



Bethany Banner

Bethany Community Church, 201 Birch Avenue, Grandview, Washington- January,, 2022

A Note from Jean Eakin:

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE???

This is a question most of us should ask occasionally. For me God-Jesus-Holy Spirit is at the top of my list. Then comes family and friends, work (Bethany), then music. I am mentioning this because music goes through my head all the time. Well, almost all the time. Sometimes, I will be humming a tune and then have to figure out what song I am humming. It really is disconcerting when I can't figure out the title of the song. Often, a song that comes into my head is because I have heard it or sang it at church. Recently, this happened and it was the song "For the Beauty of the Earth". The tune for this song is called Dix and I found it is also the tune for a Christmas carol we recently sang, "As With Gladness Men of Old". Let me remind you of the words for the song "For the Beauty of the Earth":

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,
Off'ring up on ev'ry shore Her pure sacrifice of love;
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

A little background/history about this song, "For The Beauty of the Earth" (from the book 101 Hymn Stories. The author, Follitt S.Pierpoint, (1835-1917), was about twenty-nine years old when he wrote this text and was living in his native city of Bath, England. He loved the beautiful countryside with its winding river, Avon, in the distance. He expressed his feeling of gratitude with his pen. It was first called "The Sacrifice of Praise" and was published in a collection of poems in 1864.

Little is known about the author. He was born in Bath, England in 1835, and was a lay member of the Anglican Church. Following graduation from Queen's College, Cambridge, he taught the classics for a time and later became an independent writer. He is best remembered by this hymn.

The tune "Dix" was composed by Conrad Kocher. Born in 1786 in Wurttemberg, Germany. He became an important musician and reformer of German church music.

This song was first written for use at a communion service of the church. Personally, I praise God it is still in our hymnal.

Greetings from the youth group!

We have had a very good December with lots of fun in it. We had our Christmas hunger bread decorating contest in which a lot of you voted for the best house and we had a winner for the very best winter wonderland house! The kids received a gift card to Dairy Queen as a prize. We also want to say we are so very grateful to everyone who helped us with donations for the youth Christmas gifts, we were able to buy each child sweaters, jackets and beanies for this winter. The kids received their gifts at our Christmas party which was held on December 22nd and needless to say the kids were super excited to receive such wonderful gifts. Thank you again for all that you do for the youth and may God multiply greatly for what you give.

Happy Holidays
Mari & Youth

FROM JOAN SOUDERS: Visitation Ministry

Joy to the World, was the theme of my visit's this month. Everyone received a window Christmas hanger that said "Joy to the World" (except Susie she got one that said Believe). Each visit we talked about how Jesus birth was truly "Joy to the World"... Each visit was so special. Jean was busy with her puzzle! Hoping that her daughter and granddaughter would get it together for her. Believe me it was very challenging. Evelyn looked so much better. She had been sick and was back to her perky self. Blanche and I walked together to the dining room. Still as sharp as ever. I was honored to visit others. Some request came via Face Book and Messenger... God is alive and well in our body of believers. As we welcome 2022! May we carry the Spirit of Joy!

PLEASE PRAY

Praying in these difficult times is so important to keep us connected. If you have prayer needs, please call (1) the church office (882-3576) or (2) Joanie Bertram (882-3468) or (3) call your Deacon.

Assisted care: At Sun Terrace, Prosser—Billie and Suzie Oliver; at Orchard Park, Yakima—Blanche King and Evelyn Floyd; at Fieldstone, Yakima—Jean Wyckoff; at Sunnyside Care Center—Edith Higgins; at Brookdale, Richland—Bea Galey.

For church: Session, and Deacons.

For the Youth Ministry: Mari Larney, Terry Dahlstrom, and youth.

For our Nation and World: Strength and wisdom in fighting the Coronavirus.

Medical Issues: Dave Ballinger, back surgery; Gay Brewer- recuperating from two back surgeries.

Amy Nunez---in bad accident (and children).

FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Sunday School will continue with the Standard Lesson Commentary 2020-2021 in the section "Prophets Faithful to God's Covenant". Beginning on page 321. These lessons highlight the faithfulness of God, who reveals to his people their need to be faithful to Him. We will have a special Lenten study.

Mid-Week Youth

Thank you to all the volunteers who have been providing for the Wednesday youth program food. We will have the potluck on January 19 (the third Wednesday) with the Youth.

Bible Studies

8:00 a.m. Tuesday, Souder's men's Bible study.

1:330 p.m. Wednesdays, women's Bible study with Janet White.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The reports for 2021 need to be in the office by January 16 so the printed copy for everyone will be available at our meeting on the 23rd of January. Thanks. Jean

Annual Congregational Meeting

After worship on January 23 we will have the annual meeting with all the reports for 2021. If you have questions, please bring them to the meeting. We held the election of new officers in December and they will be installed: Richard Shenyer, Trustee, Terry Dahlstrom, Elder. Ann Bentley, Deacon, Ida Mains, Deacon, Carolyn Bren, Deacon. Thank you to all these volunteers. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our usual dinner.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, JANUARY , 2022

HEAD USHER: Tim Smith

LAY ASSISTANTS -

Jan. 2: George Graf

Jan. 9: Alix Carlson

Jan. 16: Maxine Ballinger

Jan. 23: Robin Smith

Jan. 30: Lorri Dillman

CHILDREN CHURCH LEADERS:

January 2: Judy Rice

January 9: Mari Larney

January 16: Robin Smith

January 23: Terry Dahlstrom

January 30: Mari Larney

JANUARY GREETERS:

Jan. 2: Ardith Carratt

Jan 9: Maxine Ballinger

Jan. 16: Pat Olsen

Jan. 23: Bev Rider

Jan. 30: Joanie Bertram

MISSIONS

LIFE OPTIONS

From the winter newsletter of our local Life Options, CEO Commentary: Today the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in “Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health”---a case which will decide the constitutionality of a Mississippi law that bans most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. This is the most important abortion case in 30 years.

I receive most of my information from Heartbeat International who do a tremendous job of keeping us informed. Here is a link you can access:

<https://www.heartbeatinternational.org/dobbs>

From their Amicus Brief: “Every day across the Nation, pregnancy-help organizations serve women facing unintended pregnancies so that abortion is not their only option and giving birth does not mean sacrificing their educations, careers, or ability to “participate equally in the economic and social life of the Nation.”

THAT’S US!! We are here, helping women choose life!

There is so much to this case, but in summary it addresses the viability of unborn babies as well as the social standards surrounding the issue.

Melanie Smeenk, CEO



2021 was not a return to “normal” as most of us were hoping, and it would appear that there will not be a return to pre-March 2020 normalcy any time soon. The pandemic and its newest variants continue to challenge the way the world operates. At the Extra Mile Student Center we are working hard to overcome the challenges and discover new, safe, and effective ways to help students and serve our community. We are thankful for all of you who have continued your support of the Center. In January, we opened Second Hand Treasures, a store selling donated items for low prices. In July, we hired Sarah Krysl to manage the store who is doing an excellent job with the store and especially with our Student Leaders.

This fall we initiated several new programs to help students. We have started weekly dinner/study nights so students can have a meal when they come for tutoring. Our “Extra Mile Reads” program encourages students to read books from our library, take comprehension tests, earn points, and “spend” them in our reward store.

New activities are planned for January, 2022.

Monte Vista Grove

Dear Leaders and members of Bethany Church:

At this time of year those of us who serve on the Board of Monte Vista Grove home have the privilege of saying a word of thanks to those whose giving has done so much to make the mission possible. Thank you so much for partnering with us. Given the challenge of running a senior citizen facility in Covid times, we feel our staff and residents have done very well. We are grateful to all who have helped! Thank you.

Rex Daniel.



JANUARY 2022 BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Janice Bender**
- 2 Phyllis Ramsey**
- 19 Dawson Copeland**
- 19 Mark Longfellow**
- 30 Betty Minnich**

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Kent & Irene Beaulaurier**

JANUARY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>2</p> <p>10 am Worship</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:30 pm Women's Bible study</p> <p>5:50-7:30 pm Youth</p> <p>7 pm Zoom Bible study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 am Prayer Team</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9 am Sunday School</p> <p>10 am Worship</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:30 pm Women's Bible study</p> <p>5:30-7:30pm Youth</p> <p>7 pm Zoom Bible study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 am Prayer Team</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9 am Sunday School- all.</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible study</p> <p>6 p.m. Teams 7 p.m. Session</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:30 pm Women's Bible study</p> <p>5:30-7:30pm Youth</p> <p>7 pm Zoom Bible study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9 am Prayer Team</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9 am Sunday School- all</p> <p>10am Worship Annual Congregation meeting; Installation— new officers</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8 am Men's Bible study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:30 pm Ruth Circle</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Deacons</p>	<p>27 6:30 am Priscilla Circle</p> <p>9 am Prayer Team</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9: am Sunday School</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>8 am Men's Bible study</p>				

