



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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Advent III – “Oh, that you would reveal your love”

Preparing

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

Gathering

Welcome KJ Schrock
Prelude Pat Yoder
Call to Worship *(see back page)* & Silence
Words of Confession *(see back page)* & Silence
Hymn of Response STS #10 “Come Walk in the Light”
Words of Assurance
Gathering Choruses Janet Wilkins and Team

Proclaiming

Children’s Drama “Love...of a Man for a Woman” Beth Maurer
Advent Candle Lighting
Scripture – Matthew 1:18-25 & Psalm 148
Message “Reveal Your Love” Pastor Dave Maurer

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory Kathy Graber
With Hymns Bill Barrett

Sharing

Of our love
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Dave Maurer

Sending

Benediction *(see back page)* Pastor Dave
Sending hymn

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 61
Worship Attendance 93

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Landes

NURSERY:

Today: Dena Hostetler **Next week:** Kim Lehman

GREETERS:

Today: Larry & Barb Evans **Next week:** Chuck & Carol Buck

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Brody Robinaugh **Next week:** Mark Kauffman

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Annie Steiner **Next week:** Savannah Hostetler

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TODAY – Advent III

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service

6:00 p.m.—Youth and Mentors

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. — Women’s Bible Study

12:00 p.m. – P & J Lunch **CANCELED**

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m. — Bethel Homework Help

7:00 p.m. – Coordinating Council

FRIDAY

6:30 p.m. – Community Movie Night

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—Men’s Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY – Advent IV

9:00 a.m. – Christmas Breakfast

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School (optional)

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service (Pastor Dave, Luke 2:8-15 & Psalm 126)

4:00 p.m. – Christmas Caroling

6:00 p.m. – Longest Night Service @ Oak Grove (All are welcome)

LOOKING AHEAD

Youth and Mentors will meet this Sunday evening due to the Holiday schedule, at 6 pm. Dick & Daniel are bringing snacks.

Deadline for the January Newsletter is December 20th. If you have items to be included, please submit to Tesa’s mailbox or email.

Peace and Justice lunch group at Bethel invites you to make a contribution of canned food items and/or toiletries in an effort to be a community that works toward healing and hope for veterans in need. Donations will be received through TODAY.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weather Cancellation Policy: As a reminder, our winter weather cancellation policy has been posted on the bulletin board. News of cancellations will come through our phone chain, WPKO, and our webpage.

Please submit church directory corrections to Tesa by December 28th. She is putting a sheet together to staple inside the back cover.

Janet Wilkins is still updating subscriptions. If you wish to be on (or removed) these mailing lists, please let her know by January 15th.

Please sign up to help with the Community Christmas Dinner. We need volunteers to help with set up, serve, clean up, tear down, deliver meals, and food donations.

Mennonite Economic Development Associates is holding a Mennonite Entrepreneurs Conference: A weekend of challenge and reflection for business owners and entrepreneurs. Jan. 29 – Feb. 1, 2015 at The Resort at Longboat Key Club, Sarasota, Florida. Register today! For more information, visit www.meda.org/entrepreneurs

MCC is seeking Location Coordinators for the SWAP program site in Hindman, Ky. The Location Coordinators are responsible to coordinate week-long service opportunities for young people and adults as SWAP works to provide housing repair for low-income individuals and families. For a full job description, visit mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/mcc-swap-location-coordinator-hindman. Those interested should send a letter of intent and current resume to appalachiapc@mcc.org by January 5, 2015.

Update on Matt Vogel and Chuck Godwin, employees of Yoder Aluminum Products – Matt returned to work on 12/9 and is doing well. Chuck has been in Miami Valley hospital after another surgery on his foot. He is doing well but still has a long recovery. The family would appreciate any help they can get with meals. If you are interested in helping, please contact Cindy Horsley at 465-3926, Mon-Fri 8:30-11a.m.

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and acts of kindness given to us since the passing of Steve's sister.—Steve and Miriam Lapp

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Jerry Lxndes** as he undergoes hip replacement surgery on Wednesday.
- **Pray for Ken Hxstetler** as he recovers from surgery.
- **Pray for Tom Kxng** who is recovering from a car accident on 68. He is out of the coma and had neck surgery this week.
- **Pray for Alfonsina Oyxnguren**, who serves in Argentina with Mennonite Mission Network. She has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer and has to travel 800 miles for surgery and a treatment regimen. Pray for peace and healing for Alfonsina. Pray also for husband, José, and their four children as they miss mom at home.