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ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS **AND EVENTS**

Today -- "Dare to Care" -- join Pastor Jim in the fellowship hall for a new Adult Ed class today as we develop another Kingdom Assignment to reach out to others. A sign up sheet is available in the lobby. We will launch the outreach on February 14.

Coming up......Women's Fellowship meets on February 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the church. All ladies are welcome!

Small Groups are revamping for the winter semester. See the handout for group times and places and plan now to participate.

Old Testament Reading Club -- Make 2021 the year that you read through the Old Testament. Reading logs are available in the lobby. Starts this week!

Winter Retreat -- Half Day Breakaway packets for a personal spiritual retreat are available in the lobby or on the church website.

Updated Contact Information -- Please make sure we know how to connect with you! Pick up a Connect! card in the lobby and give to a pastor or put in the offering plate.

In case of bad weather -- A decision will be made by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings if it is necessary to cancel services. Pastor Dave will send out group texts announcing the cancellation. Text him at 517.756.8000 if you wish to be added to the group text list.

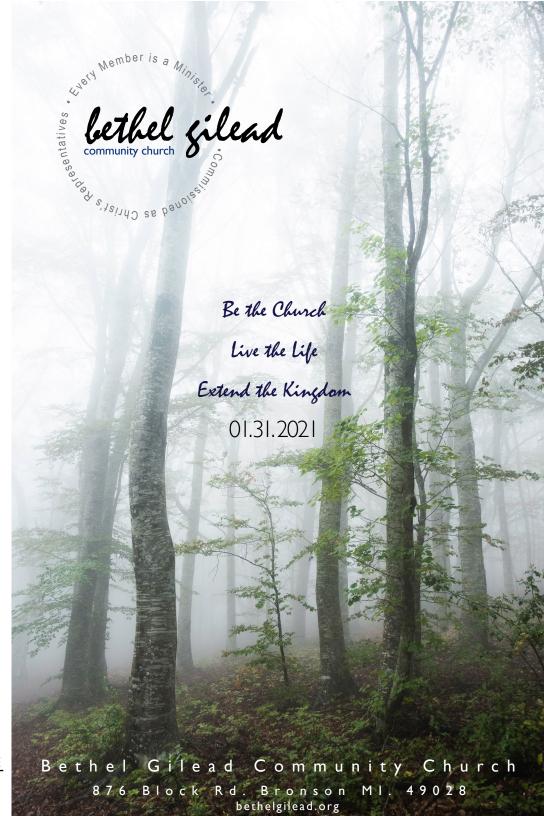


Offering --Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to bethelgilead.org (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left. You can also authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form (on the information desk in the lobby or contact the office) and turning it in with a voided check.

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Order of Worship

Opening Worship:

Light of the World Living Hope Be Thou My Vision (verses 1,4,5)

21 Great Saints

....Imitate their faith (Hebrews 13:7)

Abraham: The Father of Faith

- I. (<u>Genesis 12:1-7</u>) The Call of Faith -- Trust
 Follow me...! (<u>Matthew 4:19</u>) Abide in me (<u>John 15:4</u>)
 Go make disciples (<u>Matthew 28:19</u>)
- II. (<u>Genesis 15:1-6</u>) The Promise of Faith -- <u>Blessings</u>
 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "yes" in Christ. And through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God (<u>2 Corinthians 1:20</u>)
- III. (<u>Genesis 22:1-18</u>) <u>The Test of Faith -- Obedience</u>
 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed....(Romans 4:18)
 If you love me, obey my commandments (<u>John 14:15</u>)
- IV. <u>(Genesis 15:6)</u> The Fruit of Faith -- Righteousness The righteous will live by faith (<u>Romans 1:17</u>)

<u>Application</u>

- 1. Have you answered the call of God on your life?
- 2. Do you know what God has promised you?
- ${\it 3. \ \, In what ways is God testing your faith lately? Are you passing the test?}\\$

Closing song: Be Thou My Vision (reprise)

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Jonas Rigg -- sciatic nerve issues

Jan Carpenter -- recovering from cataract surgery

Dick Wright -- recuperating from knee replacement surgery

Rick Butters - complications after cataract surgery.

Jack Florent -- recovering from ankle surgery

Lisa Franks -- pain management during recovery from surgery

Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments

Keith McGuire -- recovering from eye surgery

<u>Praises</u>

Sherry McNees -- recovered from Coronavirus
Greg and Nikki Maertin -- recovered from Coronavirus
Dee Eley -- recovered from Coronavirus
Kerry and Elise Skinner - recovered from Coronavirus
Greg and Nikki Maertin's new twin grandchildren, Canon and Constance
Steve and Jen Byler's new granddaughter, Nora Jo
Byler family - recovered from Coronavirus

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer
Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, battling infection after transplant
Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer
Melissa Houtz's cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer
Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues
Bart Burnside -- health issues
Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place

Pray for our nation during these uncertain days

"We honor God through regularly assembling together to worship Him as Lord, study and obey His word, and attend to the needs of His people.

When we leave, we go out commissioned as Christ's representatives to a needy world."