

Bazetta Beacon

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From your Board Moderator

It seems like we just took down the tree and put the decorations away, but Christmas is here again.

As I get older my favorite memories of Christmas are from my childhood. Even before I could read or understand a calendar once I started to see the houses decorated with lights I knew it wasn't far away. When we put up the tree I knew it was getting closer and when we put out cookies and milk when we went to bed I knew that it was CHRISTMAS.

Every year when the JC Penny Christmas Catalog arrived we would start looking through it and circling what we would like to get. We usually got what we asked for within reason, and to tell the truth I can't remember what we got. Most of the presents are long gone. We outgrew the clothes from Grandma, we outgrew the toys if they weren't broken or damaged first, and some were given to other kids.

Christmas Day we would go to my Grandparent's house my cousins and my aunt and uncle would be there. Grandma would make dinner, and later more relatives would show up and help to eat the millions of cookies Grandma made. My favorite Christmas songs were the ones Grandma and Grandpa used to listen to by Burl Ives and Bing Crosby and the rest.

It wasn't until later that I learned the real meaning of Christmas and was able to understand that the best gift I ever got was Jesus Christ. "For born unto you this day in the City of David is a savior who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11) He is always there when I need him, and he loves me more than I know. He has gotten me through some really difficult times and made my life better than I could ever do by myself. One of the other gifts he gave me was my husband and I still have him.

Now Grandpa and Grandma are gone, and I am the grandma now. My role is much different than my grandma's used to be. My children and my grandchildren live out west and don't come home every year for Christmas. Many times, our Christmas is on Face time.

Yes! Christmas has changed over the years, but Jesus is still the best gift I ever received.

—Shelley Dolgae



Worship with us in person Sundays at 10 am or our parking lot (tune in to Radio Station 88.7)
ZOOM, & Facebook Live

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Kay Pealer
 2 ♥ Don & Grace Murphy
 2 Kelly Swiger
 4 ♥ Ken & Pat Shafer
 4 Dick Szabo
 9 Sandy Maloy
 10 Jim Dolgae
 17 Cindy Thomas
 18 Marlene Beck
 18 Nicholas Walker
 21 Sandy Brunke
 23 ♥ Gary & Patti Peterson
 27 Janet Frantz
 28 Dominic Aliesch



Nursing Facilities and Hospitalizations

The Elders have a schedule for hospital visits and communion. If you are in the hospital, nursing facility, homebound or expecting to be hospitalized and would like a visit from an Elder or Pastor, please inform the church or ask your family to do so on your behalf.

Facilities no longer contact churches or clergy because of HIPAA regulations.

Blue Christmas

Rev. C (Cynthia Klingemier) will lead a calm, contemplative Blue Christmas worship service at Bazetta Christian Church on Tuesday, December 16, at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome!

Bring a Friend!

Elder's Expression

Isaiah 6:8 - "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

This verse has always been very important to me. It is part of one of my favorite hymns, "Here I am, Lord." It is also what encouraged me to be the youth group leader at BCC way back in the late 1990's. It is what I heard in my head a few months ago when I accepted the call to be an elder at BCC.

As we all move into a period of transition at BCC, it is important that we are all mindful of this verse. We may be called upon to get out of our comfort zones, to step up in areas we did not expect, or to serve in capacities we are not familiar with. We all together are needed to help our congregation and church. So if you hear the call, it may be your time to say "send me!"

Janis Ulicny —Elder

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree ministry returns to help children in Lakeview and Maplewood schools receive Christmas gifts. Shop the sales or donate money so we can buy gifts for you.

Take one or two angels from the tree. Please return your wrapped items to the church by Sunday, December 14.

Thank you for supporting our church ministries and helping make a child's Christmas bright.

—The Angel Tree Committee



Loose Change Outreach Mission Jar The Salvation Army, Warren Corp

Through December, we continue to collect for our local Salvation Army. The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. **82 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to community programs.**

December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WORSHIP 10am	1	2 8am Breakfast @ Eat N' Park	3 3pm Prayer Shawl	4	5	6 2-5pm Murphy Anniversary Fellowship Hall
7 Advent II	8	9 6:30pm Elder's Mtg.	10	11 6:30pm Choir	12	13 8am Men's Breakfast 3pm Polar Express Childcare (FH)
14 Advent III	15	16 6:00pm Admin Board Mtg. 7pm Blue Christmas	17 3pm Prayer Shawl	18 6:30pm Choir	19	20
21 Advent IV Cookie Pick-up	22	23	24 5pm Christmas Eve Worship	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27
28	29 Beacon Deadline	30				

Offering Envelopes

If you are interested in offering envelopes for 2026, they will be available on Sunday, December 14, through mid-January. Look for the table and the clipboard with box assignments.

Bazetta Christian Church, Childcare

For many years, Bazetta Christian Church has been the home of the Bazetta Christian Church Childcare Center, a vital ministry serving toddlers, preschoolers, and offering a dedicated class for pre-kindergarten children. This center fulfills a significant need in our community, as no other nearby centers provide the same level of care and specialized programs that our childcare center offers.

Adapting Through Change

Throughout its history, the childcare center has experienced many changes, navigating both challenges and successes. Despite facing ups and downs, the center has consistently weathered the storms and remained a steadfast resource for families in the area.

