



# Beulah and Monterey eNewsletter January, 2023

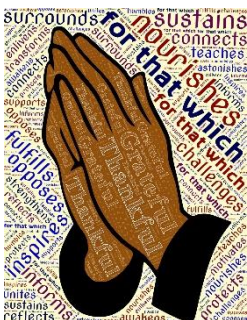
*Let the Celebration begin as we honor the following  
January Birthdays and Anniversaries*

## BIRTHDAYS

1/2 Bonnie Baxley  
1/3 Carolyn McCray  
1/7 Autumn Warner  
1/8 Linda Frye  
1/8 Kirk Billingsley  
1/13 Jessie Rogers  
1/15 Karen DeVore  
1/16 Jeff Hiner  
1/19 Ivy Barker  
1/27 Cindy Swecker  
1/28 Donna Hooke  
1/30 Gail Simmons

## ANNIVERSARIES

1/13 Troy and Bonnie Baxley  
1/13 Holmes and Ardis Stephenson



**PRAYER CONCERNS** –*Marlene Reynolds, Barbara Hevener, Mary Anne Bedwell, Mike Armstrong, Lillian and Garland Dever, Jim and Ruby Swecker, Carlton Hull, and those each of us hold in our hearts.*

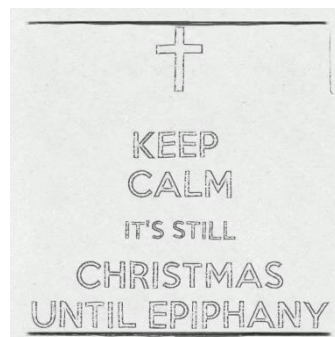
As we go into winter we are seeing an increase in the spread of Covid, flu, colds, RSV and other viruses. To help decrease the spread of germs, wear a mask, wash your hands and distance yourself from others where you can.

COVID tests are available for free again using this link: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>

## Worship on January 1, 2023

**Beulah** – The Christmas Day “Lessons and Carols” worship service that was postponed due to inclement weather, will be held on 1/1 at 9:30 am. All are invited.

**Monterey** – There will be a joint hymn sing starting at 11:15, followed by a pot luck lunch. All are invited to start the New Year by making or listening to a joyful noise, then eating together in fellowship.



## Pulpit Supply in January

Services will be held at Beulah at 9:30 am and Monterey at 11:15 am on each of the following Sundays. The Beulah service will be live-streamed.

We are blessed to be welcoming back to the pulpit:

January 8, 2023	Millard Driver
January 15, 2023	Millard Driver
January 22, 2023	Reverend Roxana Atwood
January 29, 2023	Reverend Dr. Chris Scott

As we have already experienced, there is always the possibility of inclement weather on a Sunday morning in the winter. A team is in place that will make the decision to cancel church, and in that event I will send out an email blast. Carol Furr will call those that aren't online. It will also be on the radio. It may have to be an early decision if a supply minister is coming across the mountains and needs to be at Beulah by 9:30. If this plan changes, you will get updated information

## BEULAH NEWS

Beulah elected new elders on November 29 during a special congregational meeting. Here are the changes starting in January, 2023.

- Julia Blanchard will become clerk of session, replacing Holmes Stephenson. Many thanks to Holmes for his leadership and service.
- Vernon Simmons was elected a ruling elder for his first term.
- Richard Simmons was elected to his second term as ruling elder.
- David Blanchard will be rotating off and the church thanks him for his leadership and service.

Beulah will have a stated session meeting Thursday Jan. 5, 2023 at 1p.m. at the church.

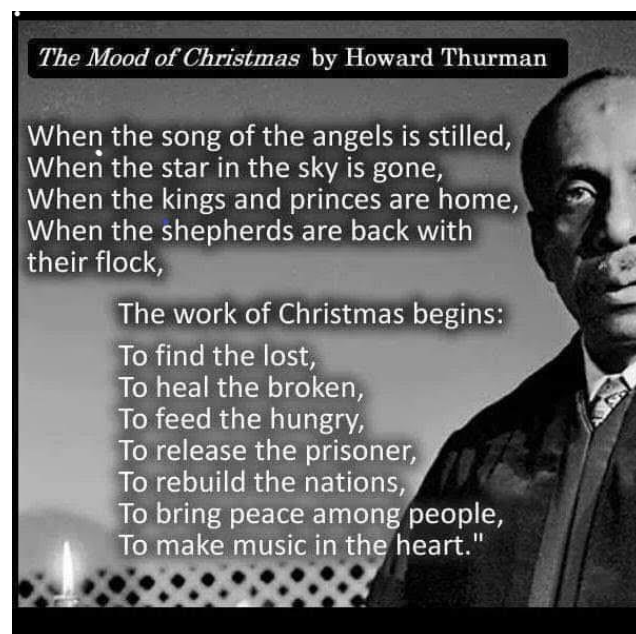
## MONTEREY NEWS

- There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the worship service January 8th to elect elders, give program reports, and pass two bylaws. Snow date is January 15.

## OUR NEW JOINT BELL CHOIR MINISTERED TO BOTH CHURCHES ON 12/18 THROUGH THEIR MUSIC



Many thanks to Richard Simmons for his direction, Tim and Karen Allen for leaving their bells for MPC to use, and all the volunteer bell ringers for their beautiful message through music.





In addition to the bell choir, we are blessed to have a number of talented musicians and vocalists. Here are a few photographs from Advent and Christmas Eve at Monterey Presbyterian.



We had an active Advent Season, including the youth assisting with worship on 12/4, a youth led service 12/18, creating VPAS bags for MOWs recipients, creating and delivering bags to additional seniors in the community, fellowship meals after church, and cookie drives and deliveries at McDowell/Monterey and Beulah. Here are a few photos that capture the spirit of the season.





