



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

Preparing

By praying together

Infant Nursery @ 9:15a.m.

Gathering

Announcements & Welcome

Doug Steiner

Call to Worship*(*see back of bulletin*) & Opening Prayer

Hymn #172 – O Come, O Come Immanuel

Byron Kauffman

Advent Candle lighting*(*see insert*)

Praising

Psalm 122 reading

Congregational singing

Ellen Steiner, et al

STS #1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness

STJ #31 He came down

With our offerings & Offertory

Kathy Graber

Confessing/Reconciling

Prayer of Confessing*(*see back of bulletin*)

Proclaiming

Old Testament - Isaiah 2: 1-5

Message **“Fear, The Enemy of Peace”**

Guest Speaker Bill Shumaker

Responding

Hymn of response

Byron Kauffman

Congregational Sharing & Prayers of the people

Carl Newcomer

Sending* (*see back of bulletin*)

Benediction

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 47

Worship Attendance 52

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemer

GREETERS:

Today: Bill & Carole Barrett

Next Week: Ken & Jeanette Hostetler

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled

Next week: Brody Robinaugh

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Larry Evans

Next week: Lee Jordan

VIDEO OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled

Next week: Tesa Jordan

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***ADVENT 1 Reading**
Jesus: the Coming One
(The people stand.)

LEADER: During Advent we celebrate that God comes to his people. Jesus is the One-who-comes.

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

LEADER: Jesus shines as the One-who-comes.

PEOPLE: Let the light shine!

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:30 a.m. — Worship Service with guest speaker Bill Shumaker

TUESDAY

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

7:00 p.m.—ELT Meeting

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign up in the lobby if you would like to have a poinsettia for Christmas in memory of a loved one. They are \$10 each and may be taken home after Advent. There are three colors to choose from, and you are invited to specify to whose memory your poinsettia is dedicated.

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 to Church with you on Dec. 18.

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!

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

Webinar: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism, Thursday, Dec. 1, 2–3:30 p.m. EST. Drew G.I. Hart, Ph.D., will be discussing his new book, *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* (Herald Press, 2016). If you've not yet participated in an AMBS webinar, your first time is free of charge! www.ambs.edu/webinars

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

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

Central Committee Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director. The person who fills this role will be responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs. The Program Director is expected to connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as partner organizations, to work together and advance the mission of MCC. To see a full job description, visit mcc.org/gl-program-director or contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo** and their two sons are sent to Cambodia by an Indonesian Mennonite mission agency and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for Petrus as he teaches religion and ethics in two universities, and for Yuliana as she directs an education ministry for children living on the edge of the city..
- **Join the #MennoLove fun!** Participate in the Love is a Verb storytelling project by submitting a Love Your Selfie! Send us a photo of yourself practicing self-care and a brief explanation, and we will share it across the church online. Send emails to alyssabs@mennoniteusa.org
- **The people of Standing Rock Sioux Reservation** and hundreds of other indigenous nations and many allies are protesting the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. They are calling us to respect and protect the sacred gift of human life and water, given to all of us by our Creator. Pray that the Army Corps of Engineers and other U.S. government agencies will adhere to regulations protecting the Standing Rock Sioux people, their ancestral burial grounds, clean water, and the environment.