Leadership and Success

Under the current direction of Courtney Williams, the center has undergone a remarkable transformation. It is now more profitable than ever, with every class maintaining a waiting list due to high demand. The childcare center's success has directly benefited the church in ways that may not be immediately visible to everyone.

Financial Support and Stewardship

In response to the rising costs faced by the church—such as increased utilities and supply expenses—the childcare center's rent was raised for the first time in over ten years to help support church operations. Like many others, the church has seen its expenses climb dramatically. Through God's grace, the church leadership is committed to making the most of available resources by vigilantly minimizing waste and unnecessary spending. These efforts have been effective; however, the support provided by the childcare center remains crucial, and without it, the church's situation might be considerably different.

Gratitude and Recognition

If you happen to see Courtney Williams around the church, please take a moment to stop by her office or say hello and express your appreciation for her dedication to both the church and the childcare center. Her work is truly a calling, and she excels in her role. Parents, children, and staff alike consistently praise her commitment and leadership.

Cortland Area Cares

Our local food pantry, **Cortland Area Cares**, needs volunteers and donations, especially during the upcoming holiday season. Cortland Area Cares (CAC) is a non-profit food pantry serving needy families and individuals in Cortland. In October, more than 350 families were served.

Together, we can make sure no one in Cortland goes hungry. Every small act of kindness helps feed a family. Thank you for caring for Cortland!

Location: 1000 Fowler St

Hours: 9am – 3pm on the **last Wednesday of each month** (except for November and December, which are **Nov 19th** and **Dec 17th** this year). Please call Donna Kittle (330) 883-1401 for more information.

November Worship Assistants

Elders Team

Paula Davis and Janis Ulicny

Deacons

Jill Gibbony Michelle Aliesch
Rex Pealer

Ushers & Greeters

Don Murphy, Carolyn & Roger Rowe

Liturgists

7 Michelle Aliesch

14 Janis Ulicny

21 Michell Aliesch

*24

28 Michelle Aliesch

Communion Preparer

Michelle Stineman



Fellowship

Tuesday Morning Breakfast

Tuesday, December 2 at Eat N' Park on Elm road in Warren. All are welcome to attend. Self pay.

Men's Breakfast



Saturday, December 13 @ 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. **Free!** All men are encouraged to attend and bring your friends with you!

Coffee on Sunday

Before worship...we have tea too!

Stewardship Corner

2025 Monthly budgeted amount needed:

\$15,620.00

Amount received as of
November 24

\$10,017.00

* One more Sunday in November not reported.

Experience "The Nativity" A True Story Saturday, December 20, 4-7 pm

Join us at Bazetta Christian Church for our annual Live Nativity event. Drive through our Bazetta Church parking lot to witness the story of Christ's birth, complete with shepherds, wise men, Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, a Roman soldier, and live animals including camels. Celebrate the season with your family from the comfort of your vehicle. All are welcome!

Additionally, the Elders and the Administrative Board extend their deepest gratitude to Courtney Williams, childcare director, for generously covering the cost of the live animals for this year's Nativity, from the childcare. What a blessing!



Christmas in Cortland presented by LOAF

LOAF and the Cortland Community Band cordially invite you to their annual Christmas choral concert on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 2:00 PM. The event will be held in Ridel Auditorium at Lakeview High School.

This year's concert is dedicated to supporting Sleep In Heavenly Peace, a non-profit organization committed to ensuring that children aged 3 to 17 have appropriate beds and do not sleep on the floor in our community. We welcome you and yours to attend as we mark this festive occasion.

It's A Celebration

The Murphy family cordially invites BCC members to join them in celebrating Don and Grace's 75th wedding anniversary. The event will take place on Saturday, December 6, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, with cake and punch served.

Please **NO** gifts! Come and join in the celebration of love.

Christmas Cookie Fundraiser

Support BCC Outreach's 2026 Women's Spiritual Retreat

Joining our Christmas Cookie Fundraiser! Cookies are \$9 per dozen (Almond Flavor Anginettis, Buckeyes, Clothes Pins, Ginger Snaps, Orange Cookies— soft and buttery with light citrus flavor).

Kolache nut rolls (limited number) \$12 each. Items are first-come, first-served and ready for pickup on Sunday, December 21. Payment is due at or before pickup; please label payments "Christmas Cookies" and keep them separate from other collections.

Thank you for your continued support!



Bazetta

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First Class Mail

Or current Resident

Christmas Eve Service Wednesday, December 24 at 5:00pm

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BCC Elders

Marcia Armstrong
Jeannette Callahan
*Paula Davis
Jim Dolgae
Angie Rinzella
*Larry Swiger
Valarie Rizzo
Janis Ulicny
*Moderator

BCC Modules

Discipleship, Fellowship,
Finance, Nominating,
Outreach, Personnel, Property

BCC Administrative Board

*Shelley Dolgae
Heather Faler
Ron Dolgae
Rich Pirtz
Roger Rowe
Kelly Swiger
Larry Swiger
*Moderator

Trustees

Mitch Callahan
Jim Dolgae
Dave Maloy

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday: 7-Noon
Tuesday: 7-11am
Wednesday: 7-10 am
Thursday: 7-Noon
Friday: Off

Appointments available
at other times.

Church Office Hours

Monday– Thursday
8:30-1:30
Closed Friday

BCC Preschool, Pre-K & Childcare Center
Courtney Williams, Director (330)-637-7312

