



Bethel Mennonite Church

“Serving Jesus, Loving Others”

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Gathering

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Cindy Kauffmxn

Even if the mountains heave up from their anchors, and the hills quiver and shake, I will not desert you.

You can rely on My enduring love; My covenant of peace will stand forever. So says the Eternal One, whose love won't give up on you.

Isaiah 54:10 (The Voice)

Prelude

Bill Barrxtt

Call To Worship & Praise

Ken Shxnx

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, for things are about to change.

People: Every valley shall be filled in and every mountain made low.

Leader: As we await the coming of the Messiah, we are called to prepare our hearts for his coming.

People: We are called to turn around, repent, and allow God to renew us and work within us.

All: Then we will see the salvation of our God!

Opening Prayer

Ken Shxnx

Congregational Singing

Bill Barrxtt

Malachi 3:1, 2 (The Living & Amplified Bibles)

Ken Shxnx

With our offerings & Offertory

Ellen Steinxr

Advent Credo (insert)

Ken Shxnx

Congregational Singing

Janet Wilkxns & Worship Team

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Luke 1:67-79, Luke 3:3-6 (The Living Bible)

Message: "Be a Forerunner for the Gospel" Pastor Cheryl Shxnx

Sharing – Led by Pastoral Team

Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

Congregational vote to call Rebecca Kauffmxn

Dave Lxnx

Sending

Sending song

Benediction

Bill Barrxtt
Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Pastor Cheryl Shxnx

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Women Serving in Love

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Bethel Homework Help

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. – Peace & Justice Lunch

THURSDAY

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Bethel Homework Help

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.

10:40 a.m. – Worship. KJ Schrxck, speaker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women Serving in Love – 9:00 a.m. Tuesday. Christmas Potluck. Bring a dish to share and a Christmas keepsake to describe during devotions. Hostesses: Miriam Lxpp and Gretchen Christophxr. Project: Non-perishable food items for WL Cares.

Anyone wishing to bring a poinsettia (in memory of someone) to put up in front of the church during the Christmas season would be welcome to do so. See Nellie Lindxmer or Janet Wilkxns

New or gently used items are needed for families who arrived in Logan County over the past year. A list of the items needed was in the bulletin earlier. Copies of the list are on the bulletin board. Help yourself. (The picture changed but the items are the same.) Place donated items in the Sunday School room 23 at the end of the hall. If you would like a gift in kind receipt, see Barb Kauffmxn.*

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 25. Christmas Community Fellowship Meal will be held again this year at Adriel Yoder Activity Center 12:00 – 2:00p.m. Sign up *today* on the papers on the bulletin board to donate food or volunteer to help at the event on Christmas Day. *

*More information in the foyer.

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.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Continue your prayers for Rosie Smxth, sister of Paul Hostetlrx, Nellie Lindxmer, Ellie Kauffmxn. She continues to be a patient at Friendly Village in Dublin, OH.
- Pray for God’s comfort and healing for Angie Harshbargxr Shoemakxr; Cindy’s brother, Tim; Jerry Smuckxr; Phyllis Kxng; Kyle Yodxr; Kelly & Don Davxs; and Mark’s father, George Thomx.
- Learning a new language and culture, separation from family members, 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.

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 47 Worship Attendance 46

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Michelle Lxnk

GREETERS:

Today: Ed & Kim Lehmxn **Next Week:** Ed & Kim Lehmxn

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Larry Evxns **Next Week:** Mark Kauffmxn

Pastors: Cheryl Shxnk (youthpastor@bethelchurchwl.org)
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