

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 52
Worship Attendance 71

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomer

GREETERS:

Today: Jerry & Barb Landes **Next Week:** Bill & Eleanor Shumaker

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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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Preparing

By praying together

Infant Nursery @ 9:15a.m.

Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship

Jerry Landes

Prelude

Kathy Graber

Psalm & Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymns

Byron Kauffman

Proclaiming

Scripture- Matthew 16: 13-20

Message "Who is the Church" Guest Speaker Dr. Harry Graber

Solo "The Church's One Foundation" Lowell Kauffman

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory

Ellen Steiner

With Choruses

Bill Barrett and Team

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Chuck Swartz

Sending

Benediction

Chuck Swartz

Sending hymn # 430

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. —Worship Service with Guest Speaker Dr. Harry Graber

WEDNESDAY

4:15 p.m.—Our Daily Bread

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. —Worship Service with Guest Speaker Chuck Swartz

6:00 p.m.—Pizza & a Movie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter deadline is this Wednesday, May 25th for the June Issue.

Soccer Camp Coaches Needed! Please sign up if you can help coach or assist a coach for Bethel Soccer Camp this summer, July 25-28 from 6-8pm.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! I have 30 seats reserved for the Dayton Dragons baseball game on Saturday, August 13 at 7:00 PM (opponent South Bend Cubs). **19 tickets are left.** (I will not be in church on May 29.) Place your reservation and payment in my church mailbox. The first 30 people to reserve your seats and pay for tickets at \$12.25 each will get to join this group outing. Deadline for final payment is TODAY. —Art Newcomer

Please sign up in the lobby if you can help with the Pizza Oven Sunday May 29th. We have a skeleton crew at this point and need set up and tear down volunteers for tables and chairs. The movie is McFarland USA.

SWAP needs summer staff! MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program still needs summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor to accomplish quality home remodels/repairs, while meals coordinators plan balanced, nutritional meals for volunteers. Summer staff vary in age from 19 to 70+, and receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more, go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela at 606-633-5065.

Bible School. June 6-10. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with Bible School. There has been a great response. Pick up extra children's registration forms in the lobby.

AMBS is hiring! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is now hiring a full time Recruitment and Admissions Coordinator. For more information, visit www.ambs.edu/jobs

Salem Mennonite in Elida, Ohio will be hosting John Roth this Sunday as part of their 175 Year Celebration. John is a professor of history at Goshen College in Indiana, editor of The Mennonite Quarterly Review, and director of the Mennonite Historical Library. In 2011, he became the founding director of the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism at Goshen College, and is currently focusing on several projects related to the global Anabaptist fellowship, including several assignments with Mennonite World Conference. He will share the Anabaptist story of the 21st century during worship and a special 1:00 afternoon session. I know many of you have responsibilities at your own church for the morning but please feel welcomed to join us for lunch and his afternoon talk! There is a complete schedule of events through September on the bulletin board.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Please pray for Jeanette Hxstetler** following a repair to her recent shoulder surgery.
- **Please pray for Molly Thxrnburg**, who is rehabbing at GH.
- **Please pray for James Lxchridge**, as he recovers following hip replacement surgery.
- **[Spread the Peace grant stories.](#)** Check out this blog series highlighting stories from congregations across Mennonite Church USA who received [Spread the Peace grants](#) in 2015 from the [Peace and Justice Support Network](#) (PJSN — a partnership of Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Church USA). Each of these congregations is working creatively to spread peace in their community. mennoniteusa.org/tag/spread-the-peace
- **Days of Prayer for Colombia:** "The word on everybody's lips right now when speaking of Colombia is 'peace.' There are encouraging signs and broad support for a negotiated peace accord between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. The prophetic voices of Colombian Mennonites have suggested a way forward: peace with justice, which provides reparations for victims, addresses the root causes of conflict and allows people to live with dignity, respecting one another and the land they share." mcc.org/stories/peace-newly-popular



Prayer suggestions for Bible School

- Give praise for the opportunities and responsibilities of nurturing children
- Give praise for the many willing to be a part of Bible School
- Pray that the children will come with minds and hearts that are open to God
- Pray for guidance as we plan
- Pray that the staff will have strength for their tasks
- Pray for courage and wisdom in our interactions
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will work through us and give us words to speak
- Pray for a healthy, safe week

Community Pizza & a Movie

May 29 6:00 pm Pizza

Followed at 7:30 pm by



A struggling coach and teacher who has had to move around for different incidents in his career finally comes to one of the poorest cities in America: McFarland, California. There he discovers buried potential in several high school boys and slowly turns them into championship runners and brings them closer than even he could ever imagine.

Summary of last Sunday's report by Dan Byler and relates to Harry's message...

God is at work among the world's Muslims, drawing them to faith in Jesus. This message is in contrast to what we ordinarily hear on the news regarding Muslims. We as Christians should be rejoicing that God is doing a work of calling Muslims to faith in Jesus, since he has called all nations (people groups, ethnic groups) to gather around his throne in heaven. The church is called to participate in the great work of telling the gospel of Jesus to all ethnic groups including Muslims. The book, "A Wind in the House of Islam" by David Garrison describes what God is doing in the Muslim world to draw people to salvation in Jesus. It is an exciting book well worth reading.

God is also calling Hindus to faith in Jesus in the northwest of Bangladesh. The gospel came there through one young man who heard of Jesus while a student in the capital city. He came to believe and they a team of workers began visiting the village of his parents, friends and neighbors and now a number of these poor villagers have come to believe in Jesus and have shared our faith in five different villages.

R..... from a Hindu family came to faith while he was a student at a Christian student hostel in another city. He was baptized about 5 years ago. He is a college student, but wanted to take a year off his studies to study the Bible at a Bible Institute operated by an Asian mission. While there he met D..... from a Muslim family. His Muslim father had told him, "If you want to get ahead in life, I can't help you because I am poor. But if you go to the Christians, they will help you. So D..... also came to the same Bible Institute because they offered free studies to poor students. But the institute ran out of money, so they had to shut down their program before the year was up. However in that time, D.... came to believe in Jesus. But he went to several Christians churches, but they refused to baptize him.

R.... befriended him at the institute and when he learned that he wanted to be baptized, he took him to another city and introduced him to the leaders there. After talking to him and finding out that he did indeed believe in Jesus, they took him to the nearby river and baptized him. He has since given testimony to his faith in Jesus and has become a student of the Bible in his free time. He hopes to share with other Muslims he knows so that they too can come to believe in Jesus.