



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 Chuck Swartz
Prelude Bill Barrett
Psalms & Opening Prayer
Gathering Choruses Bill Barrett and Team
Special Music Bethel Bell Choir

Proclaiming

Scripture – 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 and Acts 10:34-38
Message "The ministry of reconciliation" Jean-Paul Tiendrebeogo

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory Bill Barrett
With Hymns Bill Barrett

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses
Pastoral Prayer Barb Landes

Sending

Benediction Barb Landes
Sending hymn Bill Barrett

- Please pray for the Hesston & Newton Communities following the shootings on Thursday.

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 48
Worship Attendance 71

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemer

GREETERS:

Today: Ken & Cheryl Shank **Next Week:** Larry & Barb Evans

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Larry Evans **Next week:** Lee Jordan

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Lee Jordan **Next week:** Brody Robinaugh

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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 –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, guest speaker, Jean-Paul Tiendrebeogo

2:30 p.m.—Worshipping Through Music at Green Hills

TUESDAY

9:15a.m—Ladies’ Bible Study

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.—Elder Leadership Team

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—Men’s Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY—Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. —Worship Service, with guest speaker, Ellen Steiner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Grove is having a Financial Education class on Budgeting, Feb. 29, at 7 p.m. We are offering \$20 Thoman's gift vouchers for any person/family that participates. If you can think of anyone in your congregation who might benefit from this time, please feel free to invite them. We are really wanting to help people in the community and make these types of services available. Thanks! –Alex Dye

We have been collecting money for relief in Syria and Iraq in February. As of the Feb. 21 offering, \$3095.00 has been collected. We will add in any additional funds designated in today’s offering to send next week. Thank you for your generosity, caring and concern for these refugees in great need!

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-xxxx.

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.

Lindsay Hostetler has a new address, through the summer: xxx W. Northwxxd Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43201

Thanks for all the prayers and support during my recent knee replacement. The many cards and visits were an encouragement toward my recovery.—Ken Shank

Volunteers needed to help the Maurers finalize their move. A crew will be arriving around 3pm on Friday March 4 with another trailer coming the morning of March 5 around 8am. If we could have 4-5 people available to help each day it would be greatly appreciated. A sign up sheet is in the lobby if you can assist. Thank you!

The Grove will be offering an ongoing Tai Chi Class on Wednesdays, starting March 9 at 3:00 pm. An ancient Chinese Martial Art, Tai Chi is an excellent form of exercise for anyone, but especially seniors, to help with strength, balance and stress relief and is both an aerobic and weight bearing exercise. It is free and open to the public. Tesa Jordan is the instructor. Wear loose fitting comfortable clothes and flat shoes. Donations are gladly accepted for facility upkeep.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for the family of Velma Plank Kxng** who passed on Thursday. The visitation is Monday at 10 am, with the service to follow at 11 am here at Bethel.
- **Pray for Byron and Barb Kxxffman** as they return from their SOOP mission assignment in Carlsbad, NM in February.
- **Please pray for the work of Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP).** CMEP is a coalition of 22 national churches. Since 1984 they have been encouraging this government to work for a just and lasting peace. Check out their website at <http://www.cmepe.org/>
- **Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for SOOP volunteers** to work alongside staff doing office, maintenance and construction work, acting as teachers’ aides, and assisting in the kitchen at *Academia Menonita Betania*, a bilingual Christian school located near the city of Aibonito, Puerto Rico.