

THE BETHEL BEACON



5110 GRAND AVENUE
GURNEE, IL 60031
NOVEMBER 26, 2023

"Our mission is to help people be disciples; lifelong learners and followers of Jesus Christ."



We are collecting coats, gloves, warm hats and men's shoes for... Bernie's Blessing to distribute on the streets of Chicago on Christmas Eve. For over 25 years the people of Bethel have donated many, many coats that are given to the homeless who are out in the cold and bad weather. As the weather turns cold and you realize a new coat would be nice, bring the old one for Bernie's blessings. Or, if you see a good deal on a new coat, we will gladly accept the new coat, too. This year, warm gloves, warm hats and men's shoes of all kinds will also be accepted. **Starting now and until December 10th, items donated can be dropped off with the Bethel office during office hours or before/after any worship service. We will have a table in the fellowship hall outside of the donation room for all donations.** Contact the Bethel office at 847-244-9647 with any questions or to arrange your drop-off.

You're Invited! To the Bethel Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event... On Friday, December 29th, the Youth Group is going to Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville to pack food specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition in countries where there is a need and that are partnered with FMSC. Packing time is from 4:30-6:15pm, then we'll go across the street to Culver's for dinner. All Bethel attendees are invited - friends are welcome too! Please note that children must be at least 5 years of age to participate. More details on packing day requirements will be shared closer to the packing date. Please RSVP to Stephanie Bunnell (stephanie.l.bunnell@gmail.com) by 12/21/23; if you are willing to help with carpooling, please let Stephanie know.

Sunday School Game Night..... The Board of Christian Education invites all kids from Little Lambs through 5th grade to a game night at the church on Dec. 2 from 6-8pm. We will have board/card games, pizza, and time to play in the gym. Bring your favorite games to share and play with friends. Feel free to invite friends who don't regularly attend Bethel as well. Parents, this is a great time for you to have a date night or get a jump on Christmas shopping. We hope to see lots of you there! Please email Emily Schaefer (gemteach@aol.com) if you plan to bring your kids. This will help us know how much food to order. Last minute drop-ins are welcome, but an estimated head count will help.

Have you ever played pickleball? Every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00pm and Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00pm in the Bethel gym several Bethel members and their friends get together for some friendly pickleball fun! We now have two courts and rotate teams in so that everyone gets plenty of exercise! We are also offering a beginner pickleball evening every Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00pm. If you have any questions contact the Bethel office or Carla Thompson.



Thrivent members....Don't forget to use your Action Teams! The holidays are coming and Thrivent members have the unique opportunity to get funds to help support projects in the church/community. Contact the Bethel office or Michael Ranieri with questions.

Bethel Website: www.bethelgurnee.org **Office:** 847-244-9647 **Preschool:** 847-244-9672 **Email:** office@bethelgurnee.org



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November Service Roster

| | Sunday 9:00 am | Thanksgiving Eve Wednesday 6:30pm | Sunday 9:00 am | Midweek Advent Wednesday 6:30pm |
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| | November 19 | November 22 | November 26 | November 29 |
| ELDER | Mike Bandman | Mike Bandman | Mike Bandman | Mike Bandman |
| COMM. ELDER | | Paul DeLassus | | |
| ACOLYTE | Nate Gutzke | Elizabeth Wait | Gianna Berezky | Sharon Victor Sam |
| USHER 1 | Scott Gutzke | Don Heidlauf | Scott Gutzke | Scott Gutzke |
| USHER 2 | John Schultz | | | |
| GREETERS | Rayos family | | Don and Joanne Heidlauf | |
| FELLOWSHIP | Hautzinger/Ross families | | Rayos/Schaefer families | |
| ALTAR GUILD | Linda Moran and Andrea Wait | | | |
| COUNTERS | Monte Stoltzman and Joan Blasko | | | |
| Anyone unable to serve, contact Cindy Daluga at Cindy@bethelgurnee.org | | | | Updated 11/22/23 |

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship Service Sunday 9:00am

Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday

Fellowship 10:00 -10:30am

Sunday School 10:30 -11:30am

Office Hours Mon –Thurs 9am-3pm & Fri 9am -12pm

Call ahead because times may change.

VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

for Worship Service need to be submitted to the Bethel Office by Thursday morning.

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