



Bethel Mennonite Church

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

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Sending song	Carl Newcomxr
Benediction	Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 39
Worship Attendance 51

Your generosity empowers our collective work for God’s kingdom purposes. Thank You!

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomxr

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled

Next week: unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Brody Robinaxgh

Next week: Brody Robinaxgh

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Pastoral Care Team: Barb Landxs, Barb Kauffmxn, Dick Lindemxr, Carl Newcomxr, Mark Thomxs, Chuck Swxrtz	

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Please be in continued prayer** – for Pat Yodxr who is home. She welcomes brief visits, but please call first. Thank you for your continued prayers and concern.
- **Thank you for your prayers** – Kathy Grabxr had shoulder surgery this week and has returned to Green Hills for a few days. Please keep her continued healing in your prayers.
- **Please pray** – for Pastor Chxryl as she has surgery on her shoulder this coming Wednesday, April 5th. Pray for her surgeon and care providers as well as God’s providence in the procedure.
- **Please pray for Michele and John Shxrp**, parents of MJ, their family and friends as they mourn his loss. MJ was an intelligent, sensitive, compassionate and fun-loving young man who was working as a peacemaker in the Democratic Republic of Congo. MJ, a colleague and their interpreter were murdered after having been kidnapped 3 weeks ago.
- **As a Peace and Justice Group**, we thank you for your monetary support for Mennonite Central Committee’s invitation to partner with them. They work at changing lives in a variety of difficult situations and places.
- **Thank you! – From the Peace & Justice Group** – Thank you for all of your contributions, monetary and material, to the Lighthouse Shelter in Bellefontaine during the month of March.

Save the Dates!

Bethel Vacation Bible School

June 5–9, 2017

9:00–11:45 AM



THIS WEEK

TODAY – Lent V

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship with Larry Evxns

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study

Noon – Peace & Justice Lunch

3:00 p.m. – Bethel Homework Help

7:00 p.m. – Pastors and Elder Leadership Team Meeting

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m. – Bethel Homework Help

NEXT SUNDAY – Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship with KJ Schrxck

3:30 p.m. – MasterSingers Chorale and Full Sound Chamber Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The transitional prayer team is suggesting that the Bethel family makes personal Paul’s prayer from Ephesians 3:16-20. Pray that God may strengthen us with power through His spirit in our innermost being so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. Pray that we being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. May we give God the glory as He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work within us. NIV

Fish of a Lifetime!! – From now through April 15th, 50% of the proceeds from the purchase of a Kingdom Talapia sandwich at the Marketplace Café, 130 S. Main St., Bellefontaine, will go to help people in Burkina Faso through our sometime guest speaker Jean-Paul Tiendrebxogo’s organization, Kingdom Investment International. Please enjoy some fish to help in this worthy cause. See the bulletin board or kingdominvestment.org for details.

Jews for Jesus – South Union Mennonite Church, 56 St. Rte. 508, West Liberty, will host Tuvya Zarxtsky presenting “Christ in the Passover” on April 11th at 7pm. For more information, please see the bulletin board or call (937) 465-.

MasterSingers Chorale – On April 9th at 3:30pm here at Bethel, the Mastersingers Community Chorale will join the Full Sound Chamber Group (five string musicians) to present a concert of chorale and instrumental music. Featured on the program will be the “Gloria” by Antonio Vivaldi and a piano concerto by Wolfgang Amadexs Mozart. Soloists for the “Gloria” will be sopranos Janet Wilkxns and Mary Clasxn and alto Amanda Blantxn. Soloist for the piano concerto will be pianist Tsidqah Lorxtsch.

Mennonite Central Committee is seeking a Young Adult Coordinator: This position, located in Goshen, Ind., coordinates and recruits for MCC Great Lakes young adult programs, including the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP), Summer Service Worker (SSW) program and the Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program. This position connects with Great Lakes' young adult alumni, especially using social media, and creates opportunities for young adults from the Great Lakes region to develop leadership skills. There is particular emphasis, but is not limited to developing and establishing relationships within the Great Lakes constituent churches and communities of color. This position also performs communications tasks such as relating to media, writing and editing, web updates, and promotion. The communication role will include some tasks for Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP). For a full job description, visit mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings. Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online. For more information or questions, contact Amber Fxlcón at 574-534-

On April 10 – There is an opportunity to listen to Juana Alicxa Rxiz, an Afro-Columbian community leader from Mampujan, speak here at Bethel at 7:00pm. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) works with an organization in this rural community, and Juana is a leader and has stories to tell. Jessica Bxller, MCC Peace Education Coordinator, will accompany Juana and be her interpreter. Jessica spent several years in Columbia in the recent past and says this is a wonderful opportunity to hear about MCC's peace work in Columbia.

Maple Syrup – Karl Smxth's cousin will have New York maple syrup available late this month. Price is \$40 per gallon and you are welcome to “go in” with others if that quantity is more than needed. If you are interested, please make checks payable to **Vern Zxhr** and place in a sealed envelope in Karl's Bethel mailbox. Please contact Karl with any questions.

Church Mission Statement – Please return the ballot found in your church mailbox with your suggestion(s) for a new church mission statement to Kathy Lehmxn's mailbox by today, April 2nd.

Community Choir – The West Liberty ministerial group is organizing a community choir to participate in the **Good Friday** service at Green Hills on April 14th at 6:30 p.m. All singers are welcome to join the choir by attending rehearsals where two selections will be prepared. Rehearsals will be held at the West Liberty United Methodist Church Today, April 2nd and Sunday, April 9th from 4-5 pm, both days. For more information call (937) 441-

Palm Sunday Brunch – The Urbana Champaign County Senior Center is hosting a brunch on April 9th at 701 S. Walnut Street in Urbana until 2:00pm. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance / \$7.00 at the door. (Children 10 & under \$4.00) Meal includes an Egg Bake, Sausage, Potatoes, Sweet Rolls, Fruit and Coffee, Tea or Juice for drinks. Contact the Center at (937) 653- for more details.

HOME RUN!! – If you are interested in an outing to see a Dayton Dragons baseball game this summer, please express your interest by signing up on the bulletin board by Easter Sunday, April 16th. Chuck Bxck will determine a date for the outing, working with the group that expresses interest in going.

Everance Webinar: On Tuesday, April 25th at 2pm and 8pm EDT, a webinar entitled: “Insurance: who needs it, and at what age?” will be held. In this webinar, the various types of insurance (health, life, disability, long-term care) will be described as well as which types of insurance is needed, and at what age they are needed. There will also be time for questions.

Delegates at ACA – overwhelmingly affirmed the direction statement proposed by the Ohio Conference Leadership Team. Ninety-three percent of delegates affirmed the direction statement (154 – affirmed, 11 – did not affirm). Given a choice between a “barebones” budget and a “healthy” budget for 2017-18, delegates approved the healthy budget with 98 percent of the vote. The vote total was as follows: healthy budget – 159, barebones budget – 4. Delegates also approved a motion by the Leadership Team to rescind a spending plan resolution adopted at the 2015 ACA. The vote was 97 percent in favor of rescinding that resolution: approved – 160, did not approve – 5. To see copies of the direction statement, 2017-18 budget and the 2015 spending plan resolution which was rescinded, please go to the “Assembly Documents” page of the Ohio Conference website:
<https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/annual-assembly/documents>.