

# To Our Visitors



We would like to welcome you to **BETHEL** where we are a church striving to make a difference through service and disciple making.

We hope that this worship service will bring you to a deeper knowledge and understanding of God in His omnipotence as we share with you the awesome and powerful ways God is working in and through us here at **BETHEL**.

If you've been thinking, praying, searching and hoping for a place to grow and belong, we say "welcome home." However if you are visiting please continue to visit and when you're tired of visiting us....JOIN US!!



## LOCAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DECEMBER 12, 2016 – DECEMBER 18, 2016**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016

7:00 A.M. – INTERCESSORY PRAYER  
DIAL-IN #: 1+ (605) 475-3200 ACCESS: 118615#

6:30 P.M. – WMS MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016

6:30 P.M. – BIBLE STUDY (WAR ROOM)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

11:00 A.M. – BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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## *Joy: The Third Sunday of Advent*

*By: Carlene Lenore Douglas*



*What is Christmas, if not a holiday built upon memory and anticipation?*

*Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and our focus is Joy. We live in joyful anticipation of the second coming of Jesus Christ, remembering that even now in His presence there is fullness of joy. We receive His gift to joy as a reminder that beyond this temporary life which sometimes yields sorrow, there comes a time when, as the prophet Isaiah says, "there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy." We have the privilege here and now to live a life of joy with dancing and praising and laughing and singing, even as we await the promised eternal joy. Let joy fill our hearts in this season of Advent, as we share it with others and bring them to the knowledge of love of Jesus Christ.*

*Prayer: God of Joy, we bask today in Your splendor and majesty. We humble ourselves before You to draw from your well of joy. Refill those places in our hearts where joy is fading or missing. O loving Father, we repent for those times when we withheld sharing Your joy with the sad, lonely, and depressed. Let Your light shine in them to remove the shadows that darken their spirits. O King who is to come, illuminate s all and restore us with joy of your salvation, the JOY that only You can give, Amen and Amen,*

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*Have you ever had a card you wanted to give, but you missed them  
Sunday morning or during a meeting?*

*Well*

*The Young Women Initiative (YWI) of the  
Delia C Jackson Women's Missionary Society  
Presents*

*The Third Street Bethel Christmas Card Exchange*

*From: Sunday, November 27, 2016 - To: Sunday, December 18, 2016*

*Location: Boxes will be located by the elevator by Last Name*

*Place cards in the box. Cards will be distributed weekly*



# Angel Tree 2016

Stop by the Angel Tree today to pick  
an Angel from the Tree

Change a Child's  
Life Forever at  
Christmas!

When a parent goes to prison, the innocent child they leave behind pays a heavy price of loneliness and shame. You can help show a child the love of Jesus and give them a Christmas they'll never forget.

It starts with a gift and leads to restored lives.

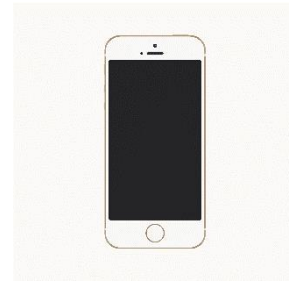
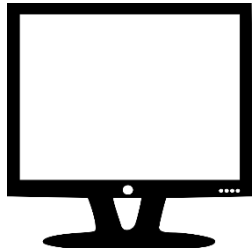
Purchase a gift for children of inmates in their parent's name. Each gift presents an opportunity to share the love and hope of Christ with each family. Through Angel Tree, these children feel a parent's love, despite their absence.

*Deadline for Gift drop-off is December 13, 2016*



## **ONLINE GIVING ANNOUNCEMENT:**

*However, God calls you to faithfully give, we give you options to make it simple and convenient.*



*In addition to your current method of giving, we invite you to give:*

- *On our website – [www.thirdstreetbethel.org](http://www.thirdstreetbethel.org)*
- *Through our dedicated URL – [www.easytithe.com/tsbame](http://www.easytithe.com/tsbame)*
- *Through text messaging – (804) 409-0449*
- *Through the EasyTithe mobile app available through the iTunes App Store and Google Play*

*If you have any questions, please contact Sis. Erica Gregory*