



BETHANY UNITED METHODIST
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10:30 AM

WORSHIP

December 27, 2015

WELCOME		Pastor Lynch
*CALL TO WORSHIP	“Go Tell It On the Mountain”	Casey Funck
*CAROL	“There’s a Song in the Air”	# 554
*INVOCATION	“Dear Lord, fill our hearts with joy and our tongues with praise as we celebrate our Savior’s birth. Stir in our hearts the precious gift of faith, that Christ may be born anew in us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”	Congregation
*CAROL	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” <i>Flute, Casey Funck</i>	(vs. 1, 4) # 541
MORNING PRAYER		
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Lynch
The Lord’s Prayer		Congregation
THE OFFERTORY		Althea Hemperly
Presentation of God’s Tithe		
*The Doxology		
*Dedication Prayer		
*CAROL	“What Child Is This?”	# 540
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:2-22	Ed Kaylor
SOLO	“Mary, Did You Know”	Joey Lagyak-Honey
MESSAGE	“Waiting on God”	Pastor Lynch

*CAROL

“The First Noel”

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*BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13

Congregation

“May the God of hope fill us with all joy
and peace so that we may abound in hope by
the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

*POSTLUDE

Althea Hemperly

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.

Our extended Sunday School for children is called Kid Zone. Those up to sixth grade are welcome to go downstairs to Kid Zone or remain in the sanctuary for worship.

Serving today: **Sound System:** Dick Lasher, **Acolyte:** Samantha Patrick, **Ushers:** Miranda and Seth Schell, Jill and Richard Funck, **Pianist:** Althea Hemperly.

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) Hopeful and healing mercies for Lewis Brough, Helen Lutz, George Bell, Ken Schaeffer, Paul Finney, Bryan Hoffman. 2) Our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. 3) For Bethany congregation to keep growing in the love, knowledge and service of our Savior in 2016. 4) Birthday blessings to Cindy Anspach this Saturday.

Our homebound person of the week is Ken Schaeffer at Hill Farm, Annville. Please pray for Ken and sign the card in the rear of the social hall.

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

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 January Bethany Church Newsletter may be read online at bethanyumcpalmyra or you may pick up a printed copy at the information table.

Next Sunday we will celebrate New Year communion in the pew.

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

Any new people to Bethany who would appreciate a financial statement of giving for this coming year of 2016, please alert our financial secretary Joan Strait, 566-9873.

January sub and pretzel sandwich orders need be made by January 20. Pick up will be January 28. Proceeds benefit Bethany Church.

The 2016 Bethany Church Directory is available at the information table. Please, one to a household. Many thanks to church secretary Karen Neidigh for putting it together for us.

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

Attendance Last Sunday: 101
Attendance Last Year: 91

Offering Last Sunday: \$2,747.10
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*