**Sunday School – 9:30**

**Worship Service – 10:30**

Worship Leader: Jeni Bogenrief

*“O come, all ye Faithful”* **(blue #212)**

*“For God so Loved Us”*

*“Blessed be the Name of the Lord”*

**Welcome to Worship**

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, for things are about to change.

**People**: **Every valley shall be filled in and every mountain made**

**Low.**

Leader: As we await the coming of the Messiah, we are called to

Prepare our hearts for his coming.

**People:** **We are called to turn around, repent, and allow God to**

**Renew us and work with us.**

**All: *Then we will see the salvation of our God!***

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Offertory:** Please tear off your “Response Sheet” and drop it

In the offering basket.

**Children’s Moment:** Katie Spohn

Kids to Activity Room with Stephanie, Ty & Ava Svehla

(4 years and younger)

**Message:** Gordon Scoville

“STUMBLING INTO THE FUTURE”

Philippians 1:3-11

*“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”*  **(blue #71)**

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Join us for lunch after the service and a meeting.discussing what “Lead Pastor” means at Bellwood.

**What’s happening at Bellwood this week:**

Monday, December 10 – Gordon’s day off

Tuesday, December 11 – Response Group Meeting – 7:00

Wednesday, December 12 – Montessori School Christmas Program 7:00 p.m.

Grounded Youth, Jr. 6:15-7:15, Sr. 7:30 – 9:00

Thursday December 13 – A.A. & Alanon – 7:30

Friday, December 14 – Taric’s day off

Saturday, December 15 – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 7am

Ladies Prayer Ministry 7am

We are in need of someone to watch the kids in the basement during the meeting. Any volunteers??

The Bellwood Montessori School Christmas Program will be Wednesday, December 12, in the sanctuary at 7 p.m.

HS students! Come over to Taric and Katie’s home for our annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a White Elephant gift to exchange and keep the price under $10. There will be snacks and games to enjoy as well!

The JH Christmas party will be December 19 from 7-8:30 at the Youth Center/.

**A reminder to Bellwood:** Gordon’s “Response Group” continues to meet. The Group’s purpose is to provide feedback that helps Gordon to listen to the congregation. Participants in the group are John Burkey, Lisa Compton, Dennis Peters, Brenda Stauffer, Joy Steckly and Don Yeackley.

AVDS 2019 at Hesston College, February 1 to 3, raises the question of how we live in the way of Jesus. See the exciting information posted on the bulletin board.

We are in need of 5 more people to read scripture for our Christmas Eve Service. If you would be willing to do this, please sign the clipboard in the overflow.

**Many Happy Returns**

Somehow, not only for Christmas,

Bur all the long year through,

The joy that you give to others,

Is the joy that comes back to you.

And the more you spend in blessing

The poor and lonely and sad,

The more of your heart’s possessing

Returns to you glad.

**Last Week:** Worship Attendance – 81, Budget - $6,911

**Birthday’s this week:** Katie Spohn, Vi Stutzman (Mon.), Tami Ladd (Tues.), Pam Erb (Wed.), Rosemary Martin, Kody Stutzman (Sat.)

**Activity Room:**

December 16 – NO Activity Room – S kids Christmas program

December 23\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_&\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

December 30\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_&\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The clipboard will be in the overflow. If you would be willing to do

Activity Room in December or January, please sign up.

**Worship Leader, Music, Singers & Greeters:**

December 16 – Worship Leader – Greg Dunlap

Prelude – Jessica Dunlap

Songs – Sydney Bontrager

Offertory – Boys & their horns

Singers – Nick Glanzer & Paula Martin

Greeters – Denny & Carolyn Peters

December 23 – Worship Leader – Peg Burkey

Piano – Peg Burkey

Singers – Sid Burkey, Jeni Bogenreif & Josh Miller

Children’s Moment – Jessica Dunlap

Greeters – Sharon Stutzman & Janet Newton

**Remember in Prayer:**

* Cliff Irwin
* Students of Grounded Youth

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**December 9, 2018**