

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 33 Worship Attendance 51

*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: Carl & Elaine Newcomxr **Next Week:** Doug & Ellen Steinxr

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Miriam Lxpp **Next Week:** Mark Kauffmxn

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Carl Newcomxr, Sally Harshbargxr and Michelle Lxnk



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Gathering – Led by Worship Leader Ken Shxnk

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship Ken Shxnk

Prelude Praise Team

Old Testament readings – Psalms 31:15 and Isaiah 43:1-5

Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing Janet Wilkxns and Praise Team

With our offerings & Offertory Bill Barrxtt

Confession of Faith (see insert)

Congregational Singing Bill Barrxtt

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading – Matthew 5:21-43

Message “Pardon the Interruption” Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Sharing – Led by Pastoral Care Team Mark Thomxs

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Sending song

Bill Barrxtt

Benediction

Mark Thomxs

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship Pastor Cheryl Shxnk, speaker

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. – Women Serving in Love

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Larry Evxns, speaker

Noon: Potluck followed by the **Annual Business Meeting**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 9:30 a.m. at Hively Avenue Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana, is the **ordination of Deb Bylxxr**. We pray God's blessings on Deb and her work in Guatemala. Representatives from Bethel are attending the service.

Gifts Discernment Forms for the church chairperson and affirmation of Gifts Discernment nominations are due today, October 8. Put them both of them in the green box in the foyer.

Sunday, October 15. Annual Business Meeting. Noon potluck followed by the business meeting.

Absentee ballots for the Modification Proposal are available from Miriam Lxpp in the church office. The absentee ballots need to be in the orange ballot box by 10:30 a.m. on October 15th.

Adriel announces its **Annual Benefit Auction** will be held Saturday, October 21st at 10:00am. We are hosting a Family Fun evening the Friday, October 20th with family games, activities, bounce house, entertainment, great food and a preview of the auction items for Saturday. Please join us for fun, fellowship and support of our mission of Foster Care and Adoption. You can help: bake goods or give crafts for our gift shop, volunteer your time, and participate in our Chili Cook Off on Friday. Sign up on the bulletin board.*

*More information is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

As a Peace and Justice Group, we offer two opportunities for monetary donations for the next 3 weeks---

- 1) Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)
- 2) Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS).

MCC is coordinating a collaborative response to reach 1.4 million people displaced in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Among the displaced are 8,000 Mennonites. Of the 3,300 persons killed since October 2016, 36 were Mennonites. Families experience a severe lack of food as well as basic supplies such as bedding and cans for carrying water. Church buildings and schools have been damaged or destroyed.

MDS has begun hands on response to hurricane Harvey in Texas, currently working in Bloomington, TX. When asked why they do what they do, they replied, "This is what God wants us to do right now." The first on the list to help are the elderly, single mothers with children, and the disabled or those helping to care for disabled persons.

Each of these organizations need donations as they respond to growing needs over the next weeks and months. Checks may be written to Bethel Church. Please designate on the memo line: MCC Congo relief and/or MDS Harvey relief. Donations will be accepted through October 8, 2017.

Upcoming Everence webinar, Medicare Made Easy, will be presented on Monday, Oct.16, at 3 and 8:30 p.m. Specific topics will include Medicare plans, eligibility, deadlines and costs plus enrollment details.*

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for Sally Harshbargxr's and Mary Newcomxr's family as they mourn the death of their sister-in-law, Evelyn. The funeral will be October 15th.
- Pray for Ray Swishxr, friend of Mark and Polly Thomxs, as he recovers from cancer treatment. Ray Swishxr is healing slowly but losing weight. Pray that Ray would be able to maintain his weight through the healing process.
- Eliana Rxth, 13 year old granddaughter of Linda Rxth, was diagnosed with complex migraines. Pray for Eliana and her family.
- Pray for healing for Shirley Kxng. Shirley fell and is recuperating from a stress fracture of her right arm. Her arm is on the mend, but still very sore.
- Rod Hagxr's surgery went well. He plans to return home from the hospital sometime this week.

Upcoming events

Saturday, October 21 at 7:00 pm there will be a benefit concert for the Pirxn family in the cafetorium at West Liberty Salem High School. The event will benefit the Jason and Cami (Noblx, a WLS grad) Pirxn family of Beaumont Texas, who are hurricane victims. Performing at the event will be the Majesty's Quartet and the Mule Skinner Band. Door prizes and raffles will be featured. For further information or to make a donation, contact Jerry Noblx (927) 935-2089 or Bill Pxrk (937) 215-4779.

Sunday, October 22 at 3:30 pm. The Bethel Mennonite Congregation in West Liberty is hosting a community hymn sing. The Full Sound Chamber Group (5 string instrumental players) will accompany the congregational singing and present two compositions on their own. The community is invited to participate in this singing event. An offering will be gratefully accepted in support of the five instrumentalists and future programming.

Adriel will be working on the Sycamore home on our campus to start some much needed upgrades and are looking for some help with pulling up old carpet, and getting it ready to paint and install new carpeting.

We have designated **November** 8th and 9th at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 11th starting at 9:00am.as work days. We hope you are able to help us further our mission serving children and families. If you are interested please rsvp to Wayne Yxder at

Bluffton University is hosting the "Mirror of the Martyrs" exhibit from **October 1-November 5**. "Mirror of Martyrs," along with numerous related public events is described on a poster on the bulletin board.*

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

O Holy God, we call to you. We name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love.

Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings.

We struggle to loosen our grip hold on the 'perfectly' planned schedule or expected routine.

We cry out and question.

Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength.

Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us.

Forgive us when anger and frustration fill our minds due to interruptions and unmet expectations.

Help us to see that interruptions are part of our real life, reminders that we are not in control.

May we see these as opportunities to grow our character in You.

Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.