

• Every Member is a Minister •  
*Bethel Gilead*  
community church  
• Commissioned as Christ's Representatives •

*A Season of HOPE*

*Love, Joy, Peace,*

*Found in Christ*

12.03.23

Bethel Gilead Community Church

## **Announcements and Opening Prayer**

**Opening Worship:** Christmas Carol Sing – Hymns 120 - 160

**Children's Story:** The Advent Wreath

**Message:** A Firm Foundation ([Matthew 7:24-25](#))

Guest Speaker: Congressman Tim Walberg

### ***“Through the Storm”***



*Tim previously served as a pastor before serving in the Michigan House and Senate. In the U.S. House, Tim sits on the Energy and Commerce committee and the Education and Workforce Committee. Tim leads the weekly congressional prayer breakfast and recently co-chaired the National Prayer Breakfast. His wife, Sue, leads a weekly bi-partisan congressional Bible Study for spouses in the capital.*

**Closing Song::** I Will Serve Thee – Hymn 446

### ***Linger Longer***

*Join the Walbergs in the fellowship hall after worship for a time of coffee, questions and sharing.*

## **Our Mission**

*"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"*

## **Prayer Concerns**

### Recent additions

Verna Miller -- in rehab following hip surgery  
Bonnie Miller -- recuperating from surgery  
Baby Eleanor -- granddaughter of Marcia Goheen  
The family of Tom Schoenherr  
The family of Norita Skinner  
Dale Davis -- recovering at Maple Lawn  
Sharon Shyrigh -- recuperating from surgery  
Kathy Reger -- recuperating from surgery  
Carl Stahly -- aortic aneurysm  
Melody Davenport -- kidney stones  
Joe Smotherman -- blood clots on lungs  
The family of Kathy Will  
The deAraujo family -- loss of grandson, Luke  
Angelina James -- treatment for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

### Praise

Andrew and Jennifer Labadie's new son, Hudson Ray.  
Melvin and Barbara Stutzman's new daughter, Olivia Rose.

### Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jim Wickey -- lower back pain  
Tim McKinley -- treatment for digestive issues  
The Carpenter Family  
Lisa Franks -- pain management

### Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Betty Carpenter -- Laurels  
Don Rubley -- at home

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days

**Welcome to our worship service.** We are glad you are joining us today! The service can also be viewed in our fellowship hall and nursery. Kindly silence your phone before service.

**Special Guest --** Today, we welcome our *U.S. Congressman, Tim Walberg*, who will share his insights into some of the national and international “storms” Christians are facing today.

**Services for Tom Schoenherr** will be December 9 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 729 West Washington Street, Ft. Wayne. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. Obituary copies are in the lobby.

### **December Events --**

- 12/10 Tijuana Team presentation
- 12/14 Women’s Fellowship to Shipshewana, 10:00 a.m.
- 12/17 Birthday cake for Jesus; Hot cocoa bar linger longer
- 12/24 Christmas Eve service

**For the parents of our little ones:** There is a room behind the sanctuary for parents of toddlers. The **nursery** (up the stairs, first door on the left) is also open and the service is available to be viewed and listened to there.

Children through fifth grade will be dismissed for **Children’s Church** during the first part of worship service if they wish to attend.



**Peace-today.com**-- an online resource for podcasts, books, research and testimonials on some of the topics from this summer’s sermon series. Scan the QR code to the left or pick up a flier in the lobby.



**Ways to Give:** Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to [bethelgilead.org](https://bethelgilead.org) (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left and using PayPal. You can authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form (contact the office).