

**Contributions for Ahmed Tarik:** Ahmed, the Iraqi student we supported this school year, is wrapping up his first year at EMU's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding. He will participate in their summer program and then have one more year of study. He is in need of financial assistance for his second year. If you would like to contribute, please make out your check to Bethel Mennonite and write "Iraqi Student" on the memo line. An update on Ahmed is posted on the bulletin board.



# Bethel Mennonite Church

*"Jesus compels us to experience and extend the gracious rule of God by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

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## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 48  
Worship Attendance 91

*Your generosity empowers our collective work for God's kingdom purposes. Thanks!*

## OUR THANKS TO

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Carl Newcomer

### NURSERY:

**Today:** Open

**Next week:** Tara Stanford

### GREETERS:

**Today:** Chuck & Carol Buck

**Next week:** Chuck & Carol Buck

### SOUND OPERATOR:

**Today:** Brody Robinaugh

**Next week:** Larry Evans

### MEDIA OPERATOR:

**Today:** Annie Steiner

**Next week:** Savannah Hostetler

## *Through the Bible in a Year - Ruth*

### **Gathering**

Welcome & Call to Worship

Jerry and Barb Landes

Prelude

Pat Yoder

Psalm 133 & Opening Prayer

Gathering Choruses

Janet Wilkins and Team

### **Proclaiming**

Scripture – Ruth 1:1-18

**Message "Ruth: Where You Go..." Pastor Dave Maurer**

### **Praising**

With our offerings & Offertory

Kathy Graber

With Hymns

Byron Kauffman

### **Sharing**

Mission Moment

Byron and Barb Kauffman

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Dave

### **Sending**

Benediction

Pastor Dave

Sending hymn

*Celebrating 125 Years*

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**Tech Coordinator:** Todd Hostetler

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. — Worship Service

### TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. – Mennonite Women  
3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

### THURSDAY

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help  
7:00 p.m.—COCO/JOICO/ADCO

### FRIDAY

7:30 p.m.—Community Movie Night

### SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – King's Daughter's Breakfast

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. — Worship Service— Pastor Dave speaks on I Samuel 15:10-23  
Noon – Trip to the Peace Museum in Dayton  
6:00 p.m.—Youth & Mentors

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Mennonite Women** meets April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Susie has devotions on “I Am the Resurrection” and Jeanie, Eleanor & Linda are hostesses. The meal is Tex Mex with M-Z bringing side dishes. The project is newborn kits.

**Community Movie Night Friday:** Please sign-up to donate snacks.

**Peace Museum Trip:** The Peace and Justice lunch group will be going to the Dayton International Peace Museum Sunday afternoon, April 19, 2015. More information is available in the April newsletter. A carpool sign-up is available in the foyer. All are welcome.

**Save the Date:** Vacation Bible School this year will be June 8-12. See Chuck Swartz if you would like to volunteer to help.

**Baptism Class:** Pastor Dave is planning to offer a baptism class for those wishing to receive baptism. If you are interested in participating in this class, please contact Pastor Dave.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Forms are available on the bulletin lobby table for Mother's Day tributes in the May Newsletter.** (Memorials also welcome) Suggested minimum donation of \$1.25 to help the youth pay for convention.

**SALT:** Mennonite Central Committee is seeking applicants for the Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program to serve for 11 months in a variety of assignments in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East! If you or someone you know is aged 18-30, apply now before it is too late. The placement process for the 2015-16 SALT term closes in May. More information at [mcc.org/salt](http://mcc.org/salt).

**Through the Bible in a Year Reflection Questions:** as we journey through the Bible this year, here are a few questions to reflect upon in your reading. More may be found at Pastor Dave's blog (<http://thequest.blogspot.com/>). A complete list of daily readings is available from the office. **Apr 13-19:**

- In I Samuel 15, Saul did not follow God's instructions to destroy everything. He claimed to have set the good things aside to offer them to God as sacrifices. Was this blatant defiance, naivete, or misguided praise? What makes you believe this way?
- After realizing his mistake, Saul asked for forgiveness. Samuel replied, "He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a human being, that he should change his mind." How do we reconcile this with the mercy and grace of God? How is this situation different from those in which Moses interceded on behalf of the people and the "Lord changed his mind?" ([Ex. 32:14](http://Ex.32:14))

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Linda Rxth** as she recovers from a procedure this week.
- **Walt Kxng** as he recovers.
- **David and Sarah Hxstetler** as they recover from their recent health challenges.
- **Father Patrick Shxridan** pastor at St. Patrick's Church in Bellefontaine. Fr. Pat is seriously ill and is beginning chemo for a bone marrow transplant.
- **Pray for Jane and Jerrell Ross Rxcher and their four children** who are experimenting with a ministry in which they will serve six months in Ecuador and six months in the US, sharing spiritual insights between South and North America. This is a joint ministry of Goshen College and Mennonite Mission Network.
- **Pray for those needing US visas** so they can participate in PA 2015, the global Assembly of Mennonite World Conference.