

# The Tower

## January 2023

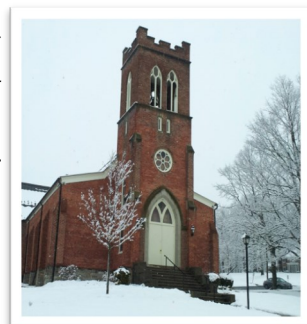


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### As This Elder Sees It & The Monthly Message

By now the Christmas glow is fading in the rear view and ahead lies January. I am sure there are at least a few of you out there that like me, January just puts a dread in you. The longest, coldest month with its fair share of the shortest days of the year. Even in the liturgical calendar most of January is marked as “ordinary time”, an uneventful time from Christmas and Epiphany to Lent.



You might be getting the impression I don't like January, and you would be correct. But even as the world is bleak and cold, we must remember that God is still moving and working and it is important not to miss that, to lift up our eyes to the hills.

*Psalm 121*

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*

One of the ways God will be working for me in January is the blessing of the weekly Bible study starting again which has brought together an inter denominational group of Christians for a great time of learning and sharing the love of Christ. In addition to equipping for discipleship the Bible study is also building toward the ECO tenet of a covenant life in the church, and not just Bethel, but in the full body of Christ.

*In Christ, we are adopted into the family of God and find our new identity as brothers and sisters of one another, since we now share one Father. Our faith requires our active participation in that covenant community.*

God bless all brothers and sisters in Christ.

Tim Turner

### A NOTE FROM THE BETHEL SESSION . . .

Bethel has had a very busy December, with dinner after church on the Session's normal meeting day. The Session decided to skip a formal meeting in December and cover issues by email. We hope your Christmas was great and looking forward to the new year with great anticipations. Thanks to all for our first outdoor, service in the Chapel in the woods, it was chilly, but everyone had a great evening!

Happy New Year,

*Birthdays - January 2023*

Mac Williams .....January 2  
Katie McElveen .....January 3  
D. W. Miller .....January 3  
Margaret Wade .....January 16  
Dale C. Smith .....January 19  
John Brubeck .....January 22  
Mary Ann Anderson .....January 28  
Bob Law .....January 30  
Joyce Liptrap .....January 31

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BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY

John Davis .....February 2  
Steve Hord .....February 3  
Nancy Reichard .....February 8

JANUARY WORSHIP LEADER

David Schooley



*Anniversaries - January 2023*

Bob & Louise Hoy  
January 17, 1954



COMING SOON ...  
MONTHLY MOVIE NIGHT!

Details will be announced at a later date.

The January calendar  
for 2023 is on page 3.



# January 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Baptism of the Lord 11:00 Worship & Communion 12:00 Mission Luncheon & Presentation on Peru	9 Church Office Closed 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (January 15th)	11 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	12 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 2:00 Adult Choir 3:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Bible Study	13 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	14
15 11:00 Worship 12:45 Session Meeting	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Church Office Closed	17 Church Office Closed	18 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (January 22nd)	19 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 12:00 Circle Meeting & Bible Study 2:00 Adult Choir 3:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Bible Study	20 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	21
22 11:00 Worship Deadline: February Tower Newsletter	23 Church Office Closed 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (January 29th)	25 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	26 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 2:00 Adult Choir 3:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Bible Study	27 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	28
29 11:00 Worship	30 Church Office Closed 7:00 Boy Scouts	31 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (February 5th)				

## BETHEL CHURCH SESSION

### Class of 2023

Bob Olson  
Dave Schooley  
Tim Turner

### Class of 2024

Tammy Barbour  
Brian Lee  
Dale Thompson  
Jill Webb

### Class of 2025

Cindy Almarode  
Derek Almarode  
Wade Cash  
Penny Lee

### Clerk of Session

Dave Schooley

## BETHEL CHURCH DEACONS

### Class of 2023

Ellen Fitzgerald  
Charlie Johnson

### Class of 2024

Mitch Lathrop  
D.W. Miller

### Class of 2025

Harleigh Lee  
Katie McElveen

## BETHEL CHURCH TRUSTEES

### Class of 2023

Bill Brubeck  
James Williams

### Class of 2024

Guy D. Brooks

### Class of 2025

Charlie Johnson  
Billy Wade

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