

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 31

Worship Attendance 50

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomxr

GREETERS:

Today: Bill and Carole Barrxtt **Next Week:** Paul & Sally Harshbargxr

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next Week:** unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Annie Steinxr **Next Week:** Larry Evxns

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Gathering – Led by Worship Leader

Ellen Steinxr

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship—see insert

Prelude

Praise Team

Psalm 136

Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing

Bill Barrxtt & Team

With our offerings & Offertory

Kathy Grabxr

Prayer of Confession – #131 Sing the Journey

Ellen Steinxr

Congregational Singing

Byron Kauffmxn

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

II Timothy 4:6-8, Hebrew 12:1-3

Message “Life is a Marathon, Not a Sprint”

Pastor Chuck Swartz

Communion

Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Sharing – Led by Pastoral Team

Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Sending song

Byron Kauffmxn

Benediction

Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Sending

Sending song

Byron Kauffmxn

Benediction

Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – meet in the fellowship hall for coffee, breakfast snacks and Bible study from Acts 6:1-8, “A Cloud of Witnesses.”

10:40 a.m. – Worship and Communion with Pastors Chuck Swartz and Cheryl Shxnk

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. – Women Serving in Love

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – meet in the fellowship hall for coffee, breakfast snacks and Bible study from Acts 8:26-39, “Barrier Breakers.”

10:40 a.m. – Worship with KJ Schrxck

Noon –Potluck for June/July/August birthdays

2:30 p.m. – Green Hills Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women Serving in Love meet together this Tues, August 8th. The meal will be Garden Potluck. Hostesses will be the Kyle, Mary P, Donna and Christy. Devotions led by Doris Xnns are titled “Receiving Guidance.” Barb Kauffmxn’s devotional will focus on “Wading in Water.” The project for the day is School Kits.

Birthday Potluck, Sunday, August 13th at noon: Those with June, July, or August birthdays are invited to celebrate together at a potluck after the morning service. A birthday dessert will be provided.

Student Aid pledges and contributions for first semester are now due! Michael, Alex, and Annie are very appreciative of your support.

Thank you from New Path Pregnancy Centers for Bethel's donations to the Baby Bottles loose change giving - Total \$356.10

Thanks from Larry and Barb for your prayers while they traveled.

Thank You. The many prayers, calls, cards and visits were deeply appreciated and mean a great deal. Thank you very much for caring.
Jan Smuckxr

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Please pray** for our congregation as the modifications to the ASTEP leadership structure are considered.
- **Please continue to pray** for Jan Smuckxr. She received a pacemaker this week and is recovering at home.
- **Please continue to pray** for Willie Yodxr. He continues to gain physical strength little by little. He is grateful for Bethel’s prayers and gives God the glory.
- **Please pray** for Molly Thornbxrg who is doing better but still in need of strength.
- **Thank you for praying** for Tom and Natalie Evxns. Tom Evxns is Larry & Barb’s son, who had surgery recently. Tom is doing much better and is back to work. Prayer is still desired for his complete recovery.
- **Pray for healing** for Ray Swishxr, friend of Mark and Polly Thomxs. Ray’s radiation will begin this week at the James Cancer Center and will continue M-F until September 20.
- **Please pray** for those in our congregation who are traveling and/or away with family members.
- **Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for the 30 Mennonite Voluntary Service participants who are beginning assignments in nine locations – Alamosa, Colorado; Chicago; Elkhart, Indiana; Manhattan, New York; San Antonio; San Francisco; Seattle; Tucson, Arizona; and Washington, D.C.

The "Ohio Mennonite Evangel" – The newsletter from the Ohio Conference is no longer printed by the Conference and sent for distribution, but now comes to the church office via Email. If you'd like to receive it, Miriam will print a copy for you or will forward it to your email address, or both. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer to advise her of your preference(s). Thank you!

Questions about Medicare? Join Everence for this interactive webinar and get the answers you need! *Medicare made easy* will be presented on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 3 and 8:30 p.m. Specific topics will include Medicare eligibility, deadlines and costs plus enrollment details. The webinar will be presented by Jim Smxth, Everence Financial Services Representative. To register, visit everence.com/MedicareMadeEasy or contact Melissa Short at [\(800\) 222-5054, ext. 3392](tel:8002225054) or melissa.short@everence.com.

August Mennonite Mission Prayer Vine – Is now available. If you would like a printed or electronic copy, please let Miriam know.

LATER THIS MONTH

Green Hills – is hosting an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 23rd as a "Thank You" for both the church and community support. A worship service will begin at 5:30pm with congregational singing, prayer and a brief message from Ken Neighxff. At 6:00pm a cookout, ice cream and games will be held in the courtyard. RSVP by Friday, August 18th to 465-0700 if you plan to attend.

Ladies Event – A very distinctive night of fellowship, worship and a message from a special speaker will be held on August 24th in the Bethel fellowship hall. Marcia Kendxll from Dallas, TX will be the guest speaker. Light refreshments will be served beginning at 6:00pm. Ladies from many area churches have been invited to attend. Please RSVP to Elaine Newcomxr at 465-3366 or Mary Newcomxr at 592-5158 by August 18th. More information is available on the bulletin board.

CALL TO WORSHIP

**ALL: This is the Welcome Table of our Redeemer,
and you are invited.**

Right: Make no excuses, saying you cannot attend;
simply come,
for around this table you will find your family.

Left: Come not because you have to,
but because you need to.

Right: Come not to prove you are saved,
but to seek the courage to follow wherever Christ leads.

Left: Come not to speak but to listen,
not to hear what's expected,
but to be open to the ways the Spirit moves among you.

**ALL: So be joyful, not somber,
for this is the feast of the reign of God,
where the broken are molded into a
Beloved Community,
and where the celebration over evil's defeat has
already begun.**