



# 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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## *Epiphany Sunday*

### **Preparing**

By praying together                      Infant Nursery @ 9:15a.m.

### **Gathering – Led by Worship Leader, Dick Lindemer**

Announcements  
Prelude                      Bill Barrett and Team  
Welcome & Call to Worship *\*(see back of bulletin)*  
Psalms 51: 10-17 & Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

Congregational Singing                      Bill Barrett and Team  
With our offerings & Offertory                      Bill Barrett

**Confession***\*(see back of bulletin)*                      Dick Lindemer

### **Proclaiming**

Scripture- Isaiah 60: 19-22, Matthew 2: 9b-11, Romans 12: 1,2

**Message "Star to Bethlehem: Resolutions for the Journey"**

**Youth Pastor Cheryl Shank**

Song of Response                      Bill Barrett

### **Sharing—Led by Pastoral Care Team—Chuck Swartz**

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses  
Pastoral Prayer

### **Sending**

Sending hymn                      Bill Barrett  
Benediction *\*(see back of bulletin)*                      Chuck Swartz

## LAST WEEK

(No Sunday School last week)  
Worship Service                      70

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

## OUR THANKS TO

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Carl Newcomer

### **GREETERS:**

**Today:** Mark & Polly Thomas                      **Next Week:** Mark & Polly Thomas

### **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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<b>Tech Coordinator:</b> Lee Jordan	

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:30 a.m. — Worship with Cheryl Shank

### TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. — Ladies Bible Study

3:00 p.m. — Bethel Homework Help

7:00 p.m. — ELT meeting

### WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. — Peace & Justice Lunch\* \* \*special time this week

### THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. — Ministry of Worship Mtg.

7:00 p.m. — Pastoral Search Committee Mtg.

### SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. — Men's Breakfast

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:30 a.m. — Worship with Cheryl Shank

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

**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: [jlongenecker@ambs.edu](mailto:jlongenecker@ambs.edu).

**Thank you** for your prayers and the cards you sent during my recuperation from surgery. Surgery went well and the healing process seems to be on track. I'm sure that is all due to the prayers for me. —Elaine Newcomer

**A Church Christmas Project:** donation of food, toiletries, etc. for "The Urbana Caring Kitchen and Homeless Shelter." There is a list of suggested items on the bulletin board in the foyer and boxes near the library for collecting items. Thank you.

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Teresa Wxlch**, a teacher at Bellefontaine HS dealing with multiple health issues.
- **Linda Oyxr**, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is waiting for surgery to remove her gallbladder after severe attacks of cholecystitis last month. Pray for rest and peace as she regains health in her home near Paris, France, so she can be ready for the operation this month.



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