

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 31
Worship Attendance 92

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomas

GREETERS:

Today: Bob & Kyle VanOsdol **Next Week:** Art & Mary Newcomer

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next week:** unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Brody Robinaugh **Next week:** Larry Evans

Bethel Mennonite Church
P.O. Box 549, 416 Washington Street
West Liberty, OH 43357

465-4587
www.bethelchurchwl.org
www.wbtl.tv

Transitional Pastor Consultant: Duane Beck (duaneebeck@gmail.com)

Office hours: by appointment

Youth Pastor: Cheryl Shank (youthpastor@bethelchurchwl.org)

Office hours: Varied, by appointment

Administrative Assistant: Tesa Jordan (secretary@bethelchurchwl.org)

Office Hours: Varied, by appointment

Elders: Steve Lapp, Barb Landes, Kathy Lehman, KJ Schrock, and Larry Evans

Pastoral Care Team: Barb Landes, Barb Kauffman, Dick Lindemer,

Carl Newcomer, Mark Thomas, Chuck Swartz

Tech Coordinator: Lee Jordan



Bethel Mennonite Church

*"Jesus compels us to experience and extend the
gracious rule of God by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Vol. 58

September 11, 2016

No. 37

Preparing

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

Gathering

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship Kathy Lehman

Prelude Pat Yoder

Psalm 139: 1-6, 23-24 & Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing Janet Wilkins and Team

With our offerings & Offertory Kathy Graber

Congregational Singing Byron Kauffman

Proclaiming

Scripture- Elijah 19: 11-14

Message "Stop, Look, Listen: Orienting Yourself to God"
Youth Pastor Cheryl Shank

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer Mark Thomas

Sending

Sending hymn

Benediction Mark Thomas

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service with Youth Pastor Cheryl Shank

TUESDAY

9:00 p.m.—Women Serving in Love

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.—BLT Meeting

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:30 a.m. —Worship Service with KJ Schrock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign up on the West Liberty Cares sheet in the lobby if you can help on Wednesdays from noon to 2 pm. This is Bethel's month to help at WLC.

Women Serving In Love opens a new year with sack lunches and the officers are the hostesses, serving dessert. Devotions by Kyle, project: school kits.

A rough draft of the 2016-2017 Directory is posted by the mailboxes. Please take time to review your entry and either mark "OK" or make the corrections necessary to it by **TODAY**. Thank you! –Tesa

Thank You to all who helped at the Vendor's Breakfast and the Sausage Booth last weekend. Your willingness to serve is deeply appreciated!

The Annual Business Meeting will be held October 16, 2016. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Carl Nxwexmxr**, who is having open heart surgery this week at Riverside in Columbus.

- **Bishop Leonard Dow and Oxford Circle Mennonite Church** in Philadelphia will host an African-American leadership gathering on Sept 16-17. Pray for the inspiration of God's Spirit as African-American Mennonite Association and Mennonite Mission Network collaborate to deepen relationships and respond to God's call to mission.

SMALL GROUPS

As Small Group Coordinator this year, I am interested in developing opportunities for small groups to experience God's love and to find ways to express God's love...opportunities for God" within us, and perhaps we just need to uncover that, and discover how to put that into practice.

Small groups are an opportunity to enter into meaningful relationships with each other. I am particularly interested in small groups praying for practical ways to express the "love of God" within us to our neighbors.....using our "gifts" of hospitality, service, and caring with others.

There are a variety of ways small groups can extend our "gifts" of hospitality and service....

1. Do you enjoy eating out (...or hosting people in your home)? Invite others to join you; try new dining experiences; or have a soup supper or carry-in and get to know each other.
2. Do you enjoy playing games ? Invite others to join you for an afternoon or evening of fun and fellowship.
3. Do you enjoy watching sports? Invite others to join you. (Cheer on our own soccer players, Daniel and Trace. Invite and attend a WLS Tigers soccer game). Get together afterwards.
4. Do you want to hear what God's Spirit is saying to you about God's mission in our community? How does Jesus want to send you into our community? Meet with a group for 6-8 sessions, dive deep into Luke 10:1-12, share and pray about the insights that emerge.
5. Do you want to become a more thankful person? Meet with a group whose purpose is to develop a spiritual habit of gratitude for God's gifts and become more alert to ways God works in people's lives.

Bethel has a long history of caring relationships. Let's build on that strength and affirm one another's gifts of caring. Consider ways to reach out and care for our neighbors. Let's build a momentum of unity through caring during this transition period.

Interested in joining or forming a small group...or would you like some resources to use for groups already in place? Please contact Sally H.