

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 51
Worship Attendance 80

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomer

GREETERS:

Today: Carl & Elaine Newcomer **Next Week:** Bill & Carole Barrett

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next week:** unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

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

VIDEO OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next week:** unfilled

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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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Mission Month

Preparing

By praying together

Infant Nursery @ 9:15a.m.

Gathering

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship

Kim Lehman

Psalms 136: 1-9

Prelude

Ellen Steiner

Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing

Carl Newcomer

Scripture Psalms 136: 10-22

Kim Lehman

Gideon Speaker

Rob Hunter

With our offerings & Offertory

Pat Yoder

Congregational Singing

Ellen Steiner and Team

Proclaiming

Moments in Missions

James Griffith: Turkey

Psalms 136: 23-26

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Chuck Swartz

Sending

Sending hymn

Benediction

Chuck Swartz

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:30 a.m. — Worship Service with Gideon Speaker, Rob Hunter & Sharing experiences in Turkey, with James Griffith. A meal is provided today.

3:30 p.m.—Mastersingers Chorale Concert

TUESDAY

3:00 p.m.—NO Bethel Homework Help this week due to holiday

WENESDAY

NO Our Daily Bread this month

THURSDAY

Thanksgiving Holiday

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:30 a.m. — Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mastersingers Community Chorale, directed by Byron Kauffman, invites you to a “Celebration” **TODAY at 3:30 pm** at Bethel Mennonite Church. The program will feature several pieces from The Messiah and other Christmas choral selections, as well as congregational singing. The Full Sound Chamber Group, comprised of 5 brothers who play stringed instruments, will play as a group and will also accompany the Chorale. A freewill offering will be graciously received.

Webinar: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism, Thursday, Dec. 1, 2–3:30 p.m. EST. Drew G.I. Hart, Ph.D., will be discussing his new book, *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* (Herald Press, 2016). If you've not yet participated in an AMBS webinar, your first time is free of charge! www.ambs.edu/webinars

Beside the library in the foyer there is a revolving, four sided literature holder; one side contains Middle East Justice and Peace material. One of the articles is written by Steve Steiner, a member of Kidron Mennonite. The title is “The Idol in Our Midst.” Quoting from Steve, “Today I wept. I had just read these words in the *Jerusalem Post*: ‘The sleeping giant of Christian Zionism has awakened. There 50 million Christians standing up and applauding the State of Israel.’ This was written by pastor John Hagee, founder of Christians United for Israel.” It leaves us with the question; what parts of the scripture are we willing to ignore? –Bill Shumaker

Please sign up in the lobby if you would like to have a poinsettia for Christmas in memory of a loved one. They are \$10 each and may be taken home after Advent. There are three colors to choose from, and you are invited to specify to whose memory your poinsettia is dedicated.

Registration for “**Beyond Buried Treasure: Turning Hidden Resources into Assets**” opened Oct. 17. This second joint MHS Mennonite Health Assembly and Mennonite Education Agency Education Leaders Gathering takes place March 9-12 in Jacksonville, Florida. For more information or to register, visit mhaelgconference.wordpress.com.

Did you know you can study at AMBS from a distance? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s Master of Divinity (MDiv) [Connect](http://www.ambs.edu/MDivConnect) program combines online and hybrid courses to offer you in-depth study, spiritual formation and vocational internships — wherever you’re located. By taking 12–14 credit hours per year, you can complete the 80-hour program in 5 ½ years. And, if you take at least 12 credit hours per academic year, you’ll be considered full-time for financial aid purposes! See www.ambs.edu/MDivConnect.

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director. The person who fills this role will be responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs. The Program Director is expected to connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as partner organizations, to work together and advance the mission of MCC. To see a full job description, visit mcc.org/gl-program-director or contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Mennonite Mission Network partners Annette and Paco Castillo** have created a home in Ivory Coast for child soldiers and other children who don’t have a supportive family structure. Praise God for transformed lives. Pray for mentors to train life skills through mechanical trades and other apprenticeships.
- **Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017** is coming up July 4-8 in Orlando, with the theme “Love Is a Verb.” A new flier provides more details on speakers and other events. Find the convention on Facebook or Twitter or learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org>.
- **The people of Standing Rock Sioux Reservation** and hundreds of other indigenous nations and many allies are protesting the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. They are calling us to respect and protect the sacred gift of human life and water, given to all of us by our Creator. Pray that the Army Corps of Engineers and other U.S. government agencies will adhere to regulations protecting the Standing Rock Sioux people, their ancestral burial grounds, clean water, and the environment.