

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 44
Worship Attendance 55

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemer

GREETERS:

Today: Art & Mary Newcomer **Next Week:** Mary Kay King

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next week:** unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

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

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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

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship Kathy Lehman

Prelude Bill Barrett

Psalm 119: 102-105 & Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing Ellen Steiner and Team

Congregational Singing Byron Kauffman

With our offerings & Offertory Pat Yoder

Proclaiming

Scripture- 2 Timothy 3: 12-17

**Message "Encountering God through the Scripture"
KJ Schrock**

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer Barb Kauffman

Sending

Sending hymn

Benediction Barb Kauffman

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

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

TUESDAY

9:15 p.m.—Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

1:00 p.m.—Peace & Justice Lunch (special day & time this week only)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:30 a.m. — Worship Service with Youth Pastor Cheryl Shank

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Money webinar for Millennials: Everence® encourages young adults to join Darryl Dahlheimer, Program Director for LSS Financial Counseling, for a live chat designed to help people think about how their faith affects their financial decisions. *Conquering your debt: the overlooked key to faith and finances* will be at 8 p.m. (EDT) Sept. 28. For more information or to register, Visit <https://stewardshipresources.org/compass-live-chats>

Salem Mennonite is Celebrating Our Stories: 175 Years Celebration Weekend, **Saturday, September 24, 5:00 pm – 7:00pm:** Join us for a bonfire, lawn games, and concert starting at 6:00. Food will be provided, including hotdogs, chili, and homemade ice cream!! Wendy Chappell-Dick and others will give a concert of popular Mennonite hymns of the past. Please bring your favorite lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy the fun!
Sunday, September 25: 10:30 am - 3:00 pm Outdoor Morning Worship and Celebration with guest speaker Larry Augsburg followed by a fellowship meal. Starting at 1:00 there will be a storytelling of John M Brenneman's letter to Abe Lincoln by Pastor Paula Snyder Belousek and a "I remember when" open mic sharing about Salem's History. At the same time Pioneer Group Games will be led outside with Hand-led horse rides, a bouncy house, and a late afternoon Hayride.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Carl Nxwexmxr**, who had a quadruple bypass this week at Riverside in Columbus.

- **Today, Mennonite Church USA congregations are invited to celebrate Peace Sunday** with resources created by Mennonite Mission Network's Peace and Justice Support Network. Pray for God's wisdom as we challenge the violence that continues to be our culture's all-too-frequent response to conflict.

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.