

Correction! On the front page of the newsletter, the Christmas Eve times were posted as 4:00 PM and 7:30 PM. The correct times are **4:30 PM and 7:00 PM.**

Coming Events

MON	DEC 9	7:00	Choir Practice
TUES	DEC 10	10:00	Lord & Ladies Bible Study
		7:00	Council Meeting
WED	DEC 11	7:00	Evening Bible Study
THUR	DEC 12	9:00	Bethany Quilters
		6:45	Bell Choir Practice
SUN	DEC 15		<u>3rd Sunday of Advent</u>
		9:15	Yahweh Yarners
		9:15	Christmas Program Practice
		10:30	Worship
		11:45	Lunch & Caroling
MON	DEC 16	7:00	Choir Practice
TUES	DEC 17	10:00	Lord & Ladies Bible Study
		11:00	Property Meeting
WED	DEC 18	7:00	Evening Bible Study
THUR	DEC 19	6:45	Bell Choir Practice
SUN	DEC 22		<u>4th Sunday of Advent</u>
		9:15	Christmas Program Practice
		10:30	Worship & Christmas Program

BETHANY ANNOUNCEMENTS 12-8-19

We Celebrate – Everett Pempeck’s 80th birthday today with cake and coffee in the fellowship hall between services.

Decorating for Advent/Christmas – All are invited to help decorate the church for Advent/Christmas today after second service (around 11:45). Soup and rolls will be served for lunch in the lower kitchen for those who can help.

Yelm Concert – The Bethany Choir will be featured at a concert in the Yelm City Park (115 Mosman Ave SE) today at 3:00 PM as part of Yelm’s Christmas in the Park festivities. The choir will join the Olympia Chamber Orchestra in performing pieces from Handel’s Messiah. Come and enjoy this beautiful music to usher in the season!

Christmas Caroling – On Sunday, Dec. 15th, a group will be going caroling after the 10:30 service. Sandwiches will be provided for a light lunch before heading out to spread good cheer at the homes of some of our shut-ins. Every voice is welcome! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex if you’d like to come. We’ll be carpooling, so please indicate if you’d be willing to drive and how many passengers you can take.

Operation Christmas Child – Thank you to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child. We sent 59 boxes this year, including the online ones that we knew

about, which is up from 37 last year. You have created a miracle for a child-because every shoebox has a story!

Senior Social – The Lunch Ladies are busy planning and preparing for a festive December Senior Social. Plan to join them on Thursday, December 19th at noon in Litzer Hall. Besides an amazing lunch, there will be gifts for each attendee. Come in your best "ugly" sweater or your most festive "red" holiday apparel. Please remember the Senior Social's Holiday Outreach, the Family Renewal Shelter, providing essential supplies for the Safe House. Domestic violence can affect a family at any time. Sometimes, they must leave at a moment's notice without any personal belongings. The Safe House provides for these personal needs, and our donations will help to support this very important ministry. All items may be placed in the box in Litzer Hall. See you on Thursday, December 19th.

Food Bank Focus – The "urgent need" for November and December is holiday foods. Examples would be: potatoes; yams; cranberry sauce; stuffing mixes; carrots; corn; apples; nuts; rolls; green beans; brownie mix; cornbread mix; dates; evaporated milk; pumpkin; onions; flour; canned berries; and pie crust. NOTE: We are in need of egg cartons, as we lost our stash in the fire. Thank-you!

Ham Collection for Food Bank – We will be collecting holiday hams for the Spanaway Food Bank to give out. Our goal is to provide 60 hams. Refrigerated or frozen hams can be brought to Bethany between December 15th and 19th. They will be delivered to the food bank on Friday, December 20th for distribution.

Spiritual Gifts – Don't forget to fill out your Spiritual Gifts survey and turn in your Ministry Support form by Dec. 31st.

Christmas Program – The Sunday School will join the Bethany choir for a short Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 22nd during the 10:30 AM worship service. The program presents a different spin on the traditional "Jesus story," music, instruments, adorable kidlets, and of course, a nativity scene. You won't want to miss it!

One Service Sundays – Sunday, Dec. 15th and Sun. Dec. 22nd will both be one service Sundays with worship starting at 10:30 AM. Caroling is on the 15th after the service and the Christmas Program is on the 22nd during worship.

Christmas Eve Services – This year we will have two services on Christmas Eve, at **4:30 PM and 7:00 PM**. There will be special music at the 4:30 service and the choir will sing at the 7:00 PM service.