

"You are the salt of the earth...  
You are the Light of the world...  
Seek first his kingdom and  
his righteousness"  
Matthew 5:13, 14, 33

# BMC NEWS

All generations growing together as  
disciples of Jesus for the glory of God and  
the expansion of His Kingdom.

## New to BMC?

*Welcome!* We are delighted to have the opportunity to serve you in our church community. We invite you to join us each Sunday for a time of fellowship, worship, and learning as we grow together in our relationship with Jesus.

Below are the various classes and growth groups available. We welcome you to join in. We're glad you're here!

Visit [www.byerlandchurch.org](http://www.byerlandchurch.org) or Facebook at *Byerland Church* for more information.

If your child is new to Byerland, please fill out the registration form in the welcome packet and give it to your child's teacher. Our greeters will be able to tell you who your child's teacher will be. Thank you!

### —Nursery (through age 2) -

Located adjacent to main floor gathering area in the Meetinghouse.

### Sunday School Classes / Growth Groups:

- Preschool (age 2-5)—Meetinghouse, lower level, Room 7/8—Beth Hess & Kathleen Railing
- Elementary (grades K-4) — Meetinghouse, lower level, Room 4 — Jeanne Bye & Jackie Whittaker
- Jr. High youth (gr. 5-8)— Meetinghouse, lower level, north end — Andrea Railing & Heath Hopstetter
- Sr. High youth (gr. 9-12)— Fellowship Hall, youth room — Jeremy Railing & Andrew Whittaker
- Young Adults – Fellowship Hall— Eric/Kristin Funk & Sheldon Hoover
- Growth Group led by Barbee Myer & Jay Hess— Meetinghouse, lower level, beside kitchen
- Growth Group led by Joe Garber, Marcia Mylin, Jonna Bye & Allen Hunsberger, Meetinghouse, main floor, right front corner classroom
- Growth Group led by Denny/Kathy Dagen – Meetinghouse, front of auditorium
- International Lesson, conference call—led by Matt Bye

### Today, December 4, 2022

- **9-10 a.m.** – Sunday School Classes & Growth Groups
- **Greeters:** Edie Hess / Landon Hess
- **Worship Planner:** Vanessa Brubaker
- **Message:** Matt Bye – “Israel received the promises of land and blessing”
- **Children’s Church (age 3--grade 3)** – After worship, gather downstairs in the meetinghouse, room 7/8. All need to be signed in.
- **Junior Youth (grades 4-6)** — Meet in the youth room in the Fellowship Hall following the worship time

**Prayer Focus**  
Eastern  
Mennonite  
Missions (EMM)

### Next Sunday, December 11, 2022

- **9-10 a.m.** – Sunday School Classes & Growth Groups (see side bar)
- **Greeters:** Dot Hess / Luke Hess
- **Worship Planner:** Valerie Garber
- **Message:** Steve Weaver – “Israel was often unfaithful to God”
- **Children’s Church (age 3--grade 3)** – After worship, gather downstairs in the meetinghouse, room 7/8. All need to be signed in.

### Calendar:

- **Sunday, December 4, 8:15 a.m.** -- **Corporate Prayer** in the Fellowship Hall. Dale Mylin will lead in prayer for the Financial / Maintenance Ministry Team. All are welcome!
- **Monday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.** —**Byerland Expand (BE)** young adult group meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Monday, Dec. 5 & 12, 6:30-8:30 a.m.** – **Elder team** meetings at the church.
- **Tuesday, December 6 & 20, 7:00 p.m.**—**Women’s Discovery Bible Study** at the home of Yvonne Garber, 2275 New Danville Pike, Lancaster. Contact Yvonne at 717-606-3574 for more details.
- **Thursday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.** —**Welcome to mid-week Dinner Church!** — enjoy amazing dishes of food and fellowship around a Jesus story. Held in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Allen Hunsberger at 717-951-7573 or Matthew Bye at 717-553-0122 for more information.
- **Tuesday, December 13 & 27, 7:00 p.m.**— **Men’s group** meeting “around the fire” at church. For more info, contact Dale Mylin (717-813-5320).
- **Wednesday, December 21, 6:00 p.m.** – **Christmas Caroling float** – plan to join the fun!
- **Sunday, January 1, 2023** – **Congregational breakfast.** Watch for details.

## Happy December Birthdays!

- 2—Melanie Hopstetter
- 6—Alyssa Mylin
- 6—Nate Whitfield
- 9—Sophia Sheaffer
- 11—Norah Gonzales
- 13—Arianna Malpica
- 14—Sean Hess
- 16—Carter Hess
- 16—Josiah Garber
- 19—Dominic Malpica
- 21—Eliza Myer
- 21—Quintin Hopstetter



- December 7 & 14 – 6:30-8:00 – at Byerland.
- December 21 – Christmas Party at Byerland, 6:30-8:00
- December 28 – no meeting

### Calling all instruments and owners:

An instrumental ensemble will be playing one song on December 25, and you are invited to participate. Practices will be held after worship December 4 and December 11. See Dale Mylin if you have questions.

### A note of thanks for the money for water:

“Shalom Brother Joe na Mama Josiah—I want to take this opportunity again to thank you with your church for supporting Christian at Alamayana. In this month, we have trip to visit them from December 17-18 for worship and to conduct Communion and baptism, on Saturday we will visit The Local Church at Olduvai, then we will come back to Sleep at Alamayana Church, house of Mama Agnes. Thank you in Advance and may God Bless You abundantly.

With Regards.

--Bishop Rwanga Chris Kateti”  
(Overseer of the Maasai churches)



Your tithes and offerings to support the ongoing work of building the Kingdom of God are received in the box found in the welcoming area. Thank you! Received November 27:

- Budget: \$ 2749
- Maasai Water: \$ 245
- Missions: \$ 150

### Pray for the slain Lamb to reign in Tanzania and Rwanda

#### • Path of Hope directed by Donald Nyakyema:

- Several children need sponsors. Please contact Heath Hopstetter if interested. Thanks to current sponsors!
- Pray peace, comfort and healing for children suffering from HIV/AIDS.

#### • Iringa Road Mennonite Church in Dodoma:

- Pray for our continued meetings on Zoom. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 22
- Prayer for the letter that has reached the Regional Commissioner in regards to the title deed that favor would be given to Iringa Road for this request.
- Prayer for fundraising for the building of the Iringa Road Mennonite Church
- Prayer for Pastor Bene Maiga as he leads the congregation in evangelism

#### • Alamayana Maasai Mennonite Church in Ngorongoro Conservatory:

- The severe drought continues, pray for the rains to come to water their dry land.
- Praise for the money received from Byerland to truck water to the village each week.
- Pray for Pastor Jackson who is planning to start two new Maasai churches.

#### • Oasis House Rwanda \* City Church Kigali led by Ronnie/Blessing Kadala

- City Church Kigali began 3 discipleship classes this fall. Everyone is excited to join.
- Pastor Ronnie is providing guidance to another pastor who is planting a new church in nearby Nyamata.
- Ronnie has recently been continuing his training in Biblical Substance Abuse Recovery through Teen Challenge.

### Pray for Joe/Yvonne EMM Church Partnership Coach travel

- Friday-Sunday, December 2-4: Gehman Mennonite Church

