



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 I – “Oh, that you would reveal your hope”

Preparing

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

Gathering

Welcome KJ Schrock

Prelude Bill Barrett

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, the faithful Potter, longs to remake and restore his Children.

All: God’s power rekindles hope in us and gives us life, real life. Thanks be to God.

Gathering Choruses Bill Barrett and Team

Proclaiming

Children’s Drama “Hope of a Savior” Dena Hostetler

Advent Candle Lighting

Scripture – Luke 1:5-25 & Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Message “Reveal Your Hope” Pastor Dave Maurer

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory Bill Barrett

With Hymns Carl Newcomer

Sharing

Of our hopes

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Dave Maurer

Sending

Benediction HWB #760

Pastor Dave

Sending hymn

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 51

Worship Attendance 87

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Sharon Showalter

NURSERY:

Today: Tara Sanford

Next week: Miriam Lapp

GREETERS:

Today: Pat & Julia Yoder

Next week: Bob & Kyle VanOsdol

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Brody Robinaugh

Next week: Mark Kauffman

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Savannah Hostetler

Next week: Brody Robinaugh

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THIS WEEK

TODAY – Advent I

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study

12:00 p.m. – P & J Lunch **CANCELED**

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m. — Bethel Homework Help

7:45 p.m. – Jesus Weeps Webinar*

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—Men’s Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY – Advent II

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service (Pastor Dave Lk 1:26-38 & Ps 85:1-2, 8-13)

LOOKING AHEAD

Everence Seminar —Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. - “Answering questions and discussing strategies for Social Security Income,” at South Union Mennonite Church – 56 SR 508, West Liberty. Please RSVP to clete.schrock@everence.com or Sheila Stevens @800-222-5054 extension 3444 or sheila.stevens@everence.com

***The Peace and Justice Support Network of MC USA and Mennonite Mission Network** are offering a webinar, “Jesus Weeps”---an introduction to the Israel-Palestine conflict. The webinar will cover the history of the conflict, what it is like to live in the midst of it, and why Mennonites should care. To participate, join the local peace and justice lunch group here in the Bethel sanctuary on December 4, at 7:45 pm.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Child and Youth Protection Policy Training Video For those in the congregation who are working with children and/or youth but were unable to attend our annual training on Nov. 2nd, a video of the presentation and a handout are available in the library to borrow. Please view the video and sign the list upon completing the training.

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.

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.

August 9th Delegate Feedback – a request was made at our annual business meeting for the congregation to receive the compilation of the written feedback submitted to our Ohio Conference Delegates in preparation for their meeting on August 9th. Copies were e-mailed out to those on our distribution list and paper copies were placed in the boxes of those not on the list. If you were inadvertently missed and would like a copy of this information, please contact the church office.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Earl Nxwcomer** (Art’s brother) who is still struggling after his surgery and heart attacks. He is showing improvement!
- **Pray for Beth Mxxrer** as she recovers from surgery at the Cleveland Clinic on Wednesday.
- **Pray for Ken Hxstetler** as he recovers from surgery on Wednesday.
- **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 was recently in a car accident on 68. As he was recovering from multiple injuries, he developed pneumonia and has been in an induced coma.
- **Pray for Ferguson** that God’s peace would prevail in the midst of people’s pain, loss and anger.