

Next Sunday Pastor Lynch will preach on “Transformed Hearts” from John 1:1-14, and Colossians 3:14-17. Casey Funck will bless us with carols played on her flute.

Mitten Tree: The Loyal Workers are collecting mittens, hats, gloves and scarves for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey through December. The Mitten Tree is located to the right of the sanctuary until next Sunday. Thank you for helping to decorate our Mitten Tree.

Christmas Cards: Stop by the information table and pick up a list of folks who would enjoy a Christmas greeting from you.

Poinsettia orders need be in by next Sunday, December 11. Thank you.

Rev. Bill McNeil of the Campbelltown UMC, is on call for pastoral need today and tomorrow. His phone number is 274-8819. Pastor Lynch returns on Tuesday.

Christmas Eve worship is at 7:00. Christmas Day worship is at 10:00 with no Sunday School.

Do you shop at Redners? Please save your sales slip and put it in the drawer marked “Redners Slips” at the Railroad Street entrance to Bethany, or drop them off at the church office. We receive 1% of the total we turn in.

SERVING CHRIST AND OUR CONGREGATION

ORGANIST: <i>Audrey Scipioni</i>	LAY LEADER: <i>Steve Scipioni</i>
NURSERY CARE: <i>Vicki Smith</i>	SUNBEAM CHOIR: <i>Samantha Patrick</i>
CHILDREN’S MINISTRY: <i>Selma Patrick</i>	ADMIN. COUNCIL: <i>Cindy Anspach</i>
TRUSTEES: <i>Don Brubaker, Ed Kaylor</i>	CHURCH SECRETARY: <i>Karen Neidigh</i>
TREASURER: <i>Diane Miller</i>	CUSTODIAN: <i>Beverly Bell</i>
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANT: <i>Joe Tyson</i>	PASTOR: <i>John Lynch (298-1308)</i>
MISSIONARIES: <i>Carrie Callahan, China and Rachel Nicholson, Germany</i>	



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10:00 AM SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 4, 2016

WELCOME		Larry Strait
ADVENT WREATH		Brandt Family
*CAROL	“Angels, from The Realms of Glory”	# 546
*INVOCATION	“Come Lord Jesus into hearts and homes being prepared to welcome you as Lord of love and Prince of peace. With the angels we would sing, alleluias to our coming Savior and King. Amen.”	Unison
*CHORUS	“O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!”	Congregation
MORNING PRAYER		Larry Strait
THE LORD’S PRAYER		Congregation
THE OFFERTORY		
	Presentation of God’s Tithe	Audrey Scipioni
	*The Doxology	
	*Dedication Prayer	
*CAROL	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	# 541
SCRIPTURE	Luke 15:11-32	page # 78
MESSAGE	“Let’s Celebrate!”	Jenean Speck
*CAROL	“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”	# 543

*BENEDICTION Romans 15:13 Unison
 “May the God of hope fill us with joy and peace, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”
 *POSTLUDE Audrey Scipioni

Good morning and 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.

A special welcome and thank you to Jenean Speck for sharing the Lord with us today while Pastor John and Sharon are on a get-away to Williamsburg. Jenean is the Lay Leader at the Mountville UMC, a retired elementary teacher from the Northern Lebanon School District, and is a resident of Palmyra. Many thanks to Worship Leader Larry Strait

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.

The altar flowers are given by Carol Marcocci and Sandra Pillsbury to the glory of God in loving memory of their parents, Arthur and Kathryn Landis, Sister Nancy Kepler, brother-in-law William Kepler and Gerald and Carol’s grandson Derek Walborn.

Serving today: **Sound System:** Don Brubaker, **Acolyte:** Samantha and Michelle Patrick, **Ushers:** Joan and Larry Strait, Karen and Paul Leicht, **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) For our deer hunters. 2) Healing and hopeful mercies for Vicki Smith, Ashley Commisong, Lew Brough. 3) Our Soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. 4) Birthday blessings this week to Luke Scipioni, Chad Schell and Kelly Finney.

Our homebound person of the week is Ken Schaeffer at Hill Farm Estate, Annville. Please pray