



# The Newsette

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*Our Vision: Bethany Christian Church is committed to worshipping God, deepening our faith, spreading the gospel, and serving where Christ leads.*

**Rev. Jaclyn Twedell Woods**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Naomi Moon**  
*Financial Secretary*

**Duane Toole**  
*Director of Music*

**Carol Molinares**  
*Pianist*

To submit information for the Newsette, call (804) 233-1066 or send an email to [bethanychristiandoc@gmail.com](mailto:bethanychristiandoc@gmail.com)

We are still broadcasting our Sunday service online on Facebook for those members and friends who choose to worship at home.

## **FEBRUARY TEAMS**

If you are unable to serve on the date(s) assigned, please arrange for a replacement.

**PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER**  
Christopher Gangloff

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**  
1 – Ollie Peebles  
8 – Ollie Peebles  
15 – Ollie Peebles  
22 – Ollie Peebles

**USHERS** - all month  
Mary Lowe  
David Walls

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

1 – Barbara Ozlin  
8 – Tyler Hawthorne  
15 – Kristin Wolfe  
22 – Ross Dorneman

## **DEACONS**

Ollie Peebles  
Christie Rolston

## **ELDERS**

1 – Barbara Ozlin  
8 – Ray Crawford  
15 – Brian Gradwell  
22 – Ross Dorneman

## **ELDER SERVICE TO HOMEBOUND**

Brian and Penny Gradwell

## **OFFERING COMMITTEE**

Jo Anne Dorneman & Karen McClain

**NOTE 1:** The Into Action AA group will be meeting in our Youth Center: •Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. •Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

**NOTE 2:** Crown and Joy Presbyterian Church meets in our main building: •Sundays at 1:00 p.m. •Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
•Third Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and other times as coordinated with us

## THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH



Though February is short, it is filled with lots of love and sweet surprises."  
~ Charmaine J. Forde

In February, nature reminds us that even in the coldest moments, beauty can still flourish."  
~ Gabriela Alemán

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" 1 John 4:11

## STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

### Stewardship report as of December 31, 2025 (100% of the year)

Income received year-to-date .....\$169,186.66 (109.18% of annual budget)

pledged donations; "give-as-I-can" donations;  
transient, Sunday School, budgeted special offerings and  
receipts; budgeted facility donations; budgeted  
interest/dividend income

\* also YTD, we have received and disbursed through Misc Special Offerings \$860 to CrossOver Ministries, \$630 to ACTS, \$600 to WHOA

Total operating expenses year-to-date.....\$192,678.96 (90.05% of annual budget)

For 2025, we:

- accounted for \$1,350.00 in facility donations
- accounted for \$8,854.18 miscellaneous donation to the church
- accounted for \$40,277.87 gain in the value of our Perpetual Endowment Fund

### Information on our accounts as of December 31, 2025

Truist Checking Acct	\$ 52,883.26
Truist Business MM Acct	\$ 642.98
Truist CD (matures 6-12-2026)	\$ 26,284.03
Christian Church Extension Fund CD for Loving & Caring Endowment (principal cannot be used - matures 05-14-2026)	\$ 10,000.00
Christian Church Extension Fund CD (matures 3-27-2026)	\$ 50,000.00
Perpetual Endowment*	\$ 434,880.19
*principal.....	\$ 237,855.59
*dollars available as directed by designated gifts from members/friends.....	75,853.51
*income available for general church needs as directed by the General Board.....	121,171.09

## 2026 FLOWER CHART

The flower chart for 2026 is ready. Please sign up for your special day for flowers for the Sanctuary by writing on the board outside the kitchen if you're here on Sundays OR by calling Naomi in the church office. The cost is currently \$34.50 to be paid to the church.



# THANK YOU!

Dear Bethany Family, thank you so much for the very generous Christmas gift! It was so very thoughtful & kind of you to think of me!

Love, Carol Molinares

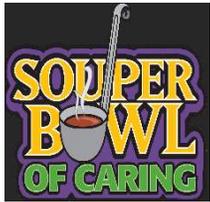


## EVANGELISM | OUTREACH DEPARTMENT



**Bainbridge Community Ministry** box in the hallway near the Chapel is always open for your donations of non-perishable food (and there is a box for paper bags with handles). Tim Skeens, from Bon Air Christian Church, is always so kind to deliver our food donations.

- *things to think about when donating to the food bank: cans with pop tops (no can opener required); smaller portions not oversized boxes; items that don't require ingredients not in the box (i.e., some mac & cheese requires milk and butter); cooking oil, sugar, and spices are needed also*



**"Souper" Bowl of Caring** – As we enjoy the Super Bowl, there are people in the Richmond area wondering where their next meal will come from. On Super Bowl **Sunday, February 8**, we will have soup pots out to collect cash (or checks made out to "Bethany Christian Church" marked "*Souper Bowl of Caring*") – you can "vote" for the

- Seattle Seahawks
- New England Patriots
- Puppies
- Commercials

These donations will be sent to the Bainbridge Food Bank to help feed people in our area. Please give generously.



