

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 29
Worship Attendance 60

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemer

GREETERS:

Today: Mark & Polly Thomas **Next Week:** Mark & Polly Thomas

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next week:** unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Brody Robinaugh **Next week:** unfilled

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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Preparing

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

Gathering

Announcements
Prelude Annie Steiner
Welcome & Call to Worship Kathy Lehman
Psalm 29 & Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing Janet Wilkins and Team
With our offerings & Offertory Kathy Graber

Confession

#131, *Sing the Journey* Janet Wilkins and Team

Praising

Congregational Singing Carl Newcomer

Proclaiming

Scriptures Matthew 3:13-17; Isaiah 42:1-9

Message "Beginning all over again" **Pastor Duane Beck**

Song of Response Carl Newcomer

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

10:30 a.m. — Worship with Duane Beck

MONDAY

5:00 p.m. — Ministry of Stewardship Meeting

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. — Women Serving in Love

3:00 p.m. — Bethel Homework Help

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. — Leadership Training with Duane Beck

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:30 a.m. — Worship with Duane Beck

Noon — Potluck followed by Congregational Conversation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women Serving in Love meets this Tuesday with Devotions by Barb S. “A long, long time.” Hostesses are Kyle, Janet B. and Eleanor, and the meal is stone soup. Everyone is asked to bring a ½ cup of fresh vegetables to add to the pot! The project this month is health kits.

MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering: As alumni or interested friends of Mennonite Central Committee, you are warmly invited to join us for an MCC Alumni and Friends International Potluck at 6:00 pm on Saturday, January 21, at First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street in Bluffton. Special guest speaker will be Amela Puljek Shank, current MCC Area Director for Europe and Middle East, bringing an update on MCC's response to the Syrian crisis. Please RSVP at 574-534-4133 or to lmg@mcc.org.

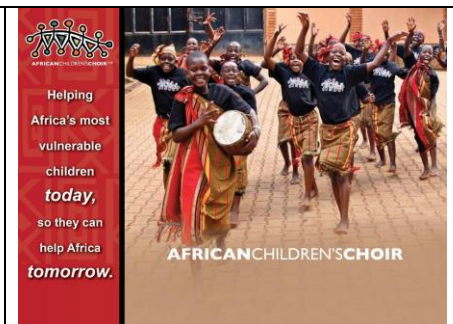
Leadership Training meeting for Bethel's Ministry Leaders this Wednesday from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Would you like to learn basic group leadership skills to conduct meetings? Please join us, even if you don't have a particular leadership role.

AMBS seeks Volunteer Coordinator beginning August 2017. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, is seeking a qualified individual or couple to coordinate the work of our short-term and local

volunteers, connecting these volunteers with assignments from faculty and staff. If you like to work with people, have excellent communication and computer skills, and are well organized, please consider this volunteer assignment for a one-year, renewable term. The position opens Aug. 1; the start date is negotiable. To learn more, contact Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, dean of Lifelong Learning: jglongenecker@ambs.edu.

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

The African Children's Choir will be in concert at South Union on Friday, January 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. The event is free but a love offering will be taken. For more on this choir, see their website at: <https://africanchildrenschoir.com/>



PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Teresa Wxlch**, a teacher at Bellefontaine HS dealing with multiple health issues.
- **Registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 opens Jan. 17.** The convention takes place July 4-8 in Orlando, Florida, with the theme “Love is a Verb.” Enjoy fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country while enjoying the attractions of the Orlando area. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>.
- **Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp**, long-term associates with Mennonite Mission Network in Japan, have asked SOOP for help at Menno Village, an agricultural initiative of Mennonite churches in Hokkaido. Pray for volunteers to help with building projects and with farm work while enjoying cultural experiences.