



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

WELCOME!

Are you new to Bethel?

We would love to hear from you! Please fill out one of the Connect Cards in the pew and hand it to a greeter or include it in the offering plate.

9:00 am - WORSHIP

Nursery & Children's Programs:
Nursery (ages 0-3), Waumba Land (Jr./Sr. Kindergarten)
UpStreet (Gr. 1-5), Serious Faith (Gr. 6-8)

10:30 am - COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join us in the Gym

11:00 am - WORSHIP

No nursery or children's programs, but the Library has video feed for parents wishing to use it.

Luke 2:1-21

Mark Kotchapaw



PRAYER

STUDENTS | Pray for focus, energy and drive for students as they prepare for exams and other end-of-semester projects. Pray also for St. Lawrence College students as they are working through a much shorter semester than originally planned.

BAPTISMS | Continue to pray for Mackenzie Babcock, Caitlin Willis, and Jason Duiella who made a public declaration of their faith in Jesus last week. Keep these young adults in prayer as they grow and mature in their faith.

GINETTE ROY | Ginette has moved from KGH to Providence Care and is getting stronger physically everyday. Raymond and Ginette would like to thank everyone who has been praying for them. Please continue to pray that Ginette will gain strength and energy to become healthy again.

SERMON NOTES

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NEXT WEEK | Second week of our Carols series, featuring “O Come All Ye Faithful”

BENEVOLENT OFFERING TODAY | Today’s benevolent offering at the end of the service is for Martha’s Table. Martha’s Table is a non profit charitable organization that provides low cost nutritious meals to those in need, in safe and accepting environment. Meals are prepared and served Monday through Friday by volunteers in a restaurant-style setting for the nominal cost of \$1. The Martha’s Table drop-in centre or “Friendship Room” is a relaxing and comfortable space that is open to all with access to a telephone, computer with internet and instruction, restrooms, coffee/refreshments, snacks, art and other activities. Sandwiches are served at noon daily. Volunteers are always needed! To find out more, visit www.marthastable.ca.

PRAISE & POWER, TODAY! | Praise & Power is a monthly event held at Bethel Church for a time of worship in praise, prayer, and fellowship for the young adults of the city. Join us in the sanctuary next Sun, Dec 3 at 7:30 pm. There will also be a bake sale to support our various guest speakers! For other upcoming dates, follow us on Facebook at [@Praise & Power - Kingston](https://www.facebook.com/PraisePowerKingston).

STUDY HALL | Are you a student with exams coming up? The Upper Room here at Bethel will be open on Sat, Dec 2 and Mon, Dec 4 - Fri, Dec 8 from 9am-6pm for a drop-in style Study Hall. This will be a quiet space to study, with coffee, tea, and snacks provided. WIFI is also available...but it’s not the best quality (#beinghonest). Questions? Ask keri@bethelkingston.com. If you are *not* a student, please pray for our students during this exam time, and consider donating baked goods for the Study Hall.

LIFE GROUP SERVE OPPORTUNITIES | How can we give back this Christmas? As disciples and apprentices of Jesus, one area of focus and growth is serving our Community Gathered and Community Scattered. There are many opportunities within the church and in the community, and during the upcoming Christmas season we encourage you to explore how you can serve as individuals, Life Groups, families, and friends. Pick up a flyer in the Foyer for a few current opportunities, or download it online bethelkingston.com

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS CONCERT | “Celebrate Christmas” is an uplifting multi-media concert featuring old classics and new favourites. Held at the beautiful Isabel Bader Centre on Thurs, Dec 14 and Fri, Dec 15 at 7pm, tickets are only \$15! There are also several people from Bethel involved both onstage and behind the scenes. For more information, visit www.celebratechristmas.ca.

NEW YEAR’S FAMILY RETREAT @ CAMP IAWAH | Sat, Dec 30 - Mon, Jan 1
This fun family retreat provides a great opportunity for active outdoor adventures, quality family time and bringing in the new year with spiritual focus and fellowship. info@iawah.com / 613-273-5621 / iawah.com/family-experiences

UPSTREET MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY | Have you ever thought of getting involved in our UpStreet program? Are you a young male adult who enjoys mentoring? We are looking for another male volunteer to be an UpStreet Small Group Leader for our grade 3-5 boys. If you think you might be interested, please contact Jamie Stinson at jamiestinson@me.com

COFFEE ‘N KIDS | Coffee ‘n Kids is a new, no-frills moms’ group on Wednesday mornings at Bethel in the nursery. Drop in as you can between 10 am - 12 pm. Bring your babies and toddlers and join other moms and moms-to-be. No agenda...just conversation and caffeine! Talk to Jamie Stinson, or email her at jamiestinson@me.com for more info.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET THANK YOU | This year’s Christmas Banquet was a great evening of food, fellowship and fun! Thanks so much to ALL who volunteered to make it such a success. Thank you also for your generosity, as dozens of items were donated to the Kingston Pregnancy Care Centre!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CHURCH SERVICES | Invite your friends & family!
Christmas Eve | Sun, Dec 24 | 3:30 pm & 5:00 pm (NO SERVICES IN THE MORNING!)
·Nursery (0-3) and Waumba Land (JK/SK) available at 3:30 only
·No UpStreet or Serious Faith, youth are welcome in the service
·No Coffee & Conversation

New Year’s Eve | Sun, Dec 31 | 10:00am (one service only)
·All nursery and children’s programs running, except no Serious Faith (Gr. 6-8)
·Coffee & Conversation after the service

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS | The church office will be closed from Mon, Dec 25 thru Mon, Jan 1, reopening Tues, Jan 2 at 9am. However, staff will check emails and phone messages daily in case of any urgent matters.

FINANCIAL UPDATE | Fiscal Year May 1, 2017 - April 30, 2018

	GENERAL FUND	BUILD FUND
2017/2018 Budget	\$655,900.00	\$22,010.00
Offerings To Date*	<u>\$340,281.03</u>	<u>\$11,780.06</u>
Deficit	\$(315,618.97)	\$(10,229.94)
Pace After 7 Mos.	51.88%	53.52%

*Includes donations from the Offering Plate, Auto Debit, and CanadaHelps. org as of Dec 1, 2017.

LAST OFFERING 2017 | The last Sunday offering to qualify for 2017 tax receipts will be Sun, Dec 31. Please also note that any donations sent in the mail must be physically postmarked by Canada Post by Dec 31, 2017 in order to qualify for a 2017 charitable tax receipt. All donations marked after Dec 31 will be allocated to 2018 receipts, of course. Thanks again for your remarkable generosity. We couldn’t do what we do without all of you!