Lees                       | Youth and Pastor Steve SH                     | 7 am Linda Goodwin<br>5 pm John Dix   |                                 |
| Friday<br>Dec. 30    | Dale Renner                     | (Silver Lake)<br>Rev. Diane Shirey SH         | 7 am Ed Zeller<br>5 pm Ernie Albert   | Shirley Ende-Saxe               |
| Saturday<br>Dec. 31  | Carolyn B. Hofmann              | Martha Peyak SH                               | 8 am Chuck Jones<br>5 pm Bob Pletzer  | Carolyn B. Hofmann              |
| Sunday<br>Jan. 1     | Donah Gehlert<br>to do clean up |   | 7 am Frank Read   |                                 |

**Please make reminders calls on your team leader night:**

- 5:00 pm Van Driver (be at FC by 5:15 pm)
- 6:00 pm Meal preparer
- 8:00 pm Overnight volunteers  
Bring own sheets/sleep in lounge
- 7:00 am Van Driver the next day

**Remind van drivers:**

take first aid kit and log book to and from Family Center.  
Check gas gauge to see if needed.

**Be at church by 7:00 am.**

**5 adults & 9 kids = 14 guests/3 families** as of 12-14-11

**The following is the time schedule followed by all IHN congregations**

- 5:45 pm Guests arrive at Host Congregation
- 6:30 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm Fellowship, homework, prepare lunches
- 9:00 pm Curfew time. All guests should be in the Host Congregation (unless arrangements have been made)
- 9:00 pm Bedtime for children
- 10:00 pm Bedtime for teens
- 11:00 pm Bedtime for adults and lights out
- 6:00 am Wake up guests (7:00 am on Saturdays only)
- 6:15 -6:45 am Breakfast
- 6:30 am Clean up areas and bathrooms
- 7:00 am Guests leave by van (8:00 am on Saturdays only)

Family Promise cell phone (in log book): 330-703-6945

Pamela's cell phone: 330-806-7295 Pauline Egan=s Cell - 330-280-0496 and Pauline=s home number is 330-479-9608

# Beginning Calendar for 2012

...as of 12/15/11 / Next TBL 1/8/12

1/02 Office Closed  
7:00p Bell Choir (?)  
1/03 10:00a Newsletter Deadline  
1/04 No Bible Study  
1/05 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice  
1/06 6:00p Bethany Buckeyes  
1/07 11:00a (SH) Rsrvd. 3:00p

## **Sunday, January 8, 2012**

8:30a Worship  
9:15a Church School for All Ages  
10:30a Worship/ Children's S.S.  
11:30a Confirmation, Meal/Class  
11:30a Coffee Hour

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1/09 9:30a Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00p Bell Choir Practice  
7:00p GREEN Team Meeting  
1/10 9:00a Staff Meeting  
10:00a Newsletter Deadline  
7:15p Finance Committee  
1/11 7:30p Consistory  
1/12 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice  
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## **Sunday, January 15, 2012**

8:30a Worship  
9:15a Church School All Ages  
10:30a Worship/ Children's S.S.  
11:30a Social Hour: Kerygma Class  
11:30a Confirmation/Mentor, Meal/Talk  
5:00p JUST PEACE CONCERT

Volunteers...Please check your schedules for your times  
Or call the church office.