



Bethel Mennonite Church

“Jesus compels us to experience and extend the gracious rule of God by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

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Freedom Bound: Advent I

Preparing

By praying together Infant Nursery @ 8:45a.m.

Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship Steve Lapp
Prelude Bill Barrett
Opening Prayer
Gathering Choruses Beth Maurer and Team

Proclaiming

Lighting The Advent Candles
Scripture- Luke 21:25-36
Message “The Path of Justice” Pastor Dave Maurer
Response Activity: Anointing

Praising

With our offerings
& Offertory Bill Barrett
With Hymns Carl Newcomer

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Dave Maurer

Sending

Benediction Pastor Dave
Sending hymn

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 54
Worship Attendance 100

Your generosity empowers our collective work for God’s kingdom purposes. Thanks!

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomas

NURSERY:

Today: Open **Next week:** Open

GREETERS:

Today: Larry & Barb Evans **Next Week:** Bob & Kyle VanOsdol

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Larry Evans **Next week:** Todd Hostetler

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Savannah Hostetler **Next week:** Brody Robinaugh

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THIS WEEK

NEXT SUNDAY – First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service – Pastor Dave on Luke 21:25-36
“The Path of Justice” & Anointing

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m.—Ladies Bible Study

12 noon—Peace & Justice Lunch

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY—

7:00 p.m.—Ministry of Worship

7:00 p.m.—Elder Leadership Team

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—Men’s Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY – Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service – Pastor Dave on Luke 3:1-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poinsettia Sale Anyone wanting to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one may sign up on the bulletin board or contact Jerry Landes. Poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary during advent and may be taken home after Christmas. The cost is \$10.

Want to be included in a book of devotional writings produced locally?

Select a Bible verse or passage you treasure. Include your name/church. You may also explain in a short paragraph (100 words) why it means so much. Was it your confirmation verse? Did it get you through a particularly rough time? Is it the way you express your joy and thanksgiving for God’s goodness to you? Please submit it to Pastor Cheryl Siegenthaler, Chaplain at Green Hills 6557 U.S. 68 South, West Liberty 43357. The deadline is 12/31.

Thank you for all of the birthday cards. They made my birthday very special. Kathy Graber

All are invited to participate in *Christmas Celebration '15* in the Rosedale Bible College chapel on Sunday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. There will be choirs, instrumental performances, plenty of a cappella carols as well as a couple *Messiah* numbers (bring your scores). RBC will provide refreshments in the cafeteria following the service.

Adriel offers supervised visitation services for families whose children are placed in an out-of-home care and who are working toward reuniting. Adriel supervises the visits and prepares a written report of the interactions among all participants. Adriel is in search of contract staff to supervise these visitations. The visits are held at the Adriel West Liberty location. Please contact Kim Rex if interested: 419-260-2376 or krex@adriel.org

Adriel House Parents Christmas Serving as a house parent at Adriel can be a thankless kind of job at times. This Christmas, area churches are providing a \$25 gas card, plate of cookies and card to each of the house parents. If you would be interested in providing for one or more of these, please contact Pastor Dave.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Pastor Dave Mxxrer** and his family as they work on plans for their move to Michigan at the end of December.
- **Pray for France, Iraq, Syria** and all those affected by global terrorism.
- **Pray for the Refugees** of the world. Beyond Syrians, the UN reports “major refugee populations include Palestinians (4.8 million), Afghans (2.9 million), Iraqis (1.8 million), Somalis (700,000), Congolese (456,000), Myanmarese (407,000), Colombians (390,000), Sudanese (370,000).”
- **Jason Boone of Mennonite Mission Network’s Peace and Justice Support Network** requests prayer for soldiers experiencing pain of “moral injury as a result of what they have done or seen in combat.” Pray for Jesus’ peace in their lives as Mennonites share from “our deep history of peacemaking.”
- **Please join the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem Touad Twal's call for** prayer for those in decision-making positions to realize the value of justice and peace in finding a just resolution concerning the building of the separation wall in the area of Palestine called Crimisan Valley. For more information go to Churches for Middle East Peace website.



DISCOVER THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

HOPE. FOOD. WATER. PEACE. EDUCATION.

GIVE A GIFT...CHANGE A LIFE

BE BLESSED~~~BE A BLESSING~~~BE THE GOSPEL

Alternative and/or additional Gift Giving Opportunities

MCC (Mennonite Central Committee)

www.mcc.org/Christmas

Gift cards available

MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates)

www.giftsolutions.org

MMN (Mennonite Mission Network)

www.MennoniteMission.net/Gift Catalog

Gift cards available

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

www.heifer.org/catalog

Gift cards available with gift of

\$10.00 or more

Catalogs for each of these organizations are available in the foyer.

If you have questions, see Barbara Kauffman