



# 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*

### **Preparing**

By praying together

Infant Nursery @ 9:15a.m.

### **Gathering**

Announcements

Barb Landes

Prelude-preparing to worship

Ellen Steiner

Call to Worship\* (*see back of bulletin*)

and Welcome

Barb Landes

Psalm 72:1-7, 12-14, 18-19.

Advent Candle lighting\* (*see insert*)

Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

Congregational singing

Ellen Steiner, et al

### **Confession**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Duane Beck

Barb Landes

### **Praising**

With our offerings & Offertory

Ellen Steiner

Congregational singing

Byron Kauffman

### **Proclaiming**

Matthew 3:1-12

**Message “Change your life. God’s kingdom is here” Pastor Duane Beck**

### **Responding**

Hymn of response

Byron Kauffman

Congregational Sharing & Prayers of the people

Barb Landes

### **Sending\* (*see back of bulletin*)**

Benediction

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 33

Worship Attendance 57

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

## OUR THANKS TO

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Barb Landes

### **GREETERS:**

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

### **MEDIA OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Brody Robinaugh

**Next week:** unfilled

### **SOUND OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Lee Jordan

**Next week:** Brody Robinaugh

### **VIDEO OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Tesa Jordan

**Next week:** unfilled

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**ADVENT 2**  
**Jesus: the Ruling One**

(Before the service one candle is 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.

**PEOPLE:** We worship him! (The second candle is lit.)

**LEADER:** Jesus shines as the One-who-rules.

**PEOPLE:** Let the light shine.

## THIS WEEK

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** —Sunday School

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

**5:00 p.m.**—Conversation re: local mission. Snacks provided.

### MONDAY

**9:15 a.m.**—Women's Bible Study

### TUESDAY

**Noon**—Peace & Justice

**3:00 p.m.**—Bethel Homework Help

### THURSDAY

**7:00 p.m.**—Ministry of Worship

### NEXT SUNDAY

**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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Beside the library in the foyer** there is a revolving, four sided literature holder; one side contains Middle East Justice and Peace material. One of the articles is written by Steve Steiner, a member of Kidron Mennonite. The title is "The Idol in Our Midst." Quoting from Steve, "Today I wept. I had just read these words in the *Jerusalem Post*: "The sleeping giant of Christian Zionism has awakened. There 50 million Christians standing up and applauding the State of Israel." This was written by pastor John Hagee, founder of Christians United for Israel." It leaves us with the question; what parts of the scripture are we willing to ignore? –Bill Shumaker

**Please note a one-time date change:** Women's Bible Study will meet tomorrow, **Monday** Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. instead of Tuesday.

**Share Christmas Blessings** to the House-Parents and direct care staff at Adriel School this Christmas! **Sign up** and do the following for Sunday, Dec. 18:

1) Bake a plate of homemade Christmas cookies and

2) Gift a \$25 gas card and

3) Write out a Christmas blessing on a card for an Adriel employee.

Bring all of the above to Church with you on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you plan to participate, **please sign up on the bulletin board**. Let's show our appreciation for the hard work they do serving the children of Adriel!

**From Duane:** During my three remaining months with you, I will be available to assist in reconciling relationships. Feel free to contact me.

**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.

**Do You Hear What I Hear?** Sounds of Advent and Christmas

Concert: Sunday, Dec. 11, 3 p.m., Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Accomplished organist Shirley King of Goshen, Indiana, will perform on the seminary's tracker pipe organ. Shirley presents the organ as a historic, yet contemporary medium for musical expression. A freewill offering for the AMBS Fund will be received at the event. For details, call 574.295.3726 or email [development@ambs.edu](mailto:development@ambs.edu).

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Julia Yxder** who is recovering from surgery.
- **Pray for Bill Shxmcker** who is recovering from a heart catherization.
- **Pray for Jan Smxcker** who is recovering from surgery this past week.
- **Pray for the family of Sue Dxrstine** (Sister of Mary N. and Sally H.) who passed away this week from melanoma.
- **Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Colorado Springs Service Adventure unit** as participants work alongside Beth-El Mennonite Church to live out an Anabaptist perspective in a community with a large military population. Pray for David Borbely, Nora Charles, Marle Moellenbruck and Kate Unruh, and leaders Daniel and Meg Smeltzer Miller.



***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:***

***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***