



# 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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## *Lent I – Upside Down and Inside Out*

### **Preparing**

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

### **First Look**

Candle Lighting  
Welcome & Genesis 9:8-17 Bill Barrett  
Prelude Kathy Graber  
Call to Authenticity & Opening Prayer  
Gathering Hymns Carl Newcomer

### **Upside Down and Inside Out**

Children’s Story Ellen Steiner  
Call to Grace  
Message “One More Time” Pastor Dave Maurer

### **Second Look**

Reader’s Theater  
Genesis 9:8-17  
With our offerings & Offertory Ellen Steiner  
With Choruses Bill Barrett and Team  
Call to Commitment

### **Sharing**

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses  
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Dave Maurer

### **Sending**

Benediction  
Sending hymn Pastor Dave

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 52  
Worship Attendance 66

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

## OUR THANKS TO

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Carl Newcomer

### **NURSERY:**

**Today:** Tara Sanford **Next week:** Elaine Newcomer

### **GREETERS:**

**Today:** Carl & Elaine Newcomer **Next week:** Annie Steiner & Trace Robinaugh

### **SOUND OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Larry Evans **Next week:** Mark Kauffman

### **MEDIA OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Savannah Hostetler **Next week:** Brody Robinaugh

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| <b>Tech Coordinator:</b> Todd Hostetler  |  |

*Celebrating 125 Years*

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service Lent I

### TUESDAY

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

### WEDNESDAY

4:15 p.m.—Our Daily Bread

### THURSDAY

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

7:00 p.m. – Ohio Conference Cluster Meeting at Oak Grove

### NEXT SUNDAY –

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service— Pastor Dave speaks on Mark 8:31-38

## LOOKING AHEAD

Mark your calendars for **Directory Portraits** March 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't signed up yet, see Tesa after the service today.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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. **Feb 23- Mar 1:**

- One of the ways that the God of Abraham differed from the god of Molek was in rejecting child sacrifice. Anyone sacrificing a child to Molek would be cut off and anyone who closed their eyes allowing someone else to sacrifice their child to Molek would be cut off as well. We also read that anyone who cursed their father or mother would be put to death. How are we to reconcile these commands? What makes them different? How are we to interpret them today?
- The Israelites were told to "Keep all my decrees and laws and follow them, so that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. You must not live according to the customs of the nations I am going to drive out before you." God desired that God's people remained faithful to God and avoided being acculturated. In what ways are we acculturated into our modern

society? In what ways is God calling us to remain distinct and separate from the ways of the world around us?

- We read the instructions "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you." Farmers were to leave a little behind not in waste or haste, but to provide for those in need. This is referred to as gleaning. What might this look like in our modern methods of farming? Given that many of us are not farmers, what might it look like for us to live out these instructions in our modern context?

**Bellefontaine High School's Les Fons to perform at Jubilee Mennonite Church.** Les Fons presents *It's Just Natural* at Jubilee Mennonite Church on Sunday, March 15, at 3:00 p.m. The concert includes group acts performing *Beautiful Day*, *Rhythm of the Night*, *a Broadway Lion King medley*, *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, & *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*.

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Tom Kxng's** recovery.
- **Pray for Barb and Byron Kxxffman** as they serve with SOOP.
- **Pray for Adriel** for their ministry, staff and the children they serve.
- **Pray for the community of Plain City** as they mourn two youth who recently committed suicide.
- **Thank God for Mission Network personnel** involved in building relationships with Muslims. Pray for their protection and that they may find appropriate and compassionate ways to bridge this great divide in today's world.
- **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** joins with Christian partners and others in Egypt, and worldwide, to mourn the senseless killings of 21 Egyptian young men in Libya by the Islamic State group. Pray with us:
  - For Egyptian Christians, especially Coptic Christians, as they lament the loss of sons, brothers, fathers and friends.
  - For the Christian church in Egypt as it witnesses to the nation and the world of Jesus' love in times of great suffering.
  - For those who carried out this terrible act, that they would be moved to repentance.
  - For an end to terror and brutality.
  - For unity among all Egyptians, with gratitude for how this tragedy has served to bond Christians and Muslims in grief, in striving to forgive and in the desire to build a stronger and more compassionate country together.