



# 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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## *Palm Sunday*

### **Preparing**

By praying together                      Infant Nursery @ 9:15a.m.

### **Encountering**

Welcome & Call to Worship                      Jerry Landes  
Prelude                      Bill Barrett  
Psalm & Opening Prayer  
Hymns                      Carl Newcomer

### **Proclaiming**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 11:1-11**

**Message "Sixty-six Horses and a Donkey"**  
with Guest Speaker **Bill Shumaker**

### **Praising**

Offerings & Offertory                      Pat Yoder  
Choruses                      Annie Steiner and Team  
Sharing our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

### **Sending**

Pastoral Prayer                      Carl Newcomer  
Sending hymn

The Senior Celebration Tea is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please see Mary Newcomer for details if you need more information.

EMHS Choir Tour will be here for a program Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. We need housing volunteers for about a dozen or so students and adults. Sign up in the lobby.

## **LAST WEEK**

Sunday School                      43  
Worship Attendance                      56

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

## **OUR THANKS TO**

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Sharon Showalter

### **GREETERS:**

**Today:** Doug & Ellen Steiner                      **Next Week:** Doug & Ellen Steiner

### **MEDIA OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Lee Jordan                      **Next week:** Lee Jordan

### **SOUND OPERATOR:**

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

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<b>Tech Coordinator:</b> Lee Jordan	

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY – Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. —Worship Service, with guest speaker, Bill Shumaker

6:00 p.m.—Youth & Mentors

### TUESDAY

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

### WEDNESDAY

4:15 p.m.—Our Daily Bread

### THURSDAY

3:00 p.m.—~~Bethel Homework Help~~ CANCELED TODAY

6:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Meal & Service at South Union

7:00 p.m.—Elder Leadership Team

### FRIDAY

6:30 p.m.—The Living Last Supper drama at Green Hills

### NEXT SUNDAY—Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. —Easter Sunrise Service at South Union

9:00 a.m. —Easter Breakfast—bring breakfast casserole or sweet breads

10:40 a.m. —Worship Service, with guest speaker, KJ Schrock

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth and Mentors will meet tonite at 6:00 p.m.** Dick & Daniel are in charge of snacks.

**The Living Last Supper will be at 6:30 pm March 25<sup>th</sup> 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! (Note: this is a different time than is printed on your church calendar!)

**MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering:** As alumni or interested friends of Mennonite Central Committee, you are warmly invited to join us for an MCC Alumni and Friends International Potluck at 5:30 pm on Sunday, May 1, at Grace Mennonite Church, 502 E. Main Street in Pandora. Special guest speakers will be Ben & Beth Weisbrod, current MCC Area Directors for Central and West Africa. Please RSVP at 574-534-4133 or to MatthewTschetter@mcc.org.

**MCC Peace Gathering Workshops in Kidron Ohio** Saturday, April 16, 9am-5pm at Kidron Mennonite Church (3987 Co Hwy 52/Kidron Rd., Kidron, OH 44636).. Workshops on incarceration, conflict transformation education, immigration and racial profiling, followed by Q & A time with all the presenters. Lunch is provided. To RSVP, visit [mcc.org/gl-peace](http://mcc.org/gl-peace) or contact Jorge Vielman, Peace & Justice Coordinator, at 574-534-4133.

**Monetary Donations are needed** to purchase batting, backing and yarn for the comforter blitz. These comforters will be sent to MCC for Syrian Relief efforts. Please put “comforter” in the memo line of your check by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**The SWAP program is seeking summer staff** for 3 month assignments in KY and W VA. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor to accomplish quality home remodels/repairs, while meals coordinators plan balanced, nutritional meals for volunteers. Summer staff are a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry. For more information go to [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) or call Angela at 606-633-5065.

**New Church Keys** are available. If you do not yet have a new key, please request one from the office.

**Holy Week Services at South Union** There is a Maundy Thursday service at South Union March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall (downstairs). It will include a light meal of soup, salad, and bread. Prayer/prayer songs, a short meditation, and a symbolic act of hand-washing will take the place of foot washing (to save people's hips and knees). Sunrise service is at 9 a.m. Easter morning and lasts about half an hour, with worship, prayer, and a short meditation.

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Please pray for Ken Shxnk**, recovering from knee replacement II surgery this week.
- **Please pray for Christine Wxlcox**, grandmother of Cindy Kauffman, who was admitted to ICU with fluid on her lungs.
- **Please pray for the restarting of negotiations for peace process.** Find more info at Christians for Peace in the Middle East website: <https://cpjmeindydotorg.wordpress.com/>
- **Pray for Arloa Bontrager, Del Hershberger, and Sharon Norton** of Mennonite Mission Network as they spend the coming week with Journey International participants in Indonesia reflecting on their experience and strengthening the relationship with host church, *Jemaat Kristen Indonesia*.