Bethel Mennonite Church

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

Lent VI – Upside Down and Inside Out Palm Sunday

Preparing

By praying together

Infant Nursery @ 8:45a.m.

First Look

Welcome & Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29 Candle Lighting Prelude Call to Authenticity& Opening Prayer Gathering Hymns

Upside Down and Inside Out Children's Story Call to Grace

Beth Maurer

Byron Kauffman

KJ Schrock

Bill Barrett

Message "Palm Sunday: A Second Look" Pastor Dave Maurer Special Music "We Shall Behold Him" Tesa Jordan

Second Look

Reader's Theater Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29 With our offerings & Offertory With Choruses Call to Commitment

God's GIRLS

Bill Barrett Beth Maurer and Team

Sharing

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

Sending

Benediction Sending hymn Pastor Dave

Celebrating 125 Years

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 54 Worship Attendance 81

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Kauffman

NURSERY: Today: Tara Sanford

Next week: Carol Buck

Today: Dennis & Tara Stanford **Next week:** Chuck & Carol Buck

SOUND OPERATOR: Today: Brody Robinaugh

GREETERS:

MEDIA OPERATOR: Today: Todd Hostetler Next week: Mark Kauffman

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Visual Display for Lent: The two fabrics tied in a knot represent turning the material "upside down and inside out". God turns our expectations and understandings "upside down and inside out". The three candles on the table represent each member of the Trinity, God, Savior and Spirit.

TODAY – Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School 10:40 a.m. — Worship Service Lent VI

TUESDAY 3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help **7:00 p.m.**—Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY

6:30 p.m.—Community Good Friday Service @ Green Hills

NEXT SUNDAY – Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. —Easter Breakfast
9:30 a.m. — Sunday School
10:40 a.m. — Worship Service— Pastor Dave speaks on Isaiah 25:6-9

LOOKING AHEAD

Holy Week Services: Please mark your calendars with the following dates-

- 4/2 @ 7PM Maundy Thursday Service @ Bethel in the Sanctuary
- 4/3 @ 6:30PM Community Good Friday Service @ Green Hills
- 4/5 @ 8:00 AM Sunrise Service @ Oak Grove
 - -OR- 8:30AM Sunrise Service @ South Union
 @ 9:00AM Easter Breakfast @ Bethel in the Fellowship Room
 @ 9:30 AM Sunday School (optional)
 @ 10:40 AM Easter Sunday Service.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elevator Attendants Sought: We would like to have 2-3 people willing to serve on a rotation as an elevator attendant before Sunday school and church and following the worship service. This person could operate the elevator and trouble shoot problems. If you have questions or would be interested in assisting with this, please contact Pastor Dave or Tesa.

Baptism Class: Pastor Dave is planning to offer a baptism class for those wishing to receive baptism. If you are interested in participating in this class, please contact Pastor Dave.

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 (<u>http://thequest.blogspot.com/</u>). A complete list of daily readings is available from the office. <u>Mar 30-Apr 5:</u>

- In Joshua 22 as the tribes with land east of the Jordan were released, there was a misunderstanding about the altar that they erected. The other tribes feared that the altar was against God when in actuality it was erected in faithfulness to God. What does this teach us about perceptions and assumptions? What did they do right and what did they do wrong?
- Joshua 24 is a summary of the Biblical story up to that point. What is present and what is missing in this summary? What does this tell us about what was important to the people of God?
- Joshua declared that he would serve the LORD and left it to the people to decide if they too would serve the LORD as well. They chose to do so even after Joshua cautioned them about that choice and the risk involved. What does it mean for them to have a choice about following the LORD at that point in the story? What would it have meant for them to have rejected the LORD at that point?

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Karen Fxlden** and her ongoing health concerns.
- **Pray for the family of Sherry Mxxdows,** former Superintendent of WLS, who passed away Wednesday evening.
- **Pray for Tom Kxng's** recovery. He continues to recover well at Heartland but is in need of an operation on his leg.
- **Pray for Bob McPhxrson** as he recovers from surgery following an accident with taking down a tree. He has multiple broken bones.
- **Pray for those who are mourning** after the plane crash this week.
- **Pray for Janet Stucky of Mennonite Mission Network** who serves as a nutritional consultant at Bethesda Hospital in Benin. Pray for funding to implement a program to improve the diets of pregnant women, children under 5 yrs old, & people w/ HIV/AIDS.
- Please pray with us. In the next two months, hundreds of people in Zimbabwe, India, Colombia, Indonesia and many other countries will apply and interview for their US visas so they can participate in PA 2015, the global Assembly of Mennonite World Conference, Pray that the visa process will go smoothly for them, so that PA 2015 can be a truly global Anabaptist gathering!