

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 65
Worship Attendance 98

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Kauffman

NURSERY:

Today: Linda Hostetler **Next week:** Open

GREETERS:

Today & Next Week: Dennis & Sharon Showalter

SOUND OPERATOR:

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

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Annie Steiner **Next week:** Savannah Hostetler

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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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Through the Bible in a Year – Of Kings & Prophets Mother's Day

Preparing

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

Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship Michelle Link
Prelude Pat Yoder
Psalms 98 & Opening Prayer
Gathering Choruses Beth Maurer and Team

Proclaiming

Children's Story Dena Hostetler
Scripture – I Kings 1:28-53
Message "Of Kings and Prophets: The Scandal of Solomon"
Pastor Dave Maurer

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory Bill Barrett
With Hymns Byron Kauffman

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, responses, & tributes to mom
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Dave Maurer

Sending

Benediction Pastor Dave
Sending hymn

Celebrating 125 Years

THIS WEEK

TODAY—Mother's Day

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m.—Mennonite Women

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m.—Community Movie Night

SATURDAY – West Liberty Fire Sale

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service— Pastor Dave Speaks on Psalms

6:00 p.m.-- Graduation Tea

LOOKING AHEAD

Students of Rosedale Bible College will present a full evening of music this evening at Shiloh Mennonite Church in Resaca. The Salt & Light Co., an acoustic, folk/contemporary ensemble, will take the stage at 6:00 pm. At 7:30 the Rosedale Chorale will present their program of music varying from the classics to the contemporary. Free hotdogs and other baseball-style refreshments will be served between concerts. The evening is free & open to the public; an offering will be received.

Mennonite Women meets Tuesday, May 12th at 9:30 a.m. Barb K and Lydia are hostesses, and it is Sack Lunch day. Barb E will have devotions on "Practicing Presence-Positive Regards." The project is newborn kits.

Bethel garage sale as part of the community-wide "Fire Sales" on Saturday, May 16th. All proceeds will go to the Bethel Youth Group! If you have any items that you wish to donate, please PRICE and bring them to the church by Friday, May 15th. Any questions, ask Dena Hostetler.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contributions for Ahmed Tarik: Ahmed, the Iraqi student we supported this school year, is wrapping up his first year at EMU's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding. He is in need of financial assistance for his second year. To contribute, please make your check to Bethel Mennonite and write "Iraqi Student" on the memo line. An update on Ahmed is on the bulletin board.

HELP NEPAL: Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) requests donations to support its response to the earthquake that shook Nepal. Focusing its initial emergency response on hard-hit rural communities, MCC is providing food, tarps, blankets and cooking pots and utensils. A longer-term response will be determined as MCC and its partners assess the situation. Donations may be made through Bethel with "Nepal" on the memo line.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes invites participants to join a learning tour to Palestine and Israel taking place November 9-21, 2015. Participants will learn about the current conflict and realities, meet with Palestinian and Israeli peacemakers, and return home prepared to engage in education and advocacy. For more information or to register, visit mcc.org/gl-israel or contact Eric at EricKurtz@mcc.org or 574-534-4133. Registration with a deposit is due by June 15.

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. **May 11--17:**

- Psalm 39:4 says "Show me, LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is." Prayerfully consider this request that the Psalmist made of God. How is this significant? Do you identify with this request, why or why not?
- Memorize Psalm 41:8, "I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart," and incorporate it into your prayer life.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Eleanor Shxmaker** as she has knee replacement surgery Monday at Mt. Carmel Hospital, New Albany.
- **Pray for Mary Yxder** as she recovers at Mercy Hospital.
- **Pray for Bill Hxnry** as he is home and recovers.
- **Pray for Cindy Kxxffman** as she has additional teeth removed.
- **Pray for Baltimore** and all those affected by the rioting.
- **Pray for the People of Syria & Iraq** as well as the work of MCC and other relief agencies.
- **Edgardo Sánchez, a church leader in Argentina and globally through Mennonite World Conference, died Easter Sunday morning.** Pray for his wife, Erica, and his three children, the Argentina Mennonite Church, and the Mennonite Mission Network partnerships for which he provided guidance.
- **Pray for MC USA** as leaders and delegates prepare to meet for convention this summer.