



# 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*

### **Gathering**

Announcements	Barb Landes
Prelude-preparing to worship	Pat Yoder
Call to Worship – Luke 1:46-55	Barb Landes
Advent Candle lighting*( <i>see insert</i> )	
Prayer	

### **Praising**

Congregational Singing	Bill Barrett
Offering and Offertory	Kathy Graber

**Confession of Faith** – Isaiah 35:1-10 Barb Landes

### **Praising**

Congregational Singing Janet Wilkins

### **Proclaiming**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

**Message** “God Breaks Through...” **Pastor Duane Beck**

**Special Music** “O Holy Night” **Lowell Kauffman**

**Communion**

### **Responding**

Congregational Sharing & Prayers Barb Landes

### **Sending**

Lighting today’s Advent Candle	Daniel Lehman
Benediction “Joy To the World”	Bill Barrett

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance	47
Worship Attendance	62

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

## OUR THANKS TO

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Barb Kauffman

### **GREETERS:**

**Today:** Ken & Jeanette Hostetler **Next Week:** Joe & Donna Lehman

### **MEDIA OPERATOR:**

**Today:** unfilled **Next week:** unfilled

### **SOUND OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Brody Robinaugh **Next week:** Lee Jordan

### **VIDEO OPERATOR:**

**Today:** unfilled **Next week:** unfilled

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**Tech Coordinator:** Lee Jordan

**ADVENT 3**  
**Jesus: the Promised One**

*(Before the service two candles are lit. The people stand.)*

**LEADER:** During Advent we celebrate that God comes to his people.

Jesus is the One-who-comes;

Jesus is the One-who-rules.

Jesus is the One-who-was-promised

**PEOPLE:** We worship him! *(Two candles are lit.)*

**LEADER:** Jesus shines as the One-who-was-promised.

**PEOPLE:** Let the light shine

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** —Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** — Worship and Communion with Pastor Duane Beck

**Noon** – Church Potluck and Congregational Conversation

**6:00 p.m.**—Youth & Mentors at Daniel Lehman's house

### TUESDAY

**9:00 a.m.**—Women Serving in Love

**3:00 p.m.**—Bethel Homework Help

### SATURDAY

**8:00 a.m.**—Men's Breakfast

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** —Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** — Worship with KJ Schrock

**4:00 p.m.**—Christmas Caroling Meet at the Church

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women Serving in Love** meets Tuesday, Dec. 13 for their Christmas Potluck. Hostesses are Suzy, Janice & Barb S. and Devotions are by Mary P. "Oaths Not Chosen."

**Thank you** to all who signed up to donate Cookies, Gas Cards and Cards to the Adriel Staff. The goal has been met!

**An Adriel Christmas Program** will be held at 2 pm Dec. 20 in Yoder Cafeteria. Includes the nativity story, carols and refreshments. Open to the public!

**The transitional prayer team** would like to have the Bethel Church family pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit as the ELT and the congregation make a decision in choosing a transitional pastor. May God give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the decision making process. May the eyes of our hearts be open to hear what the Holy Spirit says to us.

**Fifteen blankets and several boxes of kitchen items were delivered to World Relief in Columbus.** These items, along with other items, make up kits which are distributed to refugees resettling in Ohio. Thanks for participating so generously in this effort to show hospitality to refugees.

**AMBS seeks Volunteer Coordinator** beginning August 2017. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, is seeking a qualified individual or couple to coordinate the work of our short-term and local volunteers, connecting these volunteers with assignments from faculty and staff. If you like to work with people, have excellent communication and computer skills, and are well organized, please consider this volunteer assignment for a one-year, renewable term. The position opens Aug. 1; the start date is negotiable. To learn more, contact Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, dean of Lifelong Learning: [jglongenecker@ambs.edu](mailto:jglongenecker@ambs.edu).

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Elaine Nxwcmxr**, recovering from surgery on Thursday.
- **Pray for James Lxchrdgx** as he candidates at Erisman Mennonite Church in Manheim, PA on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **This week, Rev. Ibrahim Nsier** with the Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches, an MCC partner, asks that we in America pray for peace in Syria. The people of Aleppo are suffering greatly and are without medical assistance and food. "Knowing that people in the West are hearing the call for solidarity in prayer is helpful to keep strong in the midst of unbearable pain."
- **Mennonite churches in Bolivia** have vacation Bible school this month. Margrit Kipfer Barrón, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, helps prepare the curriculum and train teachers. Pray that the Spirit of God will move in a powerful way among the children who attend and their families.
- **Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Virginia.** Please pray for students at Eastern Mennonite Seminary as they prepare for exams and Advent and Christmas worship services in this busy season.



***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***



***The Poinsettias in the Sanctuary  
have been given by the following:***

***Chuck & Jeanie Swartz in Memory of  
Sam & Eleanor Swartz & J.C.***

***Carl & Elaine Newcomer in Memory of  
Richard & Verna Bachman and Elban & Hilda Newcomer***

***Byron & Barbara Kauffman in Memory of  
Ruby Byler***

***Lee & Tesa Jordan in Memory of  
Willard & Hallie Jordan and Si & Jean Brenneman***

***Chuck, Rodney, Rhonda & Cheryl in Memory of  
Roberta Graber***

***Ken, Cheryl & Chuck in Memory of  
"Auntie" Joyce Schertz***

***Jerry & Barbara Landes in Memory of  
Daniel & Edna Landes and Lester & Peg Haner***

***Ruth Yoder In Memory of  
Jack Yoder***

***Paul & Linda Hostetler in Memory of  
Loren & Dorothy King***

***Ken & Jeanette Hostetler in Memory of  
Neil***

***Karl & Phyllis Smith in Memory of  
Velma King & Lois Kern***