

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 69  
Worship Attendance 84

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

## OUR THANKS TO

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Barb Evans

### NURSERY:

**Today:** Dena Hostetler                      **Next week:** Tara Sanford

### GREETERS:

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

### SOUND OPERATOR:

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

### MEDIA OPERATOR:

**Today:** Savannah Hostetler                      **Next week:** Savannah Hostetler

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# 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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## *Through the Bible in a Year – Moses*

### **Preparing**

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

### **Gathering**

Welcome & Call to Worship  
Prelude                      Bill Barrett  
Psalm 30 & Opening Prayer  
Gathering Hymns                      Carl Newcomer

### **Proclaiming**

Scripture- Exodus 33:12-23  
**Message "Moses II: Dwelling in the Desert"**  
**Pastor Dave Maurer**

### **Praising**

With our offerings  
& Offertory                      Pat Yoder  
With Choruses                      Annie Steiner and Team

### **Sharing**

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

### **Sending**

Benediction                      Pastor Dave  
Sending hymn

*Celebrating 125 Years*

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** — Sunday School  
**10:40 a.m.** — Worship Service  
**1:30 p.m.** – Bible Quiz Teams at Bethel  
**6:00 p.m.** – Youth and Mentors

### TUESDAY

**9:15 a.m.** –Women’s Bible Study  
~~Noon—Peace & Justice Lunch~~—CANCELED  
**3:00 p.m.**—Bethel Homework Help

### WEDNESDAY

**7:00 p.m.**—Ash Wednesday Service

### THURSDAY

**3:00 p.m.**—Bethel Homework Help  
**7:00 p.m.** - JOICO

### SATURDAY

**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 Gen 9:8-17

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Youth and Mentors meet tonight at 6pm.** Michelle & Becky will be bringing snacks.

**Mark your calendars for Directory Portraits** March 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>. Appointment signups will begin today after the worship service.

**The deadline for newsletter submissions is Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.** Please submit any items to Tesa in her mailbox or by email.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Everence Sharing Funds** provided \$1659.35 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Bob Rabenstein serves as our Everence advocate. Please contact him for more information.

**The MCC Thrift Store is in looking for volunteers** to run the cash register. We have several openings and floater positions available. If you are interested please contact Michelle Neer at the store, 937-465-3077

**Thank you,** Bethel Mennonite Church, for your gift to Mennonite Mission Network in 2014 of \$8,789.77! Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission are deeply felt across the street and around the world. Because of your generosity this year, we have been able to respond to new calls to ministry. Gratefully, Stanley Green, Executive Director, and staff of Mennonite Mission Network. [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net)

**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 16-22:**

- The Levites were dedicated after undergoing a process of cleansing. How do we understand and/or practice the act of cleansing in faith today?
- In dedicating the Levites, God claimed them as his own in place of the firstborns that God did not take from Israel during the tenth plague in Egypt. Do we have any modern equivalent to this sense of the first belonging to God? If so, what is it? If not, what would be ways that we could practice this type of dedication?
- In Leviticus, there is significant time spent on the various offerings and how to do them. One example is the sin offering. The priest made an offering on behalf of the people. What connections do you see between this ritual and the work, ministry, and/or sacrifice of Jesus Christ?

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Tom King** who has been moved to Heartland. The trach tube has been removed. He is in need of therapy to regain the ability to walk.
- **Pray for Barb and Byron Kauffman** as they serve with SOOP in San Antonio, TX, during the month of February.
- **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. Also remember the churches and the pastors who are ministering to those affected.
- **Pray for C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz of Mennonite Mission Network.** They request prayer for chaplains in businesses in Paraguay. May they encourage Christian employees to exercise their calling to be salt and light in the marketplace, thus creating a more favorable spiritual climate at their companies and among their families.