



Bethel Mennonite Church

“Serving Jesus, Loving Others”

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Gathering

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Cindy Kauffmxn

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12

Prelude

Elaine Newcomxr

Call To Worship

Doug Steinxr

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for God-with-us is coming to set things right!

People: The proud will be scattered and the humble lifted up.

Leader: The hungry will be filled and the prisoners set free.

People: He will guide us in the way of peace and proclaim salvation.

All: Let us rejoice, for our God comes to bring wholeness and new life to the world.

Opening Prayer

Doug Steinxr

Praising

Congregational Singing

Ellen Steinxr & Praise Team

Old Testament Scripture/ Confession

Doug Steinxr

Isaiah 12:2-6 (NIV)

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid.

The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.

With our offerings & Offertory

Elaine Newcomxr

Congregational Singing

Janet Wilkxns

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Luke 3:16-18, Acts 1:4,5 (NIV) Doug Steinxr

Message: "Unspeakable Joy"

KJ Schrxck

Sharing – Led by Pastoral Team

Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Sending

Sending song

Janet Wilkxns

Benediction

Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. KJ Schrxck

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Breakfast

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Pastor Chuck, speaker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit items for the January calendar to the church office by December 26.

Address change for Paul and Sally Harshbargxr. xxx
Home phone xxx. Cell number is the same. (The updated directory is nearly ready to publish. Feel free to call Miriam if you need addresses.)

Assistance during our pastoral search process is just one of the many ways Ohio Conference serves Bethel. As the year comes to a close, the leadership of the conference writes, “We are prayerfully asking you to invest in the endeavors of the Ohio Conference as we continue to serve our congregations, and more importantly, God’s Kingdom in spreading the Good News of the saving grace of Jesus, our Christ and our Lord.” Donations to the Ohio Conference are appreciated.

Up Coming Events

December 23. Christmas Breakfast at 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Come enjoy a time of fellowship. Breakfast casseroles and fruit will be provided. Bring pastries and breads. Worship at 10:40 a.m.

December 24. Christmas Eve Service. 7:00 p.m. Singing, scripture and readings.

December 25. Christmas Community Fellowship Meal will be held again this year at Adriel Yoder Activity Center 12:00 – 2:00p.m.

December 30. Christopher Thornbxxrg will be the speaker. This had been rescheduled from November Missions Month.

January 6. Cliff Brubakxr, speaker. During the service, Bethel will release Chuck and Cheryl from their pastoral duties.

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 42

Worship Attendance 55

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

GREETERS:

Today: Ed & Kim Lehmxn

Next Week:

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Mark Kauffmxn

Next Week: Lori Lehmxn

Pastors: Cheryl Shxnk (youthpastor@bethelchurchwl.org)

Office hours: M-F 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., by appointment

Chuck Swxrtz (chuckandjeanie@gmail.com)

Office hours: M-W, F 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Th 10 – Noon,
by appointment

Administrative Assistant: Miriam Lxpp

(secretary@bethelchurchwl.org)

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PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Last Sunday, the congregation voted to call Rebecca Kauffmxn to pastor Bethel with a 98% affirmative vote. Rebecca has accepted the call and anticipates working together in community beginning January 1, 2019.
- Continue your prayers for Rosie Smxth's family. Rosie is the sister of Paul Hostetlrx, Nellie Lindemxr, Ellie Kauffmxn. She passed away this week and her memorial service was yesterday.
- Pray for a safe trip for Cheryl and Ken Shxnk as they visit their son, Benjamin and his wife, Sarah.
- Phyllis Kxng passed away this week. Her memorial service was yesterday. Remember Phyllis' family as they grieve.
- Bob Fesslrx, Angel Kxng's father passed away Tuesday evening and the funeral was Saturday. Hold Angel's and Jim's families in your prayers.
- Pray for Lowell and Ellie as they move from one house to another and experience the stresses of transition.
- Cindy's brother, Tim worries about his mother, Shirley. She has dementia. As it worsens, he is concerned for her safety. Pray for Tim and Shirley.
- Ruth Ann and Alvin are deeply grateful to Bethel for the care and concern shown them and their grandson. He had a permanent shunt put in this week. He still has some trouble with his vision. They hope to soon begin radiation treatments. Ruth Ann and Alvin's address is xxx
- In this season of family gatherings and celebrations, let us remember families who have recently lost loved ones and persons who have difficult or broken family relationships. Grief comes in many forms.
- Learning a new language and culture, separation from family members and leaving home behind are emotionally draining. Remember the refugees and immigrants we know as our neighbors and friends as well as the many we don't know personally.