

Upcoming Events & Service Opportunities

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thurs., Jan. 5, 6:15am, Bernard's
DOWNTOWN MEN'S BREAKFAST
 Join other Bethany men for this monthly gathering at Bernard's (Seneca St. between 3rd and 4th). For more info and to RSVP, contact Josh Moullet, jmoullet@gmail.com.

Get ready to connect!
WINTER COMMUNITY GROUP CATALOGS are on their way. Signups begin Jan. 8.

Sat., Jan. 14, 10am, Classroom A
WISE & WONDERFUL (60+) BRUNCH
 If you are age 60 or over, join us for Saturday brunch and fellowship! Main dish is provided; please bring a side dish to share. Contact Kyara Christian, kyara@spu.edu.

Mark your calendar for Bethany's **ALL-CHURCH RETREATS** coming next month. Men's will be Feb. 3-5; Women's will be Feb. 17-19. Register now at churchbcc.org/retreat.

Tabitha Food Bank's **FOOD OF THE MONTH** is canned fruit. Thanks for your donations! Collection bins are located in the foyer.

SUNDAY NIGHT DINNERS are taking a holiday break and will resume on Jan. 8.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS are also on holiday break and will resume Jan. 11.

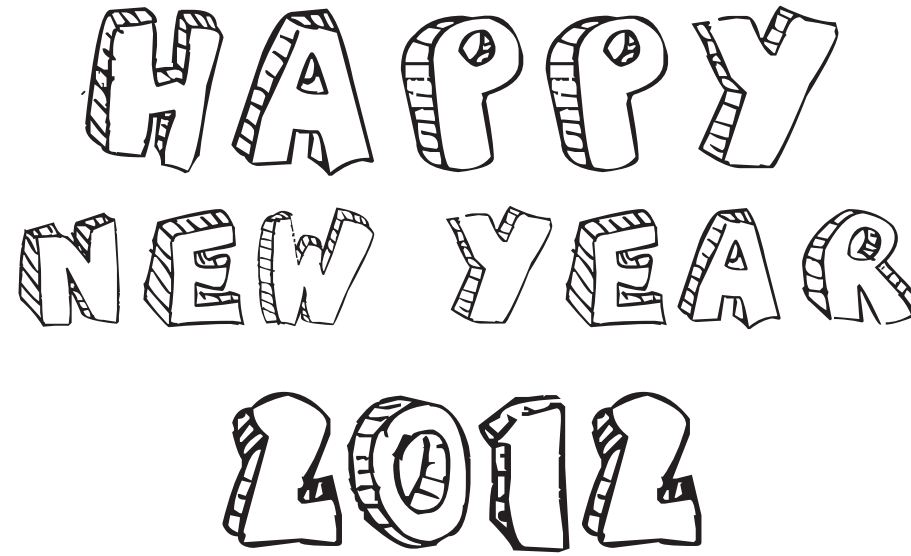
SNOW CLOSURES
 In case of snow or dangerous road conditions, check online for the status of worship services or other ministry activities at churchbcc.org. A recorded message will also be found on Bethany's main phone line: 206.524.9000.

Tues., Jan. 10, 6:30pm, Classroom A
ADOPTION & FOSTER CARE MINISTRY is for families who are interested in adoption or foster care, are in the process of adopting, or have adopted. Childcare provided. Contact Catherine Seguin, gncsequin@hotmail.com.

Sundays, Jan. 15-29, 9:15-10:15am, Chapel Lower Level
FOUNDATIONS MEMBERSHIP CLASS
 Been at Bethany for a few months—or a few years—and think of it as your home church? Consider becoming a member. The first step is this class, where you'll learn the basics like core values and beliefs, history, and vision of Bethany. Contact adultclasses@churchbcc.org.

Tues., Jan. 17, 6:30pm, CE Auditorium
STEPHEN MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL DINNER
 We are looking for people who would provide a listening ear, compassionate heart, and prayerful presence to people going through difficult times in life. If you're interested in finding out more about this vital caregiving ministry, please attend our Informational Dinner. RSVP to Pastor Phil, philm@churchbcc.org.

PRAYER QUILT FOR NEVA YORKSTON
 A prayer quilt is made with love by the Bethany Prayers & Squares prayer quilt ministry, and tied with prayers by the congregation. Today's quilt is for Neva Yorkston.
 In early December Neva developed a severe infection. She has had three surgeries to remove tissue surrounding the infection site and has had to spend time in the hospital. Please pray that the infection will clear permanently, that the wound would heal, and for future concerns of a skin graft and home care. For more info about the prayer quilt ministry, please contact Deborah Ferguson, ferguson.deborah@gmail.com.



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THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

Sunday 1.1.12	Bethany Green Lake Worship Services , 9am, 11am, 5pm, 7pm (Assisted listening devices available at the sound booth) Bethany West Seattle Worship Service , 9:30am Bethany North Worship Service , 10am
Monday	Church Office Closed Food Bank Open Hours , 6-7pm, CE Foyer
Tuesday	All-Church Prayer Meeting , 7pm, Classroom B Brass Rehearsal , 7pm, Chapel
Wednesday	Veritas Youth Ministries: High School , 6:30pm, CE Building
Thursday	Downtown Men's Breakfast , 6:15am, Bernard's
Friday	College Ministry , 8pm, Chapel
Saturday	Leadership Training , 9am, Sanctuary Special Needs Support Group , 9am, Classroom A

Last week's offering Year to date income* Year to date expenses** *9.1.2011 through 11.30.2011 Sanctuary debt	\$ 81,720 \$ 939,756 \$ 824,759 \$4,288,305
Green Lake Christmas Eve Green Lake Christmas Day Green Lake Children North Campus West Seattle Campus Last Week's Attendance	1,634 335 39 198 47 2,253

For a complete list of this week's upcoming events and classes, please visit churchbcc.org.

Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 12:41-48 God's Better Story—and Your Part in It

Pastor Richard Dahlstrom

One of the most important questions God has for you is: Are you using the gifts entrusted to you in order to further God's purposes in the world?

There are three priorities that we can develop which will help us answer that question well.

I. Know God

How do I do this?

- A. Time
- B. Presence
- C. Response

II. Know the story God is writing

How do I do this?

- A. Learn about the Kingdom
- B. Take "Next Steps"

III. Discover your part in the story

How do I do this?

- A. Find your gift(s)
- B. Develop your gift(s)

TODAY'S RESPONSE

The area from this teaching where I hope God helps me move in the coming year is:

A step in the right direction I'd like to take that will help that movement is:

OPPORTUNITIES TO MINISTER AND SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE AT BETHANY



Mentors: Christ set an example for us to walk with each other as we journey through life. Here at Bethany there is a wonderful opportunity to journey with young women who are looking for someone to walk alongside them, share a cup of coffee, and listen to their needs. Please join us as we meet these needs and uplift women in prayer. No experience needed!

Male Leaders: Ever thought of using your gifts to serve students? We are looking for people who want to invest in the life of a teen, not just "volunteer." The youth ministry at Bethany is growing and making an impact on the city and we need your help.

- 2 leaders needed for Sunday evening middle school gatherings.
- 2 leaders for high school Wednesday evening gatherings.

Commitment includes leading a small group twice a month on Sundays.



Crossing Guards: Enthusiastic and safety-conscious people who provide safe street-crossings.

Storytellers: Help us introduce children at Bethany to God's love through telling stories. We need Sunday morning volunteers who are interested in sharing stories with our children. Parents are especially encouraged to serve!

Bagley Parking: Help fellow Bethany attendees find the right parking spot.

Worship Leaders: This new year brings many new opportunities. One opportunity is leading worship with our children. Consider joining us by leading worship at a Sunday morning service.

Shuttle Drivers: Reduce our environmental footprint and neighborhood parking impact by driving fellow parishioners on our shuttles.

Ushers/Greeters: Welcome each person to our Bethany family as they walk through our doors.

Newcomer Meals Team: Set up, serve, and clean up meals for newcomers as they get a welcoming introduction to our Bethany family.

Pew Clean-up Team: Cleaning and straightening pews after the Sanctuary and Chapel services. This is a great family service opportunity!

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Alpha Course Cooks: Have you and a friend ever wanted to cook together for others? If so, then please join us in ministering to our Alpha Course attendees by providing great meals for them to break bread with one-another as they ask questions and build community with one-another.

2 Cooks needed for the winter trimester Alpha Course. Wed. nights (February 1–April 1). Meals for up to 20 people need to be ready by 6pm.



Tabitha Shelter Volunteers: 8–12 Overnight Volunteers each month. 8:30pm–7am: sleep through the night (lights out 10:15pm), then serve a small breakfast to our guests. One night per month.

Shuttle Drivers: 4–6 Drivers each month. Evening driver picks up guests from Noel House with a Bethany shuttle (8:30–9:30pm). Morning driver drops guests off at Noel House with a Bethany shuttle (6:15am–7am). Once per month.

Hospitality Volunteers: 4-8 needed each month. Help set-up the shelter and manage Clothing Closet and Book Cart. 8:30pm–10pm once per month

Nutrition Volunteers: 4-8 volunteers each month. Help prepare nutritious and light evening and breakfast meals. Pick up fresh produce. 8:15–10:15pm, once per month. *Having a Washington Food Handler's Permit is encouraged.*



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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Bethany needs hundreds of volunteers to function; serving even once a month makes a big impact.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crossing Guard (Sundays) | <input type="checkbox"/> Storytellers <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Leaders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher/Greeter (Sundays) | <input type="checkbox"/> Veritas Student Ministry |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newcomer Meals (Sundays) | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Ministries Mentor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pew Clean up (Sundays) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tabitha Nutrition |
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Name _____

Email _____

At which service (if Sunday) are you interested in serving? _____

Want to see our full list of available service opportunities and detailed team descriptions? Visit churchbcc.org/serve.

INTRODUCING
KEENAN BARR



BETHANY'S NEW
**VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR**

During the past four years that I've attended Bethany, I have often heard Richard say that we are called to, "Make the invisible God visible in our world." While that phrase was never meant as a condemnation, but rather an encouragement, I often would be at a loss as to how I would go about doing that. I mean, how does one make God visible? While I have come to realize that one can make our invisible Lord visible in numerous ways (and to not be so stressed about it), one way that has stuck with me is through serving. In my past work with Youth for Christ, I found that it was often not what we said, but how we served in the community that made people ask us what was going on.

Through those incredible experiences with Youth for Christ, I learned a life lesson: serving for even a short amount of time (i.e. an hour or two a month) makes a HUGE difference because by serving we love others and they see God's love through us. Thus, in this new year I encourage you to consider making the invisible God visible through serving here at Bethany, in your community, or at your workplace. A few hours a month can be a great opportunity to make our invisible God visible!