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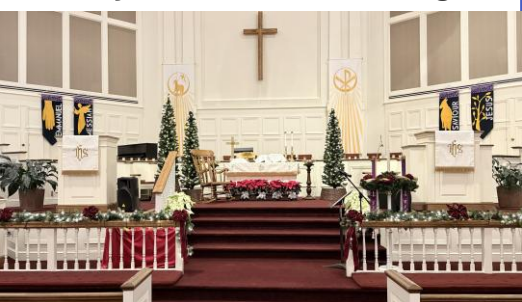
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Spring will be here soon, and with it, the Music Ministry will begin rehearsals and share in worship. There are several opportunities for people of all ages to share their talents in worshipping God. Information and signup sheets will be in the Narthex starting **Sunday, January 4**. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Wenrich at [Deborah@beulah-church.com](mailto:Deborah@beulah-church.com).

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*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24 (CEV)*

By Pastor Norma Aguilar

### This Day Belongs to The Lord – New Year Reflection

This day belongs to the Lord! Let us celebrate and be glad. During our staff Christmas party, we were given a daily devotional book by Sarah Young. The devotional was warmly received and deeply appreciated, because we all recognize how beneficial it is for our souls and minds to intentionally spend time alone with God. Yet, if we are honest, we often neglect to faithfully practice such spiritual disciplines. Because of this, each year I make it a personal commitment to choose a Bible verse—and one or two guiding words—that will anchor me throughout the coming year. I have been doing this for the past seven years, and I can truly say that this practice has helped me remain strong and focused on my walk with the Lord. After reading the first devotion of the new year, I knew exactly where my search was leading me. I chose Psalm 118:24 as my guiding verse for the new year. This time, I was especially drawn to the wording found in the Complete Jewish Bible, which reads: "This is the day Adonai has made, a day for us to rejoice and be glad." From this verse, two words caught my attention: Rejoice and Celebrate. These two words will remind me of God's purpose for my life and for my family in the year ahead. I do not know what this new year will bring. I am unaware of the challenges that may come my way.

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But of this I am certain: the One who created each day and blessed it is the Lord God Almighty, God the Creator. Every day belongs to Him, and every day is an invitation to acknowledge that amid the unknown, we can still rejoice and be glad in the Lord. To rejoice and celebrate means recognizing that throughout our earthly journey, God is with us. Was not Emmanuel— “God with us”—the name we heard repeatedly throughout Advent and the Christmas season? Why should we stop rejoicing and celebrating that truth now? The same God who made all things continues to make new things. Last year, the title of the Christmas play written by Deborah was both catchy and deeply hopeful: “God Is Up to Something.” As we enter this new year, remember God is still up to something; therefore, let us prepare our hearts for what the Lord has in store—things I believe are greater than any uncertainty or challenge we may face. This is the day that the Lord has made—a day to rejoice in His presence and to be glad that we belong to Him. We are God’s, and His plans are perfect and full of purpose.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR. MAY WE CELEBRATE EACH DAY IN THE CONTINUING PRESENCE OF EMMANUEL.**

# BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

## JANUARY READING

- |    |                        |    |                              |
|----|------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| 01 | 2 Samuel 15-16         | 17 | 2 Kings 1-3                  |
| 02 | 2 Samuel 17-18         | 18 | Sunday (Catch-up day)        |
| 03 | 2 Samuel 19-21         | 19 | 2 Kings 4-6                  |
| 04 | Sunday ( Catch-up day) | 20 | 2 Kings 7-8                  |
| 05 | 2 Samuel 22-24         | 21 | 2 Kings 9-10                 |
| 06 | 1 Kings 1-2            | 22 | 2 Kings 11-14                |
| 07 | 1 Kings 3-5            | 23 | 2 Kings 15-16                |
| 08 | 1 Kings 6-7            | 24 | 2 Kings 17-18                |
| 09 | 1 Kings 8              | 25 | Sunday (Catch-up day)        |
| 10 | 1 Kings 9-11           | 26 | 2 Kings 19-22                |
| 11 | Sunday (Catch-up day)  | 27 | 2 Kings 23-24                |
| 12 | 1 Kings 12-13          | 28 | 2 Kings 25: 1 Chronicles 1-2 |
| 13 | 1 Kings 14-15          | 29 | 1 Chronicles 3-5             |
| 14 | 1 Kings 16-18          | 30 | 1 Chronicles 6-8             |
| 15 | 1 Kings 19-20          | 31 | 1 Chronicles 9-11            |
| 16 | 1 Kings 21             |    |                              |

