



# 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 – Christmas Sunday Hymn Sing*

### **Gathering**

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| Welcome & Call to Worship <i>(back of bulletin)</i> | Kathy Lehman   |
| Prelude   | Bill Barrett   |
| Psalms 148 & Opening Prayer                         |                |
| Christmas Hymns                                     | Byron Kauffman |

### **Proclaiming**

Reading of the Christmas Story                      Bill Barrett

### **Praising**

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| With our offerings & Offertory | Ellen Steiner         |
| With Christmas Choruses        | Bill Barrett and Team |

### **Sharing**

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| Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses |             |
| Pastoral Prayer                                  | Barb Landes |

### **Sending**

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| Benediction  | Barb Landes |
| Sending hymn |             |

## LAST WEEK

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| Sunday School      | 56 |
| Worship Attendance | 93 |

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

## OUR THANKS TO

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Carl Newcomer

### **GREETERS:**

**Today:** Paul & Linda Hostetler    **Next Week:** Ken & Jeanette Hostetler

### **SOUND OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Larry Evans    **Next week:** Lee Jordan

### **MEDIA OPERATOR:**

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

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| <b>Pastoral Care Team:</b> Barb Landes, Barb Kauffman, Sharon Showalter, Carl Newcomer, Mark Thomas, Chuck Swartz               |  |
| <b>Tech Coordinator:</b> Lee Jordan   |  |

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY – Christmas Sunday

9:00 a.m. — Christmas Breakfast – No Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service – Hymn Sing

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.—Community Movie Night

### NEXT SUNDAY – Epiphany

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service – with guest speaker, KJ Schrock

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastoral Care and Prayer Chain** From today forward, Chuck Swartz will be available for pastoral crisis care. If you have a concern for the prayer chain, please contact Tesa, Cheryl or Barb Landes.

**Brotherhood Fund** December is a good month to make a contribution to the Bethel Brotherhood Fund. Please mark your contributions accordingly.

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for healing for Hilda Yxder** who was admitted to the hospital earlier this week.
- **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 Jeannette Hxstetler's** recovery at home from successful shoulder surgery.
- **Alisha and Joshua Gxrber of Mennonite Mission Network** request prayers for wisdom for LCC International University in Lithuania and for all Mission Network personnel in Europe as they try to find appropriate and Christ-centered responses to the massive influx of refugees.
- **Pray for children at Ziad Jxber and Cordoba Schools in Palestine** as they make their way to school over numerous obstacles. Pray also for the CPTers who escort them to school. For more information go to Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) and/or to Christians for Middle East Peace. Their websites give much information about the conditions for Palestinian school children.

## Community Movie Night:

The next community movie night is Wednesday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be showing the holiday classic film “White Christmas.” A signup sheet is posted for snack and drink donations. We will be showing the film in the Fellowship Hall. Children are encouraged to come in pj’s and bring pillows/blankets.

## Coming In January 2016!



A Movie about the Power of Prayer

From the Award-Winning Kendrick Brothers

*This is a Youth Fundraiser. There will be a chili supper and a ‘dessert-duel’ where you can cast your vote for the best presentation, best dessert etc. We encourage you to begin praying for the success of this showing, and for all who will be attending. More Details coming SOON!*

**Thank you:** We at Green Hills want to thank you very much for the carolers who gave their afternoon to brighten our Christmas! – Roselle Kauffman

**Cheryl Shank is still collecting for college student care packages.** Contact Cheryl for a list of items to include. She plans to send the care packages Feb. 3.

### Corrections for the New Directory:

- Cindy Kauffman will have a new address as of January: Call the office for an updated address. Her phone number remains the same.
- KJ Schrock & Larry Evans should both have (\*) after their names as they are now members.