LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 41 Worship Attendance 64

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Kauffmxn

GREETERS:

Today: Dick & Nellie Lindemxr Next Week: Bill & Eleanor Shumakxr

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled Next Week: unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Larry Evxns Next Week: unfilled

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Carl Newcomxr, Mark Thomxs, Chuck Swxrtz

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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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Gathering – Led by Worship Leader		Kathy Lehmxn

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prelude Bill Barrxtt

Psalm 100

Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing Praise Team - Bill

With our offerings & Offertory Ellen Steinxr

Confession of Faith – Sing the Story #199 Kathy Lehmxn

Congregational Singing Carl Newcomxr

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Mark 14: 3 – 9

Message "Memorials and Monuments" Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

Sharing – Led by Pastoral Team Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Sending song Carl Newcomxr

Benediction Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School 10:40 a.m. – Worship with Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study **7:00 p.m.** – Bethel Leadership Team Meeting.

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Search Committee Meeting

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast (Liberty Gathering Place)

NEXT 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)

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 Jesus Christ is Lord in this place and in our lives. Bethel is His Church! (Copies of all declarations are available in the church foyer)

Beginning next Sunday, June 4th – and for the next several weeks thereafter, 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. Come and join!

Shiloh Mennonite Church – is hosting a free community event on Sunday, June 11 at 7pm. Ted Swxrtz of Ted & Co., will be at Shiloh performing his show *Laughter is Sacred Space*. Mental illness is a very real thing and we are praying this performance will bring hope to those struggling with mental illness. Find more info at http://www.tedandcompany.com/

Farewell Potluck – On Sunday, June 11th, we will have a farewell potluck to honor Jerry & Barb Landxs and Ruth Yodxr. Please plan to attend.

The MCC Thirft Shop is looking for volunteers to help price linens and women's clothing. If you are interested please contact Michelle Nexr at the store, 937-465-3077. This is a wonderful opportunity for missions work without leaving the area!

Bethel's Vacation Bible School will be June 5-9, 2017 – Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed. Registration forms are available on our website and in the church foyer.

Mission Statement – Three proposed updates are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer for the next few weeks. Please carefully consider which you feel would be the best choice for Bethel. The congregation will decide at a future church-wide meeting which one will be selected. Stay tuned.

Reminder: To those working with children and youth (for VBS, too) – Please complete the Children and Youth Protection Policy training by watching the training video and signing off in the library by May 31st.

Reminder: The last ladies Bible study before the summer break will be this coming Tuesday, May 30th. *Please note the start time will be 9:00am*. Please bring finger foods to share.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Please continue to pray for Ruth Yodxr who has transitioned to Bluebird Retirement home in Marysville, OH. Her new mailing address is: Ruth Yoder, 145 Colemans Crossing Blvd., Suite #209, Marysville, OH 43040. Her new phone number is: (937) 645-6927.
- As you pray for Vacation Bible School, pray that the staff will
 have strength for their tasks. Pray for courage and wisdom in our
 interactions. Pray that the children will come with minds and hearts
 that are open to God. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work through us
 and give us words to speak.
- 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 19th.
- Prayer Request Please pray for Willie Yodxr who was hospitalized this week with severe abdominal pain. He was diagnosed with an enlarged gall bladder and transferred to St. Rita's hospital in Lima.