

# Bethel Mennonite Church

*“Serving Jesus, Loving Others”*

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## **We gather to worship**

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors.”

Luke 2:14 (NRSV)

Welcome and Call to worship – H #678

Prelude & Lighting Advent candles

## **We offer our praises & gifts**

Congregational singing

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

## **We hear God’s Word**

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Message: “You are to name him Jesus”

## **We respond to Christ’s invitation**

Song of response

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

Intercessory prayer

## **We go to love and serve**

Sending song

Benediction:

Leader: O Wisdom, Lord and Ruler,

Men: Root of Jesse, Key of David,

Women: Rising Sun, King of the Nations,

All: Emmanuel. Come Lord Jesus!

## **THIS WEEK**

### **TODAY**

**9:30 – 10:15 a.m.** – Christmas Breakfast

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

### **TUESDAY**

**6:30 p.m.** – Christmas Eve Service in the sanctuary

### **WEDNESDAY**

**12-2 p.m.** – Community Christmas Meal at Yoder Activity Center

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship. A service of music, scripture & prayer.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Christmas Community Fellowship meal.** December 25, 12-2 p.m. at Yoder Activity Center. Come eat, fellowship and celebrate the Good News with one another! If you have questions, ask Dick L

**Office schedule** this week: Miriam will be in the office Tuesday afternoon and Friday. Rebecca will work Mon-Tues, and remotely on Friday. She and Andrew will be in Indiana from Wed. 25th - Fri. 27th. On those days contact Carl N for pastoral care needs.

You are invited to consider how you can contribute to Bethel’s capital campaign to raise funds for the proposed **West Entrance Addition** building project. A letter of explanation and a pledge form were in your mailboxes last Sunday. Pledge forms can go in the designated box in the hallway.

### **OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE**

**This Week – December 22**

**Worship leader:** Ken Shxnk

**Musicians:** Janet Wilkxns, Ellen Steinxr,  
Byron Kauffmxn

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Ed & Kim Lehmxn

**Sound/media:** Lori Lehmxn

**Prelude:** Elaine Newcomxr

**Offertory:** Elaine Newcomxr

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn

**Next Week – December 29**

**Worship leader:** Kathy Lehmxn

**Musicians:** Janet Wilkxns,  
Byron Kauffmxn

**Speaker:**

**Greeters:** Mark & Polly Thomxs

**Sound/media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Kathy Grabxr

**Offertory:**

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn

## **PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES**

Continue to pray for God's healing power to sustain and strengthen Bill B. as he begins physical therapy. May the Holy Spirit give Carole and their sons comfort and courage in the midst of many unknowns, and wisdom as they attend to store-related matters. Give thanks that their son Billy is able to visit for a little while.

Pray for Cheryl S. and her ongoing healing process following hip replacement.

Remember Lee Jordxn in prayer as he faces a recurrence of cancer. Pray for courage and hope in this time as he and Tesa await his surgery on Dec. 30.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this week, we marvel at how God dared to come among us in such a vulnerable form. May we, like Jesus, Joseph and Mary chose to become vulnerable, taking risks to offer genuine love, to build bridges of understanding, and to stand with and protect others who are vulnerable.

Pray a blessing on the Community Christmas meal and all those who will serve and fellowship together. May Christ's peace become real in homes where there is strife, and his comfort be in homes where there is sadness.

### **LAST WEEK**

Sunday School 39

Worship Attendance 56

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

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