## PSALM AND PROVERBS

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|----|-------------|----|---------------------|
| 01 | Psalms 102  | 17 | Proverbs 24         |
| 02 | Psalms 103  | 18 | Psalms 116          |
| 03 | Psalms 104  | 19 | Psalms 117          |
| 04 | Psalms 105  | 20 | Psalms 118          |
| 05 | Proverbs 22 | 21 | Psalms 119:1-48     |
| 06 | Psalms 106  | 22 | Psalms 119: 49-88   |
| 07 | Psalms 107  | 23 | Psalms 119: 89-136  |
| 08 | Psalms 108  | 24 | Psalms 119: 137-176 |
| 09 | Psalms 109  | 25 | Psalms 120          |
| 10 | Psalms 110  | 26 | Proverbs 25         |
| 11 | Proverbs 23 | 27 | Psalms 121          |
| 12 | Psalms 111  | 28 | Psalms 122          |
| 13 | Psalms 112  | 29 | Psalms 123          |
| 14 | Psalms 113  | 30 | Psalms 124          |
| 15 | Psalms 114  | 31 | Psalms 125-126      |
| 16 | Psalms 115  |    |                     |



By Jann Niccoli

## MISSION MINUTE

Our blanket drive to benefit the International Rescue Committee refugees was a great success. We were able to donate 82 blankets, and sheet sets for twin, full, and queen-size beds. A great "Thank You" from the IRC was expressed.

Our donations to Sherbourne Food Pantry for 2025 (so far) are 8279 pounds worth of food. We still have a couple more weeks for donations, so that number should increase.

The Beulah Mission team voted to increase our food goal for 2026 to 7000+ pounds. As I am writing, we are nearing the end of the year. We have asked all the small groups, Sunday school classes, Women's Circles, and Men's Group to send us a record of their donations to missions, local or foreign and the amount. We want to be able to tell our church how we have supported others through the love of Jesus Christ. Our hope is to share a total to our Beulah family by February.

Beulah Church has also adopted a village with the Friends of Barnabas. This is a 3- year commitment. The community of Plancitos de Suyapa was founded over 50 years ago. Coffee, corn, and beans are grown locally and sold. The monthly income for the average family in Plancitos is 800 Lempiras (\$32) per week. Information regarding this is posted on the Mission bulletin board (to the left of the elevator in the Fellowship Hall).

The mission team is sponsoring a fun project to support **NOWKenya** girls. It will be **Tuesday, January 6**, in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. Please plan to attend. Requirements: can cut & can tie a knot.

## SHERBOURNE FOOD PANTRY

During the month of January, Sherbourne Food Pantry is requesting donations of pasta and pasta sauces. Your donation can be left on the wire rack at the Information Center or in the white after-hours donation cabinet in the Breezeway. Thank you for helping us meet our 2025 pledge of 5,000 lbs.



## COMMUNION OFFERING

The communion offering for January goes to **CARITAS**. "Caring is at the heart of all we do at CARITAS, and caring community members like you allow us to provide immediate assistance and long-term support that help those in need find homes and overcome addiction. By supporting CARITAS, you play a valuable role in our active community of caring, so that we can support the participants of our programs and continue to provide intentional, safe spaces where healing and recovery can happen. It is because of your support that our participants are never alone on their journey to rebuild their lives." (from the Caritas website <https://www.caritasva.org/>).





CHILDREN'S CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 04**  
9:45 am: Sunday School Class  
11:00 am: Communion Sunday  
No Children's Church

**Sunday, January 11**  
9:45 am: Sunday School Class  
11:00 am: Children's Church

**Sunday, January 18**  
9:45 am: Sunday School Class  
11:00 am: Children's Church

**Sunday, January 25**  
9:45 am: Sunday School Class  
11:00 am: Children's Church

YOUTH CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 04**  
9:45 am: Sunday School Class  
5:30 pm: No Youth Group  
7:00 pm: No Youth Band Rehearsal

**Sunday, January 11**  
9:45 am: Sunday School Class  
5:30 pm: Youth Group  
7:00 pm: Youth Band Rehearsal

**Sunday, January 18**  
9:45 am: Sunday School Class  
5:30 pm: Youth Group  
7:00 pm: Youth Band Rehearsal

**Sunday, January 25**  
9:45 am: Sunday School Class  
5:30 pm: Youth Group  
7:00 pm: Youth Band Rehearsal



KINGDOM KIDS  
Children's and Youth Ministries

By Suzanne Davis  
KINGDOM NEWS  
LAST MONTH:

December was short and very sweet; both the Children's Church and Youth group only met twice because of the various Christmas programs. Children's Church celebrated Christ's birth on December 21, by hearing the story of his birth from one of the angels (Carol Zimmerman) and making Gingerbread Houses.

The youth celebrated Christmas on December 14 and volunteered during the Living Nativity. During Advent, several of the youth took the opportunity to lead the Sunday School Advent Devotionals for the first time (with the help of their Sunday School Teacher).

**DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY:**  
In January, both the Children's Church and Youth group will resume their normal schedule, meeting on January 11, 18, and 25.

On January 4, there will be no Children's Church or Youth Group, as it is Communion Sunday. We encourage families to come and worship together in the Sanctuary.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:**  
Prioritize God, our Children are watching. Make church attendance a priority. It is very easy to say, "I'll go to church next week" or skip saying a prayer when something doesn't go right. By making God a priority in your life and seeking Him first, you will help teach them to seek God first in their lives as well. If you turn your eyes up to the Lord, they will also. Pray for your children and their friends as they develop their relationship with God and Jesus Christ.

**SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR MOM:**  
Mom's, we know it can be difficult to have a community and time with other Christian moms. We are looking to provide a way for you to connect and relax, so be on the lookout for your invitation to discuss how we can help you in your journey as a mother and as a Child of God.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

By Deborah Wenrich

**Beulah Land Quartet** rehearsals begin **Thursday, January 8, 2026**, from 6pm-7pm.

**Sanctuary Choir** is recruiting Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, and Bass! Sign-up sheets are in the Narthax on the table! Commitment is from January 8-June 21 (Father's Day). Rehearsals begin **Thursday, January 8, 2026**, at 7:00pm-8:30pm in Room 106. Sanctuary Choir sings in the Worship Service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday every month.

**Women's Chorus** is recruiting! We need Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, and Bass! Sign-up sheets are in the Narthax. Women's Chorus begin on **Monday, January 12**, from 5pm-6pm. Commitment is from January 12-May 31, 2026. Women's Chorus sings on the 4th or 5th Sunday.

**Bells of Praise** is recruiting! If you know your left hand from your right, that's all you need to join! Sign-up sheets are in the Narthax. Rehearsals begin **Monday, January 12, 2026**, at 6pm - 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Bells of Praise play in the Worship Service on the 2nd Sunday of every month.

**Children and Youth Handbells** are recruiting! Rehearsals begin on **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**, from 5pm-6pm. in the Sanctuary. Children and Youth Handbells play on 4th or 5th Sunday in April, Mother's Day May 8, and Father's Day June 21.

**Footsteps of Jesus** (Palm Sunday, Mar 29, Tuesday (Seder Meal Mar 31, Good Friday April 3rd, -Easter Sunrise Service Apr 5 play)

Play and Seder meal will be translated into English/Spanish.

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthax. Sunday, January 4th.

I need actors, actresses, backstage, prop help (make a tomb, and a stone)

I also need a team of folks who would like to shop, prep, and help cook the Seder Meal on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Please sign up!

There are small parts for both readers and memorizers.

Auditions for parts begin **Sunday, January 11 & 18** from 3pm-5pm.

Footsteps of Jesus play rehearsals begins **Sunday, January 25** from 3pm-5pm.

Footsteps of Jesus play will be performed Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday ) Tuesday Evening, March 31 (End of Seder Meal), Good Friday, April 3rd ,7pm (Audience participation), Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 5, 6:30am.







## CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The Christmas Musical “God is up to Something” was presented on Saturday, December 13. It was written and directed by Deborah Wenrich and featured actors and actresses from all three services and several of the youth and children. It was a joyful experience as the audience watched the Wisemen journey from Persia, the Shepards from the fields, and Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem to encounter Jesus’s birth. After the play, everyone gathered in the Fellowship Hall for Cookies and punch. Jean Lane was the winner of the special drawing and received gift certificate to Riptides Restaurant.



## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Christmas Cantata “Joy” was presented Sunday, December 21. The Sanctuary Choir did a superb job in sharing the Joy of Christmas through song. Ed Cole read the narration. Madeline Hodges and Bridgette Harrison had solos. The Children’s Handbells opened the service singing and playing “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”.

## LIVING NATIVITY

Living Nativity was held for the community on Sunday, December 21. The nativity started an hour earlier than in the past, and the day was beautiful with warmer temps. This opened the opportunity for families to come and see, greatly increasing our attendance from years past. Pastor Don Gibson and Oswaldo Aguilar helped redo the narrative, allowing the opportunity for many to hear the word of God in their own language. Thank you to everyone who worked to make the night a success.



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



The Candlelight Christmas Eve Service was held on December 24. The service was a beautiful service with many loved ones joining their family members in attendance. The Worship Committee worked hard in decorating the sanctuary and preparing for the service. Cindy Staneart shared a reading for the children on the stage. Cindy Hubbard shared a re-envisioned 12 days of Christmas that she wrote reflecting on the birth of Christ. Pastor Don gave a wonderful message about carrying Christ’s Light into the world. Then the congregation partook in communion and remembered just why Jesus was born, with Billy Kulynych singing” Oh Holy Night” in the background.

## BEULAH'S BEST

**BEULAH'S BEST:** Beulah's Best will meet on **Tuesday, January 20**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our musical program will be presented by Paul Muller. Come and enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and music. Look forward to seeing you.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
READ SCRIPTURE DURING A SERVICE?**  
You can sign up to read in 2026 at the Information Center.

## METHODIST MEN

**METHODIST MEN'S GROUP MEETING:** The Methodist Men's Group will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 20**, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be an important organizational meeting for the future of the group.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

You can honor your loved one by signing up to supply Altar flowers. The name of your loved one will be printed in the worship bulletin, and after the service, you may take the flowers home with you.

To sign up, visit the display in the Narthex or email the office at [office@beulah-church.com](mailto:office@beulah-church.com)



## BIRTHDAY LIST

### January

- 01 Abigail Fee
- 02 Linda Mustain
- 03 Karen Morton
- 04 Laura Stonestreet
- 07 Raymond Hodges
- 11 Madeline Hodges
- 13 Isaiah Gibson
- Howard Worrell
- 14 Sherry Gilliam
- Willie Wilson
- 15 Jim Niccoli
- 16 Carol Casler-Martin
- 17 Noel Boraski
- Barbara Dudley
- 21 Paola Leyva
- 25 Howard Bareford
- 25 Jerri Beatty
- 26 Leopoldo Aguilar
- Mark Inman
- Ariana Velasquez
- 27 Chance Gibson
- 30 Miriam Ferrer
- 31 Emmanuel Bonilla

### February

- 02 Marvin Waldrop
- 03 Ann Warren
- 04 Bobbi Hudson
- Mary Love Walston
- 05 Michael Alvarado
- 06 Eric Cunningham
- Allen Mason
- 07 Robert Mays



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

**Santa Fe Soup** by Barbara Dudley in the "A Taste of Heaven" Cookbook Page 17

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|--|-----------------------------|
| 2 lbs. hamburger, browned & drained    | 2 pkgs dry ranch dressing   |
| 1 can Rotel tomatoes and green chiles  | 1 cup water                 |
| 1 (16 oz) can kidney beans (undrained) | 1 (16oz) can pinto beans    |
| 1 (16oz) can black beans (undrained)   | 1 large, peeled potato, cut |
| 2 cans shoepeg corn (undrained )       | into chunks                 |
| 1 (16oz) can diced tomatoes with juice | 2 pkgs taco seasoning       |

