LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 41

Worship Attendance 47

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemxr

GREETERS:

Today: Chuck & Jeanie Swxrtz Next Week: Byron & Barb

Kauffmxn

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled Next Week: unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

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

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Carl Newcomxr, Sally Harshbargxr and Chuck Swxrtz



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Gathering – Led by Worship Leader Ken Shxnk

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship Ken Shxnk
Prelude Ellen Steinxr

Psalm 119:133. Proverbs 4:26-27

Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing Bill Barrxtt

With our offerings & Offertory Ellen Steinxr

Prayer of Confession

#132 Sing the Journey

Congregational Singing Janet Wilkxns and Praise Team

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading John 13:1-17

Message "Getting Our Feet Wet" Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Sharing – Led by Pastoral Team Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Sending song Bill Barrxtt

Benediction Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School 10:40 a.m. – Worship. Pastor Cheryl Shaxk, speaker

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. – Women's Bible Study
Noon – Peace and Justice Lunch
7:00 p.m. – Modifications Committee meeting

WEDNESDAY

4:30-12:00 p.m. – West Liberty Cares. South Union **7:00p.m.** – Pastors and Elder Leadership Team

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School 10:40 a.m. – Worship. Barb Evxns, speaker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Liberty Cares at South Union Wednesday, September 20 at 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. We need one more helper.*

Please send any items for the **October church calendar** to the church office by Wednesday, September 27.

Annual Reports for 2017 are due in the church office no later than September 22. Please submit them electronically if possible.

Calvary Baptist in Bellefontaine invites us to worship with them and **The Bontragxr Family Singers** on Saturday, September 30 at 7:00p.m.*

Women's activities in September:

Grace Chapel. Revive Our Hearts 2017 Livestream. September 29 – 30.*

West Liberty Church of God, Annual Women's retreat. Monday, September 18. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and program at 7:00 p.m. * *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.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading for our future pastor at Bethel and that the pastor would be willing to invest his or her life in to the work of the church here at Bethel and in our community. Also pray that the congregation would be open to work alongside the new pastor. The Gifts Discernment Team
- **Pray for wisdom and unity** for the Gifts Discernment and Modification Team as the team plans modifications of our church leadership model. Pray that hearts would be open to God's leading and that we can find unity and participate together to expand God's Kingdom. The Gifts Discernment Team
- **Pray for healing f**or Ray Swishxr, friend of Mark and Polly Thomxs. This week Ray has his final chemo/radiation treatment.
- The memorial service for Mildred Burkholdxr, Sally Harshbergxr's and Mary Newcomxr's oldest sister was held on Saturday, September 16. Our prayers are with the family.