

Bethel Mennonite Church

“Serving Jesus, Loving Others”

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

God will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore. Isaiah 2:4 (NIV)

Welcome and Call to worship: SS #125

Prelude & Lighting Advent candle

We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing

Scripture: Psalm 122

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

We hear God’s Word

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14

Message: Come! Walk in the light!

We respond to Christ’s invitation

Prayer of Confession:

God of justice and peace,
we confess we have been slow to learn your ways.

Wake us from drowsy, half-hearted worship,
from the sleep that neglects love
and the sedative of misdirected frenzy.

Give us courage to lay down our weapons
and transform them into tools for peace.

Awaken us now to your coming
so that we join your life-giving work
and walk in the light of Jesus. Amen.

Sharing: reflections on the scripture, joys, requests, thanksgivings
Intercessory prayer

We go to love and serve

Sending song

Benediction

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for the Smxth family whose two teenage sons were killed in a car accident.
- Pray for those for whom this is a lonely season. Consider ways you can reach out with encouragement or presence.
- Pray for Deb Bylrx as she begins a month of rest and rejuvenation in the USA prior to returning to serve in Guatemala.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Rebecca Kauffmxn, speaker

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. – Women’s Bible study

3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m. – Homework Help

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. – noon – Ohio Conference pastors’ meeting at Bethel

THURSDAY

3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m. – Homework Help

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Rebecca Kauffmxn, speaker. Communion

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LAST WEEK

Sunday School 33
Worship Attendance 55

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

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Kauffmxn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New newsletters from Friends of the Tabasarans, MDS and Mennonite Disabilities Network are on the bulletin board.*

Beginning Nov. 25 Goshen College will offer **online weekday devotions** during the season of Advent. Goshen College students, faculty and staff will provide reflections based on the lectionary Scripture passages, focusing on the theme “What are you waiting for?” To learn more, see www.goshen.edu/devotions/

“People say that we are a historic peace church, but I say, hey, we need to be a peace church of today.” The latest episode of “Ohio Conference Cast” podcast (found at <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/podcasts/>) is an interview with Glen Guytn, Mennonite Church USA’s Executive Director. Listen to hear him talk about the #BringThePeace campaign, as well as the recent Constituency Leaders Council meeting and other topics. Find more information about #BringThePeace, and a link to hear Glen’s sermon from Convention last summer at <http://mennoniteusa.org/bringthepeace/>

*More information in the foyer.

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – December 1

Worship leader: Doug Steinxr
Musicians: Bill Barrxtt, Janet Wilkxns,
Ellen Steinxr, Carl Newcomxr
Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn
Greeters: Dick & Nellie Lindemxr
Sound/media: Andrew Bloxnt
Prelude: Kathy Grabxr
Offertory: Bill Barrxtt
Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – December 8

Worship leader: Doug Steinxr
Musicians: Janet Wilkxins, Bill,
Barrxtt, Ellen Steinxr
Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn
Greeters: Ed & Kim Lehmxxn
Sound/media: Mark Kauffmxn
Prelude: Bill Barrxtt
Offertory: Ellen Steinxr
Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn