



## **YOU Matter at Bethlehem!**

God knows every bit of you and loves you just the way you are. Your voice, your presence, your participation matter to God...and to the BLC community!

**Here are a few ways to participate this Fall...we look forward to seeing you!**

**Sunday morning worship at 8:55am is for all ages!** Throughout September, you'll hear more about the theme "YOU MATTER!" and we are fed weekly around God's table of grace. **Would you like to share your gifts in worship?** You could be an acolyte or an usher. You could provide technical help with the Livestream Team. You could bring bread or wine for communion. There are too many options to list! Let the pastors know how you would like to serve.

**Worship for Kids for ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade** resumes **Sunday, September 7th!** This group shares in a time of hearing the Word and participates in fun and conversation in an age-appropriate way! Parents can remain in the sanctuary while this group gathers in the room across the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children will return during the offering so they can participate in Communion.

**JOY for kids in 3rd - 5th grade** now meets **weekly!** JOY meets in their own room downstairs at the same time as Worship for Kids, beginning on **September 7th**. The structure of JOY builds on what is already familiar! This group will also return to worship during the offering in time to participate in communion.

### **Confirmation Ministry for Grades 6-8**

BLC continues our confirmation partnership with St. Paul's, Pittsford again this year. The **Confirmation Kick-Off Dinner** will take place on **September 14<sup>th</sup>** at Bethlehem from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. All current students, their families as well as new-to-confirmation students and their families are invited to this event. Please bring a dish to share. Complete details will be available soon. Also be on the lookout for new fellowship events this fall!

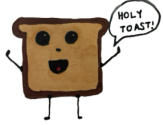
### **LYO for Grades 8 – 12**

LYO will meet every other week again this year in the youth room after worship at 10:15am for thoughtful discussion and fellowship. Our first meeting will coincide with **Sunday Table** (see below) on **September 7th**, so we will plan to sit as a group together. We will also brainstorm activities and dates to meet for the coming year. Do you have ideas for fellowship, service or fundraisers? Come and share!

**Music at Bethlehem** is coordinated by our Director of Music, Raelynn Clare ([raelynn.clare@blcfairport.org](mailto:raelynn.clare@blcfairport.org)).

- **Children's Choir** for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11am and begin on September 7<sup>th</sup>, with a little later start to allow for children to attend Sunday Table. Raelynn will collect choir members from the Fellowship Hall.
- Middle and high schoolers (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) are welcome to play handbells with the **Chancel Bells**. Rehearsals for the Chancel Bells are Wednesdays from 6 - 7:20pm and begin on September 3rd.
- **Chancel Choir** (high school through adult) sings weekly in worship throughout the program year. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:30-9pm and begin on September 3rd.

All ages are welcome to share musical talents by offering special music in worship or assisting with accompaniment. Let Raelynn know if you have questions or musical gifts to share!



## **HOLY TOAST!** Have you heard about **the Sunday Table**?

Beginning on September 7<sup>th</sup>, you are invited after service on **the first Sunday of each month** for a light brunch and social time. Sunday Tables will be hosted by different ministry groups, who will provide a simple shared meal and give our BLC community a chance to talk and reconnect. Sunday Table is for ALL ages! Hope to see you there!

**Ever have questions about the Bible?** Join **Midweek Bible Study** on Wednesday, September 10 and 17 as we look at the book: About the Bible; Short Answers to Big Questions by Terence Fretheim. Join us Wednesdays at 9:30 am in person or via the church calendar zoom link. Please let Kathy Moragne know if you'd like a book, but know you can join the discussion without it. Beginning September 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be reading through Romans. For more information contact any Bible Study participant or [kathymoragne@gmail.com](mailto:kathymoragne@gmail.com).

### **Opportunities to Serve:**

**Enjoy a beverage and a sweet treat after worship on Sundays?** Sign up to help the Fellowship Team! The fall sign-up sheet will be posted on the kiosk next to the goodie table in the Narthex. The process is easy and greatly appreciated by all. Please see GerryAnn Westcott to learn more.

**Money Tellers Needed!** Have an extra 30-minutes on Sunday mornings to help count offerings and prepare the weekly deposit? Our finance committee is looking for help with this important, routine task. Tellers work in teams that are scheduled in advance, and training is provided.

**Second Sunday Dinner Ministry is GROWING!** Want to put your faith into action? We're looking for **4** additional drivers with availability eight or more times per year to deliver meals to members of the Fairport community who are experiencing food insecurity. What a powerful way to share God's grace! Contact Toni Thompson to learn more.

**Interested in expanding friendships at BLC?** Check out Simply Social! Small groups of 6-8 people meet outside of church once/month for a social activity -- like a meal, game night, or other fun activity -- to get to know one another better. Group members take turns selecting activities. Each group meets 4-6 times, then groups are shuffled to expand connections. Fall groups are forming now. Sign-up on the Kiosk near the goodie table or email Alli O'Malley, [volunteersupport@blcfairport.org](mailto:volunteersupport@blcfairport.org).

**Advent Calendars:** Need a new one? One that tells the Christmas story? View samples from previous years on the kiosk at church. If the kiosk looks interesting, take a "plan" from the kiosk. If you decide you want to make one for yourself ... or a child or friend, be sure to sign up by September 14. That's soon!

Skills needed include tracing, cutting, ironing and a bit of machine sewing and hand sewing, including buttons. Machine sewing may be done at BLC. Cost for ALL supplies is \$25. I will assemble the tops for you (assorted styles, comparable to the ones on the kiosk) so you can begin the manger immediately.



We'll gather on alternate Tuesdays for about 2 hrs each (either at 10am or 7pm) on September 23, October 7, October 21 and November 4, with extra time to spare to be ready for December 1! **Sign up by September 14** so that supplies can be purchased! Questions? [gerryannwestcott@gmail.com](mailto:gerryannwestcott@gmail.com)