# **Beech Creek Wesleyan Church**

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# Sunday – December 17, 2023

#### This Week

Sunday - Worship & Children and Tweens Christmas Program 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday – Christmas Caroling 6pm

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### **Worship Attendance**

135

#### **Tithe Offering / Amount Needed**

\$4,856.00/\$4,430.00

## **Faith Promise**

\$150.00

#### **Building Fund** \$65.00

**Penny March** \$2,181.96

# **Sunday School Attendance**

70

Thank you for your faithful attendance and giving!

## Birthday's/Anniversaries

Friday- Andrea Glossner

Althea Watkins Keith Peters Amanda Little Ken Packer Andrew Miller Laura Hoffman Becky Dauber Leo Klinefelter Leslie Scott Becky Yount Betty Gray Bob & Marie Mary Hixson Walstrum Maxine Chub Bryan/Breon Missionaries Mogan Bittner Family Burrows/ Norm & Jovce Walker Lewis Our Country Families Owens Family Carrigan/ Neese Family Peg Gilbert Cheryl Breon Renee Fullmer Dan Jackson Sandy & Mikel Dave Dreese Sheasley

Sunday – Charlie Bova

Tuesday – Mary Falls

Thursday- Stan Johnson

Saturday – Ressa Owens

# **In our Prayers**

Marie Cummings Dave Heverly Scott Houser Shantell Inch Deb Oaden Teddy Parker Dick Long Dolly Hanley Tracy Noel Donna Bitner Ukraine Elmer Phillips Unsaved loved Emmy & ones Becca Stum Unspoken Hope Rice Requests Vera Mann Israel Vito Caprio Jeff Hanley

Wayne & Shirley

Hixon

Jerry Heverly

Joe Wheeler

John Rickert

Joni Bittner Jr. Bechdel

# **Order of Worship**

Prelude

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn Joy to the World 270

Christmas Presentation by Children / Tweens

Penny March I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day **Casting Crowns** 

Worship Through Giving of Tithes and Offerings O Come, All Ye Faithful 249

Scripture Reading Hebrews 4: 14-16 Wayne Boone

Lighting of Advent Candle - Joy Nathan & Danielle Hicks

Hymn We Three Kings 288

Morning Prayer

Pastor Alan

Scripture Lesson Matthew 2: 1-12

Message-'The Gift of Seeking' Pastor Alan Eckenroad

Benediction

Reaching Out In Love, Building Faith in Christ!

# Welcome

We are grateful that you have joined us today! If you are a first time guest, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offerina.

#### **RESPONSE CARD**

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If you a word W	re new to BCW please text the ELCOME to 570-669-3780.
texting	rould like to be added to our prayer group text the word PRA 669-3780.
	I would like a copy of a sermon Preached on the date of
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	I am committing my life to Jest Christ for the first time
	I am recommitting my life to Jesus Christ
	I am surrendering my life to the Lordship of Christ
	I would like information about the Membership Class
	I would like information about

**Baptism** 

#### **Announcements**

Welcome to BCW this Third Sunday of Advent. May we enter to Worship and then leave to serve. If you are a guest today, please fill out the Welcome Card in your bulletin and put it in the offering plate.

Greeters Today: Richard Miller Next Week: Pauline Harter

Thank you to the Children and Teens for the excellent program presented this morning. Thank you to all the Children's and Tweens teachers and leaders. Special thank you to Lorie Eckenroad for preparing the Children's program and Missie Lomison and Becky Falls for preparing the Tween program.

We are truly grateful for those who volunteer with our Children's Ministry. This includes Nursery Workers, all Sunday School Teachers, and Youth Group Leaders. Please go to the singing room after church for a gift of appreciation for all that you do.

**Adult and Young Adult** Sunday School and Reinforcers will not meet this morning. All will resume January 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Choir will practice this Evening at 5pm.

Join us as we go Christmas Caroling this Wednesday evening, December 20th. We will depart from the Church at 6:00 pm and hit the road with a message of encouragement and the blessing of Christ.

We invite you to join us Christmas Eve at 9am for the Morning worship service and again at 6pm for the Candlelight Service.

**Thank you to each one** that sponsored poinsettias for Christmas. Payment is due to Amber Scanlan today. A list of sponsors and memorials will be included in the Christmas Eve Candlelight service bulletin.

The Tween Sunday school class has been working on gifts for local veterans and widows/widowers. They packaged 315 blankets with cards and either a star from a retired flag or an ornament. The gifts will be handed out by the Veterans Affairs office during their monthly food distribution.

#### Thank You's

- To all who rang the bell for the Salvation Army on Thursday.
- Rusty Haines for making repairs to HVAC unit.
- Betsy Neese for giving green thumb care to the poinsettias in the sanctuary.
- All the folks that donated gifts and money to bless 6 plus families this Christmas. Thank you to Jenn Sholley for coordinating this Operation Blessing!