

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 53  
Worship Attendance 86

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

## OUR THANKS TO

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Carl Newcomer

### **NURSERY:**

**Today:** Kim Lehman

**Next week:** Nellie Lindemer

### **GREETERS:**

**Today:** Lee & Tesa Jordan

**Next Week:** Byron & Barb Kauffman

### **SOUND OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Mark Kauffman

**Next week:** Larry Evans

### **MEDIA OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Savannah Hostetler

**Next week:** Savannah Hostetler

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# 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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## *Quasquicentennial Sunday with Ed Stoltzfus*

### **Preparing**

By praying together

Infant Nursery @ 8:45a.m.

### **Gathering**

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dena Hostetler

Prelude

Bill Barrett

Isaiah 43:15;19-21 & Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymns

Carl Newcomer

### **Proclaiming**

Children's Story

Ellen Steiner

Scripture- 2 Corinthians 5:13-20 & Revelation 21:2-3;5

**Message** "Bethel, the place where God is making all things new!"

**Pastor Ed Stoltzfus**

### **Praising**

With our offerings  
& Offertory

Pat Yoder

With Choruses

Annie Steiner and Team

### **Sharing**

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Dave Maurer

### **Sending**

Benediction

Pastor Dave

Sending hymn

*Celebrating 125 Years*

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** — Sunday School w/ Joint SS on Returning Veterans

**10:40 a.m.** — Worship Service w/ Pastor Ed Stoltzfus

**Noon** - Potluck

**6:30 p.m.**—MC USA Video Presentation & Discussion

### WEDNESDAY

**7:00 p.m.**—Youth Bible Study

### THURSDAY

**7:00 p.m.**—COCO Meeting

### FRIDAY

**11:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.**—Red Cross Blood Drive

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** — Sunday School w/ Joint SS on Returning Veterans

**10:40 a.m.** — Worship Service w/ Pastor Dave Maurer speaking

**12:00 p.m.**—Sack lunch followed by Tech 101

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Potluck TODAY** – Pastor Ed Stoltzfus is our guest speaker today. As such, we will have a potluck following the service and an opportunity to reflect together with Pastor Ed and his time with us at Bethel.

**MC USA Convention Speakers @ 6:30PM.** We will watch videos from MC USA Convention and talk together about what they had to say.

**Volunteers needed to help seniors at Green Hills this week.** If you can help move, please sign up on the sheet by the mailboxes.

**Tech 101 August 23, noon.** If you would like help with email and navigating our two websites, plan to attend. Bring a sack lunch, and we will take a virtual tour of Bethel's website, and our new sister video site, WBTL.TV. Please sign up on the board by the mailboxes.

**Baptism Service and Church Picnic** On August 30<sup>th</sup> we will baptize Stephen Hostetler and Elam Maurer. There will be no Sunday school that morning as we will meet for worship at the Lion's Park at 10am. Following the baptisms in the river, we will have our church picnic.

**A sign up sheet is posted in the lobby for West Liberty Cares** for the month of September. Please volunteer if you can!

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Camp Luz** will be hosting a ground breaking service for the Waterworks Project on Sunday August 16 at 3pm. Refreshments will be available following the service and there will be opportunity to learn more about the plans for the project. All are invited to attend.

**Two 13 week sessions of Grief Support** begin at West Liberty United Methodist Church on Mondays at 10 a.m. starting August 31<sup>st</sup>, and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a \$5 registration fee. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support offering help, encouragement and hope. Call 441-3592 for more information.

**Thanks to all who prayed for Madeline Steiner this week.** She came through the 4 hour surgery well. Now her biggest adjustment will be adapting to being in walking casts for next 6 weeks. After that possibly braces for awhile. - Bob & Mary Psolla

**We need you!** Needed—3 teachers for the Primary SS Dept. 1 preschool, 1 early elementary, and 1 junior high. You may commit for a quarter, half year, or year. Is God calling you to help nurture our children? Please contact Elaine Newcomer as soon as possible. We need teachers by Sept.

**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. **Aug 17-23:**

- In Ezekiel 5, the prophet is instructed to shave his beard and head. He is then instructed to divide the hair and do several things with it. What is the meaning of this display? What might God call a modern prophet to do to share a similar message?

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Baylee Knxx.** Thank you for your continued prayers
- **Pray for Cindy Kxxffman**
- **Pray for Dennis Hxstetler**
- **Pray for all of the teachers and students** who will be returning to school in the coming weeks.
- **Mennonite Mission Network and Central Plains Mennonite Conference** recently sent Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton and their daughter, Aliyah, to Ecuador. Pray for them as they move into the role of coordinating relationships with Ecuadorian Mennonite churches and international partners.