**Week of Compassion** is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Week of Compassion has pursued its mission, working with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, toward the vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope. Week of Compassion brings immediate relief and long-term recovery after disasters; equips churches and leaders for disaster preparedness; responds to assist refugees; and supports global development projects that empower communities. Our Week of Compassion offerings will be collected on **Sunday, February 15**, and **Sunday, February 22**. Please make checks out to "Bethany Christian Church" and mark them "*Week of Compassion*."

## ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE AND BOARD MEETING

The recent winter storm has forced us to postpone our Annual Planning Conference to **February 8<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is invited to gather following worship for a time of fellowship and a meal provided by the Congregational Life Department. We hope you will stay and help our functional departments prepare our plans and calendar for 2026.

As I have been preparing for our activities that day, I have thought about leadership and the first time I served as Moderator some years ago. At that time a church member (you know who you are) began calling me "Boss". She even gave me a medallion that still hangs in my closet with my ties. I might even have worn it a time or two.



I also thought about another time our granddaughter was with us when we came to church. When we discovered that the door was locked, I reached in my pocket and pulled out my keys. As I unlocked the door, Addison exclaimed, "I didn't know that you're the Boss of the church".

Anyone who knows me knows that I do not consider myself to be the "Boss" of the church. Bethany doesn't need a "Boss". Christ is the Head of the Church, our Savior, our Shepherd. Jesus provides authority, direction, and life, while the church functions as his Body. We must always remember to look to Him for direction. Please join me in prayer that He will reveal His goals for Bethany as we gather to plan our programs of ministry for 2026.

Jim Davis, Moderator

## FROM PASTOR JACKIE TWEDELL WOODS

A Note  
from Our  
Pastor...

In her book "Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects" Jill J. Duffield reminds us that God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice.

I need that reminder. And I imagine you do too.

Because when the world feels so unsettled...when fear and anger and division are so easy...when everything feels so hopeless, it is easy to think that God is not here...or that God is not at work in our world.

But God is here. And will always be here – with us, God's beloved children.

When we need reminding, though, we look for God in the people and things around us.

That is what we will be doing this Lent at Bethany Christian Church – finding God in ordinary things...things that are often in plain sight...things that, because they are so plain, we tend to overlook.

Throughout Lent, we will follow "Lent in Plain Sight," drawing our attention to ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, and stones. On Sundays during worship, and at our Lenten Lunches, we will spend time with each ordinary object, and we will dive into the biblical account of Jesus' final days. My hope is that through these objects, we will draw closer to God, to each other, and to God's promise of God's presence.

Our Lenten Lunches will begin on **February 18th at 11:30 am**, and will go for 6 weeks, ending on **March 25th**. Bring your own lunch, and come ready to dive into the upcoming Sunday's scripture.

**February 22** – Bread (Matthew 4:1-11)

**March 1** – Cross (Mark 8:31-38)

**March 8** – Coins (John 2:13-22)

**March 15** – Shoes (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

**March 22** – Oil (John 12:1-8)

**March 29** – Palm Sunday – Coat (Matthew 21:1-11)

**April 5** – Easter – Stones (John 20:1-18)

Blessings,  
Pastor Jackie

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b> Combined Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Crown & Joy 1:30 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>4</b> C&J 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	<b>5</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm DWF Circle #4 7:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> C&J Marriage Chat 8:30 - 11 am	
<b>8</b> "Souper" Bowl of Caring (Bainbridge Food Bk) Ping Conf/Bd Mtg noon Worship 11:00 am Crown & Joy 1:30 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>11</b> C&J 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	<b>12</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> C&J Valentine's Breakfast 9 am - 1 pm	
<b>15</b> Wk of Compassion Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Crown & Joy 1:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> DWF Circle #1 10:00 am AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>18</b> Ash Wednesday Lenten bag lunch and study 11:30 am rec ashes 12:30 - 2:30 pm C&J 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	<b>19</b> Theology on Tap at Maldini's 6:30 pm AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> C&J 8:30 am	
<b>22</b> Wk of Compassion Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Crown & Joy 1:30 pm • Mar Newsette deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>25</b> C&J 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	<b>26</b> AA Celebration 5-8:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
		<b>Notes:</b> <b>AA:</b> Into Action Alcoholics Anonymous <b>FH:</b> Fellowship Hall <b>C&amp;J:</b> Crown & Joy Presbyterian Church <b>YC:</b> Youth Center <b>DWF:</b> Disciples Women's Fellowship					
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