



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” - Epiphany Sunday

Preparing

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

Gathering

Pre-worship Music James Lochridge and Team
Gathering Choruses
Welcome & Candles Lit Jerry Landes
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)
Psalm 22 and Opening Prayer

Proclaiming

Scripture – Hebrews 12:1-7
Message **“Looking Unto Jesus”** **Elder KJ Schrock**

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory James Lochridge
With Hymns Bill Barrett

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses
Pastoral Prayer Mark Thomas

Sending

Benediction Mark Thomas
Sending hymn

LAST WEEK

Worship Attendance 63

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Sharon Showalter

GREETERS:

Today: Lee & Tesa Jordan **Next Week:** Becky W. & Trace R.

SOUND OPERATOR:

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

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Brody Robinaugh **Next week:** Annie Steiner

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Tech Coordinator: Lee Jordan		

THIS WEEK

TODAY – Epiphany

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

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

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study

12:00 p.m.—Peace & Justice Lunch

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

7:00 p.m. —Ministry of Worship

7:00 p.m. —Elder Leadership Team

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—King’s Daughters Breakfast

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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.

The Elder Leadership Team announces a noon meal followed by a Congregational Meeting January 24, 2016. The purpose is to offer information and have discussion and questions about a transitional pastorate for Bethel.

Union Station is hosting a Gospel Sing Jan. 9 at 7pm featuring Latter Rain, Wings of Wind, Heaven’s Harmony 2 and Jake Reel. Free admission. A free will offering will be taken. They are located at 613 Hamilton Street in Bellefontaine.

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.

Community Movie Night:

Saturday, January 16th at 5:30 p.m. the youth will begin with a Chili Supper and “Dessert Duel” Fundraiser. Following the meal, we will head up to the sanctuary to watch “War Room”



A Movie about the Power of Prayer

From the Award-Winning Kendrick Brothers

We encourage you to begin praying for the success of this showing, and for all who will be attending.

A Call for Talent! Our next Green Hills Service is February 28. We would like to present a program of Bethel’s musical gifts. If you are interested in performing please let Bill Barrett or Tesa Jordan know.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for healing for Hilda Yxder.** She has been moved to Heartland in Bellefontaine.
- **Praise God for the Toba/Qom radio station that was inaugurated last month in the Argentine Chaco.** Pray that the Christian programming will touch many lives through this ministry that is facilitated by Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, serving with Mennonite Mission Network.
- **Pray for children at Ziad Jaber 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.