

# Bethany

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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New.

Year.

I can only imagine in generations of wars and plagues what hope has been wrapped in those 2 words. This year – this New Year of 2021 – holds the desires of so many of us to see the dawn of a new chapter for the world.

That's a lot of pressure to put on one year – as always there seems to be a magical expectation that a date on a calendar wipes away all the wrongs and misfortunes of the past and we begin again. And, in a way it is – all that we have experienced in 2020 now has a finality to it which, for many of us, is more than bittersweet.

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



In many ways we don't want the year to be over, we long for a do-over, but life is not like that. So, our decisions what to bring with us into the New year and what to leave behind. If there is anything I've learned this year it is that I can only be patient and live into that for which I know I can do.

As Bethany, we have learned patience – not just from worship but our vision of growing has been altered – We bring into the New Year an excitement of new ministries and our continued faith in the One who has and will never leave us.

Happy New Year my friends,

*Love, Pastor Denise*

# January 2021

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

**3**  
11AM Worship

**4**  
Jesse Holdren  
BIRTHDAY

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**10**  
11AM Worship

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Betty Schonemen  
BIRTHDAY

**17**  
11AM Worship  
Eva Staley  
BIRTHDAY  
Janet Shaw  
BIRTHDAY

**18**

**19**

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**23**

**24**  
11AM Worship

**25**

**26**

**27**

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**29**

**30**

**31**  
11AM Worship

Dave Bilger  
BIRTHDAY

## Lectionary Readings

### January 3, 2021

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

### January 17, 2021

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:5-10  
Luke 1:46b-55  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

### January 31, 2021

Isaiah 63:7-9  
Psalm 148  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23

### January 10, 2021

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

### January 24, 2021

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

## Liturgists

### January 3, 2020

Kathy Caughran

### January 10, 2020

Lataine Shaw

### January 17, 2020

Eva Staley

### January 24, 2020

Kathy Caughran

### January 31, 2020

Lataine Shaw

# The Gift of Poinsettias

*In Loving Memory of*  
John and Cheryl Staley,  
beloved husband and daughter  
by Eva Staley



*In Loving Memory of*  
grandparents Ada and Les,  
Uncle Gary, and Skye  
by Lataine and Janet Shaw



*In Loving Memory of*  
her mother,  
Francis Swanson  
by Mary Johnson



*donated by*  
Kathy Caughran



*In Loving Memory of*  
his parents,  
Shirley and Orrie Bender  
by Mike Bender

