



Bethany Mar Thoma Church



Building Committee Update *****

As requested by Building Committee, please donate as you pledged and those who did not pledge need to donate now. We cannot start the construction till we have the funds available.

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December 2019



Bethany Mar Thoma Church



90 Old Orangeburg Road
Orangeburg, NY 10962

CHRISTMAS.365GREETINGS.COM

*May you enjoy all the gifts of Christmas.
The gift of happiness.....
The gift of joy.....
The gift of love.....
Wishing you a blissful holiday!*

**Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year**

Worship Service at 10:30AM

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WISH ALL MEMBERS OF BETHANY MAR THOMA
CHURCH A MERRY CHRISTMAS, A HAPPY AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, MAY 2020 BRING YOU THE
BLESSIGS FROM OUR LORD.



Worship Schedule



| Date | Worship Service |
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| Dec 01 | Public Worship Service (Malayalam). 10:30 a.m. |
| Dec 08 | Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)10:30 a.m. |
| Dec 15 | Public Worship Service (English). 10:30 a.m. |
| Dec 22 | Holy Communion Service (English). 10:30 a.m. |
| Dec 25 | Christmas Service (Malayalam) 10:30 a.m. |
| Dec 29 | Holy Communion Service (English)10:30 a.m. |
| Dec 31 | Watchnight Prayer 10:00 p.m. |

| Date | Lessons |
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| Dec 01 | Lessons |
| Beginning of 25 Days Lent-Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth, Sharing of Good News (Bible Sunday) | Isa 40:1-8 |
| | Jas 1:19-25 |
| Dec 08 | Lessons |
| Birth of John the Baptist- | 1Kgs 19:1-21 |
| | Rev 10:1-11 |
| Dec 15 | Lessons |
| Annunciation to Joseph- | Isa 7:10-17 |
| | 1Pet 3:8-16 |
| Dec 22 | Lessons |
| Sunday before Christmas "Our Lord Comes" | Isa 11:1-10 |
| | 1John 4:7-21 |
| Dec 25 | Lessons |
| Yaldo: Feast of Nativity A New Dawn Grace upon Grace (End of 25 Days) | Isa 9:1-7 |
| | Heb 1:1-14 |
| Dec 29 | Lessons |
| Christ the Hope of Glory- | Zech 14:1-5 |
| | Acts 1:6-11 |
| Dec 31 | Lessons |
| Year Ending Watch Night Service-"Taste and See the Lord is Good" | Deut 8:1-20 |
| | Heb 12:1-13 |



Achen's Message

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We come to an advent season. It's a season of annunciation. All annunciation are very painful. In the midst of the painful annunciation Christmas is being celebrated. In the Bible, birth narratives are placed as "counter narratives of Life" over a "culture of death". The infancy narratives in the Bible are not merely birth stories, but they are the stories about the birthing of a new world. We are called to give birth to a new just world.

Christmas is the celebration of life. The born of Savior has been teaching us "the gift of life" as a celebration and even more when it is concerning" the Savior's one who is to save us from sin. Both the proclamations of spiritual and political content explain to us the basic essence of life. So, life is a gift from God and that it requires God.

Birth is defined as the "beginning of Life". As such the birth of Jesus Christ is a new beginning for humanity and the whole creation. The celebration of Christmas likewise, is also giving us the hope that even though our present life is a mess, we can clean up the mess and start a new life with Christ. Life in that sense is an assurance.

The proclamation of Christmas, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests"(Lk.2:14), combining life as a gift and an assurance challenges us to live a life, giving glory to God and making peace with others and having peace within ourselves. The shepherds received this "life "when they "returned, glorifying and praising God". Let us also live this "life of Christmas "throughout the year with thanksgiving in our hearts. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. May God bless us.

In Christ's service,

Rev.Jacob Thomas Achen.

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BETHANY'S Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes begin at 9:00 a.m . See Joseph Mathew for more information regarding SS.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

Senior Citizens meeting will be on December 10th Tuesday at 10 a.m. at church. For more information, please contact Senior Citizens representative, Kannampallil Thomas. 845 356 6581.

SEVIKA SANGHAM

There will be a Sevika Sangham Meeting on December 25, Wednesday at the Church. This meeting starts at 10:00 AM.

EDAVAKA MISSION

There will be an Edavaka Mission meeting Wednesday, December 4 @ 10:00 A.M. at the Church.
The fasting prayer will continue to be at 10:00 a.m. every Friday.

PRAYER MEETING

Contact prayer group coordinators or achen to schedule prayer meetings.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Christmas Carol Service at the church will be at 5:00 p.m. on December 21, Saturday.

House to house caroling will be on Dec 7,8,14 and 15. See the attached insert for the day the members will be visiting your house.

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