Combine all ingredients in a large pot or crockpot. Cook on high 3-5 hours (crockpot only). Add salt and pepper to taste



## JANUARY CALENDAR

### MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- 01 New Year's Day Church Office Closed
- 02 Church Office Closed
- 06 Mission Project (Fellowship Hall)
- 09 Scouts (Fellowship Hall)  
Mariner's Christmas Dinner (Dolce Vita)
- 10 Scouts (Fellowship Hall)  
Hearing Loss Association (Room 250)
- 12 Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle
- 13 Mary Farmer Circle of Love  
Finance Committee Meeting (Room 107)
- 14 Kingdom Kids Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 16 Chesterfield Historical Society (FH)
- 20 Beulah Best Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
Prayer Shawl Meeting (Room 107)  
Methodist Men's Group Dinner  
Beulah Pool Meeting (Room 249)
- 27 Springdale Bible Study (Springdale)
- 30 Chesterfield Historical Society (FH)

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship Service  
Children's Church
- 11:30 Escuela Dominical
- 1:00 Espanol Worship
- 5:00 Youth Group
- 7:00 Echoes of Grace Rehearsal

#### Monday

- 10:00 Card Ministry  
Men's Bible Study
- 5:00 Women's Chorus
- 6:00 Bells of Praise
- 7:00 Scouts

#### Tuesday

- 6:00 Espanol Bible Study
- 6:30 Cub Scouts

#### Wednesday

- 12:30 Staff Meeting
- 5:00 Child & Youth Bells Rehearsal

#### Thursday

- 6:00 Beulah Land Quartet Rehearsal
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## THANK YOU NOTES

#### To: Prayer Warriors

#### From: Reverend Bob Stamps

Thank you for your faithful prayers on my behalf. I'm doing a lot better now, indubitably because of prayer. God is faithful and so are you

#### To: Beulah Church Family

#### From: Dale and Janette Huston

Thank you for the beautiful, uplifting get well cards. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. We are sure the Lord will get us through this difficult time.

#### To: Beulah Church Family

#### From: Louise King

Many thanks to all who came to my Birthday Party on December 14. It was great to see some "old" faces; (some not for years) new faces, most in-between. I appreciate you taking the time out of a busy time of the year!! Happy New Year 2026. Love You !!

#### To: My Beulah Church Family

#### From: Sandra Sanderson

If I were to write everything that I have received from my wonderful church family, including Pastor Don and staff, I would have to reserve the entire Beacon! It is with great emotion that I send my heartfelt thanks to each and everyone at Beulah who has loved, supported, and prayed for me during my recent health journey. The many cards, texts, calls, meals, and prayers were so greatly appreciated. Much love and many blessings to each of you.

#### To: Beulah Church Family

#### From: Pastor Don Gibson

Thank you so much for all the wonderful Christmas gifts! Your generosity and love mean so much to me and my family.

#### To: Beulah Church

#### From: Pastor Norma Aguilar

Thank you for the gifts and cards and hugs and words of appreciation. My family and I are fortunate to be part of the body of Christ and partners in ministry at Beulah. My family and I wish you a very merry Christmas and a wonderful and blessed new year. Blessings to you all!

#### To: Beulah Church

#### From: Suzanne Davis

In saying thank you, I do not even know where to start. Over this past year, many of you have volunteered during events and stepped up to share the story of our Savior's birth, life, death, and resurrection. We cannot see the fruit of this work right now, but the seeds planted will help God change hearts in the future. Thank you for being so willing to serve God in 2025. I am truly looking forward to what God has planned for all of us in 2026! It is a true honor to serve with you here at Beulah.

#### To: Beulah Church Family

#### From: Robin Peters

I would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for all the Christmas gifts & cards. I am so grateful to be part of this Church staff family. Words cannot express how everyone here has been loving and supportive and has made me feel like I have been here for a long time. AGAIN, THANK YOU!!

#### To: Beulah Church Family

#### From: Deborah Wenrich

Thank you all for blessing me with the many beautiful gifts of food, pictures, and money. May God bless you all abundantly for blessing me.