



BETHANY UNITED METHODIST
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10:30 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 20, 2015

WELCOME

Pastor Lynch

*CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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*INVOCATION

Pastor Lynch

ADVENT WREATH

Sue and Dennis Keith

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

(vs. 1, 4) # 541

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Little Drummer Boy”

Sunbeam Choir

Little Drummer Boy - Aiden Schell

Mary - Kennedy Commissiong

Joseph - Shay Funck

Angel - Olivia Basham

Cow - Sophia Commissiong

Sheep - Kalin Scipioni

Shepherd - Casey Funck

Wise men - Allison Deimler, Michelle Patrick and Samantha Patrick

Narrators - Allison Deimler, Casey Funck and Shay Funck

Guest Singers: Hank and Chris Oleyniczak

MORNING PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Lynch

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

THE OFFERTORY

Audrey Scipioni

Presentation of God's Tithe

*The Doxology

*Dedication Prayer

*CAROL

“Away in a Manger”

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

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MESSAGE

“Christmas Gives Us a New Picture of God”

Pastor Lynch

*CAROL

“Joy to the World”

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*BENEDICTION

Pastor Lynch

*POSTLUDE

Audrey Scipioni

Good morning and Merry Christmas! Welcome to Bethany where God’s word is honored, taught and proclaimed. Our mission is to glorify God by making-maturing-mobilizing enthusiastic disciples for Jesus Christ. Please sign the blue attendance pad and pass it along.

Infant care and a toddler class are held downstairs during worship and Sunday School.

Units for the hearing-impaired are available. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

CD’s of today’s service are available for \$2.00. Please contact Karen in the church office. You can also listen to the service through the church’s web site bethanyumcpalmyra.org.

Elementary age Kid Zone will not be offered today so families can be together in worship.

Serving today: **Sunbeam Choir Director:** Bethany Oleyniczak, **Sound System:** Dick Lasher, **Acolyte:** Samantha Patrick, **Ushers:** Bethany Youth, **Organist:** Audrey Scipioni.

Prayer request cards are in the pew rack. Please place them in the offering plate knowing that Pastor Lynch and the Bethany prayer chain will pray over your joys and concerns. If you would like to activate the Bethany prayer chain please call Vicki Smith at 838-5665.

Prayer joys/concerns: 1) Our servicemen and their families. 2) Healing mercies for Lewis Brough, Helen Lutz (Good Samaritan Hospital following surgery), George Bell, Ken Schaeffer, Bryan Hoffman, Paul Finney (Hershey Medical Center). 3) Birthday blessings to Miranda Schell this Saturday. 4) Families traveling and gathering for Christmas. 5) Blessings upon Eric Miller, home from Denver for the holidays.

Our homebound persons of the week are Ed and Bev Bosha at Interfaith Manor. Please pray for Ed and Bev and sign the card in the rear of the social hall.

The Bethany Christmas Eve Service begins with a 6:50 Recorder Concert, and worship starts at 7:00 this Thursday. Bring your family and friends along to enjoy the carols and candlelight.

January/February Upper Room devotional booklets are available. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend.

The Loyal Workers meet tomorrow evening at 7:00.

Next Sunday Pastor Lynch will preach on Luke 2:22-38, "Waiting On God."

January newsletter articles are due today. Thank you.

New Year Communion will be held on Sunday January 3.

Bethany children and youth teachers and leaders, please mark your calendar for our safe sanctuary training event on Monday January 4 at 6:30 in the social hall. ~ Cindy Anspach

The flower chart for 2016 is posted on the Railroad Street entrance bulletin board. Please sign up for the Sunday you would like to sponsor altar flowers.

The church office will be open this week on Monday and Tuesday from 8-10.

Anyone wanting a financial statement of giving for 2015, please alert Joan Strait, 566-9873.

Attendance Last Sunday: 87
Attendance Last Year: 52 (ice)

Offering Last Sunday: \$2,034.00
Offering Needed Weekly: \$1,800.00

SERVING CHRIST AND OUR CONGREGATION

ORGANIST: *Audrey Scipioni*

ASSISANT: *Helen Lutz*

NURSERY CARE: *Vicki Smith*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: *Selma Patrick*

TRUSTEES: *Don Brubaker, Ed Kaylor*

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANT: *Gary Nicholson* PASTOR: *John Lynch (298-1308)*

MISSIONARIES: *Carrie Callahan, China and Rachel Nicholson, Germany*

LAY LEADER: *Steve Scipioni*

SUNBEAM CHOIR: *Bethany Oleyniczak*

ADMIN. COUNCIL: *Cindy Anspach*

CHURCH SECRETARY: *Karen Neidigh*

CUSTODIAN: *Beverly Bell*

Poinsettias are presented in loving memory of...



Aunt Julie by Allison Deimler.

Our Mother and Nana Freida Schaeffer by Karen Finney, Dave Schaeffer, Bethany, Kelly and Sash.

My parents J. Alfred and E. Fay Bowman by Dennis and Sue Bowman Keith.

My parents Paul and Mabel Keith by Sue and Dennis Keith.

Our mother Dorothy Starner by Robert and Shirley Speraw.

Our mother Joan Speraw by Robert and Shirley Speraw.

Our parents Arthur and Kathryn Landis by Sandra Pillsbury and Carol Marcocci.

Our sister and brother-in-law Nancy and William Kepler by Sandra Pillsbury and Carol Marcocci.

My husband Glenn Carl by Mary Carl.

Our parents Paul and Ruth Leicht and Ed and Sara Eisenhower by Paul and Karen Leicht.

Dr. Clyde and Edith Lynch by John and Sharon Lynch.

Our parents Orville and Mildred Strait by Larry, Diane, Linda and Selma.

Our parents by Lois and Lloyd Grumbein.

My husband Cliff and son Brooke by Janet Lilly.

My parents Mary and Roy Boltz by Janet Lilly.

My parents Mildred and Orville Strait by Diane Schell.

My husband Lynn and his family Ralph, June, Loa, Debbie by Diane Schell.

My parents Larry and Margie Pellegrini by Karen Neidigh.



Poinsettias are presented in honor of ...

Mom and Dad by Allison Deimler.

David, Pamela, Allison and our Parents by Terry and Cindy Patrick.

Our grandchildren, Becca, Camry, Brendan, Keith, Colton and Cade by Paul and Karen Leicht.

Our grandparents by Lewis and Roberta Brough.

Parents, children, grand children and Jesus' birth by Joan and Larry Strait.

My sister Jane Kline by Betty Schaffner .

Amanda and James Konecke by Sharon and John Lynch.

Katrina and Matthew Hayes by Sharon and John Lynch.

Jaime and Eric, Tim and Sarah Miller by Rick and Diane Miller.

Our grandchildren and great-grandchildren by Bill and Audrey Scipioni.

My family Seth, Miranda, Aiden and Chad, Amber, Dylan, Summer and Gabby by Diane Schell.

Our children and grandchildren by Ken and Susan Knipe.

Our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren by Selma and Dale Patrick.



***Thank you to everyone who shared a poinsettia.
You are welcome to take your plant home following the
Christmas Eve Service.***