

Hope
Jeremiah 33:14-16

Hope is future _____.

Hope is only as _____ as its

_____.

Hope will _____ you through.

The flowers on the communion table are given by Eric & Barb Mast in praise to God for His love.

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Pianist: Geoffrey Zimmerly • Organist: Phyllis Snyder

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing!* - piano/organ

*Invitation to Worship

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

***Song:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* pg. 210

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (pew Bible pg. 1232)

Ministry in Music: *To the World - Joy!* - Bell Choir

Prayer

Our Worship in Giving: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* - Bell Choir
(First-time guests, please do not feel obligated to give.
Your presence with us today is gift enough.)

***Doxology** pg. 166

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Song:** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* pg. 244
(Children ages 3-6 dismissed to the back of the sanctuary.)

Message: Hope

***Song:** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* pg. 259

***Closing Prayer and Response**

Let's Worship and Adore Him pg. 247

Worship Leader: Gene McConahay

**If able, please stand*

December 2, 2018

First Time @ Smithville Brethren?

Welcome, we are thrilled to have you as our guests today. Here is some information you will find helpful.

First, there is a gift waiting for you at our welcome center in the main lobby. Please stop by so we can give it to you.

Second, we would like you to know that we have two worship services here at Smithville Brethren. We have a 9:00 am service in the Sanctuary with a traditional feel and an 11:15 am service in the Upper Fellowship Hall with a contemporary feel.

Third, we believe that the responsibility to support the church financially rests upon the members and friends of this church and not on you, our guest. Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering today.

Fourth, we love children here at SBC so we have a nursery which is open for children from birth to two years old. You may bring your child to the lower level for either service and Sunday school. Our nursery is staffed by loving people who would enjoy caring for your child. If you desire to keep your child in the service, that is perfectly fine also.

Fifth, during both services we also have Jr. church for children ages 3-6. Jr. church begins partway through the service and allows your child a chance to learn about God in a more age appropriate environment. Jr. church is located in the lower level, room #117. You will see a slide on the screen that tells when to send your child out for Jr. church, if you desire to do so.

Volunteers for Today:

- 9:00 Children's Church: Amanda Cline
Nursery: Ryan Smith, Jessie Dravenstott
11:15 Children's Church: Lorah Meech, Paul Horst
Nursery: Norma Woods, Steph Horst

Sunday, December 2

- 4:30 Christmas Carol Celebration

Wednesday, December 5

- 6:30 Blanket Ministry
6:30 Time of Prayer
7:00 Choir Practice

Saturday, December 8

- 9:00 Bell Choir practice LFH

Prayer

- Betsy West - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Bertha Rudy - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Bill & Glenna Mast
- Edna Fleming - Danbury Senior Living
- Hilda Flory



Christmas Celebration! We're excited to celebrate the season with our annual Christmas Carol Celebration. The concert is tonight at 4:30 pm. Come join us for an evening of Christmas music performed by the choir, bell choir, and many soloists/musicians from our church.

A lasagna dinner will follow the program. Donations are welcome. The Music Committee would like to thank you for your continued support!

Christmas Gift Giving Thank you to everyone who picked up an ornament for Green Local Schools. Please have all gifts to the church by today.

Friends' Club Kids! "The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is singing loud for all to hear!" (Buddy the Elf)

Hey Friends Club Kids ~ bring your families and let's spread some cheer around the community as we go caroling together on Friday, December 21st. Join us at 5:30 for a quick dinner in the church's Upper Fellowship Hall before we leave to sing. Please remember to wear warm clothes. We look forward to seeing you then!

Christmas Eve Service Invite family and friends to the Christmas Eve Service, Monday, December 24 at 7:00 pm. The service will be in the sanctuary and will include a special time for children and a message.



SS Curriculum Update Parents of children in 2 yr old, 1st-2nd grade and 5-8th grade Sunday school classes--We wanted to take a moment to update you on the new curriculum that we have been piloting this fall.

It has been a great quarter! We are challenged and encouraged by what we are learning together. Our plan is to pilot the curriculum in the same classes again this quarter to continue to give the teachers, children, and you the opportunity to become more familiar with and utilize it to the fullest. Some of you have given us feedback already--thank you! We want to know how things are going and how we can help you as you teach your faith to your children.

We will meet with parents again in late January during the Sunday school hour to get your input on this curriculum.

Please do not hesitate to talk to Pastor Art or Jennifer if you have any questions or concerns.

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Our Daily Bread The December - February regular print issue is available at the Information table and the west door.

The 2019 Flower Chart is available by the Welcome Center. Please sign up if you would like to provide flowers for the 9:00 am worship service.

Members of Secret Sisters All members of the Secret Sisters group, please check by the mailboxes or the Welcome Center for any gifts you might receive during the year.

Official Board minutes, for the month of October, are available in the last mailbox.

December Forward Look is available on the Information wall and on our website at smithvillebrethren.org. If you would like to receive the newsletter either by email or mail, please let the church office know, 330-669-2268.

For weather-related cancellations at Smithville Brethren Church check our website at smithvillebrethren.org. or listen to 104.5 FM WQKT.

Church Mailboxes Please check your mailboxes for any Christmas cards or other information, especially during this holiday season.

Winter Blues got you down? Well how about a little bit of summer fun to warm you up, and what says summer more than Camp Bethany? Come join us for a fun and relaxing time at Winter Camp 2019! All the great aspects of summer camp packed into a winter weekend. This years theme is Mirror Mirror as we explore James 1:22-23. We will do an in depth study looking at both the person and the character of Jesus while spending time REFLECTING on our image to see if it mirrors that of Christ's. Grades 6-12 are invited to come spend January 18 6:30pm-21 1:30pm (MLK weekend) at Camp Bethany. Registration will be cut off after 75 students so be sure to get your registration in today as you don't want to miss out on this fun filled weekend. Registration is \$75 dollars (scholarships available) and can be done online at www.campbethany.org and contact Annie Simon anniesimon96@yahoo.com with any questions.

Handel's Messiah will be performed at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, Smithville, Ohio on Sunday, December 16, at 2:30 PM. Oak Grove offers this to the community at no charge as a meaningful way to celebrate the Christmas season. A freewill offering will be taken.