

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 43  
Worship Attendance 81

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

## OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Mark Thomxs

### GREETERS:

**Today:** Bill & Eleanor Shumakxr    **Next Week:** Chuck & Jeanie Swxrtz

### MEDIA OPERATOR:

**Today:** unfilled    **Next Week:** unfilled

### SOUND OPERATOR:

**Today:** Larry Evxns    **Next Week:** Mark Kauffmxn

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# 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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### Gathering – Led by Worship Leader

Ken Shxnk

### Announcements

### Welcome & Call to Worship

### Prelude

Ellen Steinxr

### Psalm 139: 7- 12

### Opening Prayer

### Praising

### Congregational Singing

Byron Kauffmxn

### With our offerings & Offertory

Ellen Steinxr

### Confession of Faith

Ken Shxnk

### Congregational Singing

Praise Team - Bill

### Proclaiming

### Scripture Reading

John 4: 46 – 5: 9  
Acts 1: 8 / 2: 1-4

**Message** “God Calls & Equips His People” Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

### Communion

### Sharing – Led by Pastoral Team

Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

### Pastoral Prayer

### Sending

### Sending song

Byron Kauffmxn

### Benediction

Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY – Pentecost Sunday

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School Gathering

**9:45 a.m.** – Meeting of the Congregation – Session 1 “Becoming a Faithful Community – Tending to the Center of our Faith”

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship with Pastor Cheryl Shxnk  
(Communion during service)

### ALL WEEK

**9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.** – Vacation Bible School

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

**11:45 – Noon** – Vacation Bible School Program

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School Gathering

**9:45 a.m.** – Meeting of the Congregation – Session 2 - “Covenantal Commitments and our Common Life”

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship with KJ Schrxck

**Noon** – Potluck to honor Jerry & Barb Landxs and Ruth Yodxr.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The transitional prayer team** is suggesting that the Bethel family makes personal Paul’s prayer from Ephesians 3:16-20. In addition, let us be reminded of one of the declarations made by them and ladies from the congregation: ***We declare that no weapon formed against us will prosper because satan’s power has been broken by the blood of Jesus Christ!!***

**Farewell Potluck** – Next Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have a farewell potluck to honor Jerry & Barb Landxs and Ruth Yodxr. Please plan to attend!!

**For the next several weeks** - the entire congregation is invited to attend special joint sessions in the sanctuary during the last 45 minutes of the Sunday School hour. Videos, power point and commentary will review being a faithful presence, our common life, shared values, confessions of faith, spiritual practices, etc. Next week’s session will be led by Larry Evxns. Come and join!

**Baby Bottle Campaign** – Is going on through Father’s Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>. And will benefit the New Path Pregnancy Resource Center in Bellefontaine & Marysville. They minister to young women who are considering or who have had an abortion. Extra Bottles are available in the foyer.

**Shiloh Mennonite Church** – is hosting a free community event on Sunday, June 11 at 7pm. Ted & Co., will be at Shiloh performing his show *Laughter is Sacred Space*. Find more info at <http://www.tedandcompany.com/>

**The Vacation Bible School offering** – will be used to benefit children in Bolivia learn about Jesus through Mennonite Mission Network. \$25.00 will help send 10 children to Vacation Bible School and \$50.00 will provide Sunday School materials. If anyone in the congregation would like to contribute toward helping the Bolivian Children learn about Jesus you may put a donation in the offering this Sunday or next Sunday and mark it for the Bible School project or drop off a donation during Vacation Bible School.

**Friday morning, June 9 – 11:45 – Noon.** We will be wrapping up the Bible School week with a short program during closing time at 11:45. The kids will share songs & scriptures from the week. All are welcome to come!

**Meal and Congregational Meeting** – a Potluck and Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> after morning worship. The congregation will discuss the ASTEP model and review the newly proposed mission statements together. Ballots will be distributed at the conclusion of the meeting to determine how we will proceed in the future and a request will be made that the ballots be returned by Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. If you will be unable to attend on the 25<sup>th</sup>, please advise the Administrative Assistant so that arrangements can be made to keep you in the loop of information. Thank you!! - Larry Evans, Congregational Chair.

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Ruth Yodxr has transitioned to Bluebird Retirement home.
- As you pray for **Vacation Bible School**, give praise for the opportunities and responsibilities of nurturing children. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work through us and give us words to speak. Pray for a healthy, safe week.
- **Prayer request** – Please pray for Ray Swishxr, friend of Mark and Polly Thomxs. Mark has been diagnosed with oral cancer and is scheduled for surgery at the James Cancer Center at OSU Hospitals on June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Prayer for Bethel Members** – Please pray for Willie Yodxr who had surgery this week to remove his gall bladder and is yet in St. Rita’s hospital in Lima. Please also pray for Byron Kauffmxn as he recuperates from a small stroke and is expected to return to 100%.
- **Be in prayer for the students at the various Mennonite-related schools** around the country and the world this month as they finish up another academic year. Pray that they would have a good summer of fun and renewal as they build on what they have learned.