

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 27
Worship Attendance 44

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Sally Harshbargxr

GREETERS:

Today: Bill & Carole Barrxtt **Next Week:** Jan Smuckxr & Polly Thomxs

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next Week:** unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

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

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Gathering – Led by Worship Leader Ken Shxnk

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prelude

Ellen Steinxr

Psalm 36: 5-9 and Psalm 146: 5-8

Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing

Janet Wilkxns & Team

With our offerings & Offertory

Bill Barrxtt

Prayer of Confession – See insert

Ken Shxnk

Congregational Singing

Bill Barrxtt

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

John 4: 4-26; 36-40

Message “Kingdom Prayer: Enlarging Borders &
Opening Spaces For God To flow” Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Song of Response – See insert

Bill Barrxtt

Sharing – Led by Pastoral Team

Pastor Chuck Swartz

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Sending song

Bill Barrxtt

Benediction

Pastor Chuck Swartz

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – meet in the fellowship hall for coffee, breakfast snacks and Bible study from Amos 7:10-17, “The Justice Defender” with Pastor Chuck Swartz.

10:40 a.m. – Worship with Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. – Pastors and Elders Meeting

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast – Liberty Gathering Place

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – meet in the fellowship hall for coffee, breakfast snacks and Bible study

10:40 a.m. – Worship with Pastor Chuck Swartz

Communion – during Morning Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday morning at 9:30 am, the combined Sunday School class will meet in the fellowship room. We will study Acts 6: 1-8 “A Cloud of Witnesses.” Coffee & breakfast snacks will be provided.

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, Mirixm 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!

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 Newcomx or Mary Newcomx at by August 18th. More information is available on the bulletin board.

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

Vote on church structure – The Gifts Discernment Committee met on Wednesday, July 19th at 7:00p.m. with Pastor Cheryl also in attendance to count the ballots submitted. The results were 25 votes to continue ASTEP, 24 to return to the previous church structure and one (1) abstention. A simple majority of votes cast was required to pass the preferred choice. The following was selected.

_____ Continue ASTEP at Bethel with modifications, for two years. During the remainder of the church year until September 30, 2017, Bethel will work to define modifications to ASTEP. A proposal of modifications will be submitted to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting in October.

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

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 Neighx. 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.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Please pray** – for Jan Smuckx who is in the hospital undergoing treatment for a heart condition.
- **Please continue to pray** – for Willie Yodx. 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. She came home from the hospital last week after a bout with an infection.
- **Please continue to pray** – for Tom Evxns, Lxrry & Bxrb’s son, who had surgery recently. Pray for Tom’s continued healing and recovery.
- **Pray for healing** – For Ray Swishx, friend of Mark and Polly Thomas. Ray has had a few set-backs, but he is doing well in general. Radiation will begin once the doctor says he’s ready.
- **Please pray** – for those in our congregation who are traveling and/or away with family members.
- **Please pray** – for our congregation as the modifications to the ASTEP leadership structure are considered.