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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Second Sunday of Lent

Preparing

By praying together

Infant Nursery @ 9:15a.m.

Gathering Welcome & Call to Worship

Welcome & Call to WorshipKathy LehmanPreludeBill BarrettPsalms 73:25, 26 and Psalms 51:10 & Opening PrayerGathering ChorusesAnnie Steiner and Team

Proclaiming

Scripture –Jeremiah 17:9 Message "Lord, Am I in Need of CPR?" Youth Pastor Cheryl Shank

Praising With our offerings & Offertory With Hymns

Pat Yoder Carl Newcomer

SharingOf our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responsesPastoral PrayerSharon Showalter

Sending

Benediction Sending hymn Sharon Showalter Carl Newcomer

LAST WEEK

Sunday School44Worship Attendance56

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Landes

<u>GREETERS:</u> Today: Joe & Janet Wilkins

Next Week: Ken & Cheryl Shank

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Lee Jordan

MEDIA OPERATOR: Today: Brody Robinaugh Next week: Larry Evans

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Pastoral Care Team: Barb Landes, Barb Kauffman, Sharon Showalter, Carl Newcomer, Mark Thomas, Chuck Swartz
Tech Coordinator: Lee Jordan

THIS WEEK

TODAY Second Sunday of Lent
8:45 - 9:30 a.m.—Youth Coffee & Treats Fundraiser
9:30 a.m. —Sunday School
10:40 a.m. — Worship Service –Youth Pastor, Cheryl Shank
6:00 p.m.—Youth & Mentors Sam & Trace are in charge of refreshments.

TUESDAY

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

WEDNESDAY4:15 p.m.—Our Daily Bread7:00 p.m.—Quilt Squares at The Grove; bring scissors.

THURSDAY 3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help 7:00 p.m.—Elder Leadership Team

NEXT SUNDAY—Third Sunday of Lent

8:45 - 9:30 a.m.—Youth Coffee & Treats Fundraiser
9:30 a.m. —Sunday School
10:40 a.m. —Worship Service, with guest speaker, Jean-Paul Tiendrebeogo
2:30 p.m.—Worshipping Through Music at Green Hills

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The youth have a coffee & treats table today, as well as February 28th from 8:45 - 9:45 (or until the beginning of Sunday School). Mark your calendars, come savor some treats, fellowship with the youth, and raise a bit more funds for the MDS service trip in June. This service trip is open to others in the congregation, especially those with construction skills. The cost would be \$50/person for the week. Lodging and meals will be provided. Please contact Dick Lindemer or Cheryl Shank if interested. Cheryl needs to send in the money and numbers serving by beginning of March.

MCC News MCC continues to highlight the plight of refugees from Syria and Iraq. The choice for refugees is to attempt the very dangerous trip to Europe or stay where they are and face starvation and inadequate housing. Relief supplies are dwindling and many refugees are desperate. MCC needs more funds to continue their relief efforts. As Bethel's representative for MCC, I suggest that we set aside February as a time to give to this cause. You have been very generous in the past. Thank you—let's do it again! Make checks payable to Bethel Church and mark your gift for MCC Syrian relief. See the bulletin insert for more information.—Byron Kauffman Worshipping through Music at Green Hills Feb. 28th at 2:30 p.m. Our program at Green Hills will include a Harp / Psaltry duet with Elaine Newcomer and Michelle Link, The Lindemer—Newcomer—Swartz Quartet, solos by Lowell Kauffman & Tesa Jordan, and the Bethel Bell Choir will perform. There will also be Readings from the Psalms and a few hymns for the residents to join in with us in worship. Please plan to attend!

The Living Last Supper will be at 7 pm March 25th at Green Hills. This is a West Liberty community church-wide event, with members from many of our local churches cast in the roles as well as a youth from Adriel. Kim Lehman is Mary, mother of Jesus and Tesa Jordan is Mary Magdalene. Please put it on your calendar!

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Cindy Kauffman has a new phone number: xxx-xxx. **The Maurers** have bought a house, but do not have a move-in date as yet. Their mailing address is: PO Box xxx; Pigeon MI 48755. Their permanent address will be xxxx James Street; Pigeon MI 48755.

Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training, "Train the Trainer"

Wednesday, February 24, 2016, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at Green Hills Foundation Hall. Presenter: Ellen J. Anderson, Ph.D., LPCC-S \$15.00 Registration Fee. Lunch will be provided. Online Registration available ~ <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XNSQV9S</u>

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for the Mxxrers** in finalizing their move and for Dave, who experienced another blood clot this week.
- **Pray for Ken Shxnk**, recovering from knee surgery.
- **Pray for Byron and Barb Kxxffman** as they serve their SOOP mission assignment in Carlsbad, NM in February.
- Please pray for Yonatan Shapira and 27 other Israeli Air Force pilots who signed the "Pilots' Letter" of 2003 saying they refuse to fly over the occupied territories. Learn more from the article "Combatant for a Just Peace" in the October 2015 *The Mennonite* or by googling Yonatan Shapira on your computer.
- **Praise God for Margot and Stephen Longley's 30 years of ministry** with Mennonite Mission Network, first in Nepal and now in Korpo, Finland. Margot's degenerative neurological condition is progressing more slowly than anticipated. Pray for continued health as the Longleys retire in Korpo.