

## LAST WEEK

SS Attendance

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Worship Attendance 96

*Your giving empowers our collective work for God's purpose. Thanks!*

## OUR THANKS TO

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Barb Evans

**NURSERY:**

**Today:** **Next week:** Kim Lehman

**GREETERS:**

**Today:** Carl & Elaine Newcomer **Next week:** Carl & Elaine Newcomer

**SOUND OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Mark Kauffman **Next week:** Brody Robinaugh

**MEDIA OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Annie Steiner **Next week:** Annie Steiner



# 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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## Stories of God's People – Cornelius & Peter

**Preparing**

By praying together Infant Nursery @ 8:45a.m.

**Gathering**

Pre-worship Music James Lochridge and Team  
 Gathering Choruses  
 Welcome & Call to Worship Elaine Newcomer  
 Opening Prayer

**Proclaiming**

**Message "Cornelius & Peter" Pastor Rick Stoner**  
*From Acts 10*

**Praising**

With our offerings & Offertory James Lochridge  
 With Hymns Bill Barrett

**Sharing**

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses  
 Pastoral Prayer Pastor Rick

**Sending**

Benediction Pastor Rick  
 Sending hymn

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## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30 a.m.—Worship Service

11:00 a.m.—Brunch Groups

### TUESDAY

12 Noon—Peace and Justice Lunch

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

7:00 p.m.—MVS Unit Discussion with Neil Richer

### THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.—Ministry of Worship

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. — Worship Service (Pastor Dave Speaking on Acts 16:11-15)

11:00 a.m. — Brunch Groups

## LOOKING AHEAD

**August Schedule** – Please note that in August our Sunday morning schedule will be a little bit different. On Aug. 10, 17, & 24, worship will begin at 9:30am with meals to follow instead of Sunday school. On August 31, we will resume Sunday school at 9:30 with worship at 10:40am.

**In case of a need for pastoral care** this week, please contact Pastor Rick.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Reminder**—Student Aid Pledges are due.

**West Liberty MVS Unit** - Some have wondered what it would look like for us to re-establish an MVS unit in West Liberty to partner with local agencies. While no commitments have been made, we continue to explore this possibility and seek God's leading. An informational meeting with Neil Richer of MMN will take place at Bethel on Wed., August 6th @ 7PM. All who are interested in learning more are welcome to attend.

**Sign up** on the bulletin board to help at the Bethel Sausage Booth this Labor Day. Many time slots are available.

**Blood Drive**, August 22 from 1-7 pm. Please sign up to help set up, tear down, donate refreshments and / or to give blood.

**Giving Opportunity** – A few years ago, we supported an Iraqi student at Bluffton University. Ahmed Tarik is another student who went through this program. Now he has been accepted into the graduate program in conflict transformation at EMU and is in need of financial assistance. More information about Ahmed is available on the bulletin board. Peace and Justice lunch would like to invite us to consider supporting Ahmed in his studies. You may make a contribution by marking “Iraqi Student” on the memo line and placing it in the offering between now and August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Peace & Justice** plans to follow up and assist the homeless man that came through our doors one evening. Dean & Ken worked with him a few weeks ago to arrange for shelter overnight.

**Soccer Camp** was a great experience for 51 participants this year! Thank you to all our volunteers, who helped make camp a success.

**New Fall Office Hours** beginning this week, Tesa will be in the church office from 9 – 5 on Wednesdays and Fridays. She is also reachable by cell phone and email anytime. (During school hours it may take a little time to return a call or text.)

**Newsletter Deadline**—Please let Tesa know if you have something to submit, and have it turned in by August 18<sup>th</sup> for the Sept/Oct issue of the newsletter.

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Julia Yxder** as she recovers at home from her time at Riverside with a bowel obstruction.
- **Pray for Mary Kxy** as she recovers from surgery this week.
- **Pray for Grant Krxbill**, age 3, son of Joel & Katie, as he continues to recover in the hospital.
- **Pray for Beth Mxxrer**, as she prepares for surgery at the Cleveland Clinic on August 11th.
- **Please pray for Larry Kxrtz**, brother of Kathy Lehman, as he receives treatment for cancer.
- **Pray that Muslims would encounter Jesus** in life-giving ways. Last week, Muslims around the world finished celebrating Ramadan, their holiest month of the year. Mennonite Mission Network personnel in Muslim contexts find that this is a time of increased spiritual openness.
- **Pray for our Year of Discernment** as we discern God's direction for youth ministry and as the gifts discernment committee meets.
- **Pray for our denomination and conference** as we discern God's leading and seek for kingdom opportunities. Pray especially for the Ohio Conference delegates as they meet on Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>.