

Reminder about the rescheduled Youth Group's Mystery Meal (#Not Romantic) this Saturday, Feb. 21st at 6:00 p.m. There is plenty of seating available. If you have not already made your reservations, please let Cheryl know by 9:00 p.m. on Friday Feb. 20th that you plan on attending. There is also a silent auction during the meal of several donated items, including a Texas Meal by Chuck & Jeanie, an Aromatouch Massage by Tesa, 2 (separate) pies by Donna, and a mystery item by Bill Schumaker. If you cannot attend the meal but would like to bid on any of the items, leave your maximum bid with Cheryl by 9:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20th. If you are the winning bidder, you will be contacted.



Bethel Mennonite Church

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

Ash Wednesday Service
Bethel Mennonite Church
February 18, 2015

Prelude		Bill Barrett
Welcome and Candle lighting		Pastor Dave
	We light a light in the name of the God who creates life, the Savior who loves life, and the Spirit who is the fire of life.	
Hymn		Bill Barrett
	SS 59 Come and fill our hearts	
Scripture reading	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Pastor Cheryl
Prayer (in unison):		Pastor Cheryl
	Holy God, our lives are laid open before You. As we hear Your Word today rescue us from the chaos of sin. Through the death of your Son, bring us healing and make us whole. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	

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Psalm of Confession

Pastor Matt

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

North: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

South: *Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.*

All: **Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

North: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

South: *Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.*

All: **Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

Voice 1: Put a new and right spirit within me.

Voice 2: Do not cast me away from your presence,

Voice 3: do not take your holy spirit from me.

North: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

South: *Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.*

All: **Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

North: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

South: *For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.*

All: **The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Hymn

HWB 348

O Lord Hear My Prayer

Bill Barrett

The Lord's Prayer (sin/sins)

Pastor Dave

Imposition of Ashes*(Extend your hand if you prefer not to have ashes on your forehead)***Words of Assurance**

Pastor Dave

God wants truth in the most hidden places,
and teaches wisdom in the most secret space.
Creating for us clean hearts,
God puts a new, faithful spirit deep inside us!

Benediction

Pastor Dave

Hymn

HWB 143

Amazing Grace