



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 II – “Oh, that you would reveal your peace”

Gathering

Pre-worship Music James Lochridge and Team

Gathering Choruses

Welcome KJ Schrock

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

Leader: God speaks peace to us, his people. In peace, we proclaim God’s comfort to each other; reassuring one another of God’s forgiveness.

All: God is patient with us; God walks with us, helps us deal with the sin that bogs us down, and gives us the gift of peace.

Proclaiming

Children’s Drama “Faith... of a Young Mother” Jerry Landes

Advent Candle Lighting

Scripture – Luke 1:26-38 & Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Special Music Serenity Strings

Message “Reveal Your Peace” **Pastor Dave Maurer**

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory James Lochridge

With Hymns Bill Barrett

Sharing

Of our faith and God’s peace

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Dave Maurer

Sending

Benediction STS #126 Pastor Dave

Sending hymn

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 54

Worship Attendance 86

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomas

NURSERY:

Today: Miriam Lapp

Next week: Dena Hostetler

GREETERS:

Today: Bob & Kyle VanOsdol

Next week: Larry & Barb Evans

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Mark Kauffman

Next week: Brody Robinaugh

MEDIA OPERATOR:

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Next week: Annie Steiner

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TODAY – Advent II

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m.—Mennonite Women

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m. — Bethel Homework Help

7:0 p.m. – Ministry of Worship

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—King’s Daughter’s Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY – Advent III

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service (Pastor Dave Matt 1:18-25 & Psalm 148)

5:00 p.m.—Youth and Mentors

LOOKING AHEAD

Youth and Mentors will meet this Sunday evening due to the Holiday schedule, and at 5 pm instead of their regular time. Dick & Daniel are bringing snacks.

Mennonite Women will have a brunch this Tuesday. Hostesses are Mary P, Kathy G and Miriam L. Barb S. has devotions on “I Am The Light of the World” and the project is decorating Christmas Cookies.

All are invited to participate in *Christmas Celebration '14* in the Rosedale Bible College chapel on Sunday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. There will be choirs, instrumental performances, plenty of a Capella carols as well as a couple *Messiah* numbers (bring your scores). RBC will provide refreshments in the cafeteria following the service.

The Adriel Christmas Program will be on Friday, December 12th at 1:30 PM in Yoder Cafeteria. It will include a reenactment of the Christmas story, carols, and refreshments. All are welcome.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Liberty Cares is in special need of food donations in November and December. Please donate!

Deadline for the January Newsletter is December 20th. If you have items to be included, please submit to Tesa’s mailbox or email. We are returning to a monthly format in 2015, so time your items for inclusion accordingly.

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.

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. This is a tangible way to assist veterans and their families. A box will be placed near the library and donations will be received through December 14. Thanks for caring...and for giving.

Please submit church directory corrections to Tesa by December 28th. She will be putting a sheet together that can be stapled to the inside back cover with corrections.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for the family of Earl Nxwcomer** (Art’s brother) who passed away Sunday, Nov. 30th. Pray for the family including son Glen, daughter Linda and long time partner Carol as they mourn his passing.
- **Pray for the family of Carol Grxber** (sister of Steve Lapp) who passed away last week following surgery.
- **Pray for Julia Yxder** as she recovers from her recent hospital stay.
- **Pray for Beth Mxxrer** as she recovers from surgery.
- **Pray for Ken Hxstetler** as he recovers from surgery.
- **Pray for Chuck Gxdwin and Matt Vxgel**, two of Willie Yoder’s employees, who are recovering from a car accident.
- **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 Ferguson** that God’s peace would prevail in the midst of people’s pain, loss and anger.