

# Bethel Mennonite Church

*“Serving Jesus, Loving Others”*

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## We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp –

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. II Thessalonians 3:16 NIV

Welcome and Call to worship

Leader: The wait is over. A new shoot is growing!

**People: Arise! Shine! For our light has come  
and the glory of God is revealed.**

Leader: The Ruler of heaven and earth has come among us.

**People: May God’s light and love transform us  
as our knees bend to honor the Christ child.**

**All: We come to worship!**

Prelude & Lighting the Advent candle

## We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 60:1-6, 17-21

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

## We hear God’s Word

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: We can’t go back the way we came

## 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

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship. Erin Dyx, speaker

### TUESDAY

**9:15 a.m.** – Women’s Bible Study

**12:15 p.m.** – Peace & Justice Lunch

**3:30 p.m.-5:00p.m.** – Homework Help

### THURSDAY

**3:30 p.m.-5:00p.m.** – Homework Help

**7:00p.m.** – Elder Leadership Team meeting

### FRIDAY

**1:00 p.m.** – Pastoral Care Team

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledge forms for Bethel’s capital campaign can go in the designated box in the hallway by January 31.

Thank you to Dean, Ken S., and Dick for painting the Fellowship Room!

“The Great Winter Warm Up” is a comforter making event to support Mennonite Central Committee’s relief work around the world. Toledo Mennonite Church is hosting one on Jan. 11, and Salem Mennonite in Kidron is hosting on Jan. 17-18. Let Kyle or Mary P. know if you’re interested in carpooling to Kidron. Women, men, & all ages welcome.

## OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

**This Week – January 5**

**Worship leader:** Donna Lehmxn

**Musicians:** Janet Wilkxns,  
Ellen Steinxr

**Speaker:** Erin Dyx

**Greeters:** Mark & Polly Thomxs

**Sound/media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Elaine Newcomxr

**Offertory:** Elaine Newcomxr

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn

**Next Week – January 12**

**Worship leader:** Dave Lxnk

**Musicians:** Ellen Steinxr,  
Carl Newcomxr

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Paul & Linda Hostetlrx

**Sound/media:** Mark Kauffmxn

**Prelude:** Kathy Grabxr

**Offertory:** Ellen Steinxr

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn

## **PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES**

- Give thanks to God for small steps of healing and progress that Bill B. has experienced. Last week he passed the swallow test so now he can eat with supervision. Pray for wisdom and a smooth transition as plans are made to transfer him to Green Hills for rehab. Consider sending a card for his birthday this Wednesday 8th.
- Lee Jordxn's surgery last week was not able to remove the cancerous tissue as planned due to scar tissue from previous surgery. Lee and Tesa will meet with doctors tomorrow morning to learn what other options are available. Please hold them in prayer during this time.
- Remember the Workmxn family (Mary Psollx's step-daughters) and the Neil Yodxr family as they grieve the recent death of loved ones.
- Pray for our sister congregations in Ohio Conference who are in a pastoral search process, including: Oak Grove in West Liberty, West Clinton Mennonite in Wauseon, and Salem Mennonite in Waldron, Michigan. May the Holy Spirit guide the churches and candidates.

## **LAST WEEK**

Sunday School 28

Worship Attendance 61

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

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Barb Kauffmxn

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