

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 39
Worship Attendance 84

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Landes

NURSERY:

Today: Carol Buck

Next week: Open

GREETERS:

Today: Lee & Tesa Jordan

Next Week: Chuck & Jeanie Swartz

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Larry Evans

Next week: Mark Kauffman

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Savannah Hostetler

Next week: Brody Robinaugh

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

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Preparing

By praying together

Infant Nursery @ 8:45a.m.

Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship

Bill Barrett

Prelude

Kathy Graber

Psalms 145:10-18 & Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymns

Byron Kauffman

Proclaiming

Scripture- Matthew 6:25-34

Message "Seek First the Kingdom"

Randy Keeler

**Associate Professor of Religion
@ Bluffton University**

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory

Ellen Steiner

With Choruses

Bill Barrett and Team

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Carl Newcomer

Sending

Benediction

Carl Newcomer

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 with Randy Keeler Speaking

MONDAY –THURSDAY

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.—Soccer Camp at Lion’s Park

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.—Abe’s Lot

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m.—Bethel Pizza Night & Community Movie

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LOOKING AHEAD

Pastoral Care—In case of pastoral emergency this week, please contact Carl Newcomer.

Soccer Camp The Bethel Soccer Camp is this week. The registration deadline to guarantee a ball and shirt has passed; but registrations may be accepted after that and scholarships are available. Please be in prayer for this ministry. Encourage those you know to register, and discern the ways that you may be called to assist.

Community Pizza & Movie Night After a week of soccer camp, we are inviting the children, families and community to a pizza night at the church followed by an outdoor movie July 31st at 7PM. Please plan to attend. If you would like to make donations toward the cost of the supplies for the pizzas, please designate your check “pizza night.”

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Adriel/Shine FM Benefit 4 person Golf Scramble is Wednesday August 5th at Liberty Hills Golf course. For more, call 937-465-0010 Ext 113 or enter your team on the web at www.adriel.org.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, visits, food and phone calls during the past two weeks. – Julia Yoder

Student Aid pledges made this spring are insufficient for our obligations to our students this fall, so we are requesting additional contributions as well as pledges by Thursday, July 30. Thank you! —Mary, Dennis, & Chuck G.

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. **July 27-Aug 2:**

- In Isaiah 58, the prophet names the short comings in the people's fasting. Are there spiritual practices we carry out today that are undone by our own short comings? If so, what is the practice and how do we come up short?
- Isaiah 58 redefined what kind of fasting the Lord is looking for. In what ways do we practice this kind of fasting today?
- Isaiah 59 names the connection between injustice and sin. What does this mean for us in our time as we wrestle with sin and injustice?
- Isaiah 59 suggests that it was after the Lord found no one to act that the Lord stepped in. So often we hear or ask questions about why God does not seem to be acting, yet perhaps God is waiting on us to act. What would it look like for us to act in those situations?
- Compare and contrast Isaiah 59:16-20 and Ephesians 6:11-20.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Baylee Knxx.** Thank you for your continued prayers. She is out of ICU and improving slowly.
- **Pray for Eleanor Shxmaker** as she recovers from her second knee replacement surgery.
- **Pray for Dan Rxsner** as he recovers.
- **Pray for Cindy Kxxffman** as she has more teeth removed this week.
- **Pray for Kip Lxxden’s family** as they mourn the loss of William “Whitey” Loudon (Kip’s father) this past week.
- **Pray for Mike and Teresa Shxrrill** and their three children, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, as they engage in teaching and pastoral ministries in Japan.
- **Pray for Mennonite World Conference Participants** as they travel home at the conclusion of the gathering.