

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance
Worship Attendance

*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: Art & Mary Newcomxr **Next Week:** Art & Mary Newcomxr

SOUND OPERATOR:

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

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Gathering – Led by Worship Leader

Daniel Lehmxn

Welcome & Call to Worship

Daniel Lehmxn

Leader: Yes!

The light is here. We carry it within us.

**ALL: It is the star of the East;
It is the morning sun.**

Leader: It is as long as the moon.

Throughout all generations.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

Leader: You, O God, have caused
the mountains to shake.

You have torn open the heavens
and your glory reaches the earth.

**ALL: May we, like the magi,
seek you until we find you.**

**May we offer our gifts in your presence,
no matter where you are found.**

Leader: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

Prelude

Kathy Grabxr

Psalms 72:10-14

Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing

Carl Newcomxr

With our offerings & Offertory

Ellen Steinxr

Confession & Assurance (see inside)

Congregational Singing

Ellen Steinxr

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Message: “The Mystery of Light; Let it be.” Eph. 3:1-12

KJ Schrxck

Communion

Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

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. KJ Schrxck, speaker. Communion.

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. – Women Serving in Love

3:20-5:00 p.m. – Bethel Homework Help

7:00 p.m. – Bethel Leadership Team

THURSDAY

3:20-5:00 p.m. – Bethel Homework Help

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women Serving in Love will meet at 9:30 a.m. this Tuesday, January 9th. Bring your own packed lunch since the kitchen is undergoing renovations. Hostesses are Kyle, Janet B, and Christy. The project is items for relief kits.

It is time to renew our subscriptions to The Mennonite magazine. If you don't get the magazine and would like to receive it, or if you would like to stop receiving the magazine, let Miriam know. Notify the church office of any *changes* for your subscription to The Mennonite magazine by Jan. 14th.

Mennonite Arts Weekend is coming up the weekend of February 2 to 4 and is organized by Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship. More information can be found at www.mennoniteartsweekend.org and from the poster on bulletin board.

Kim Lehmoxn and Carol Bxck would like to give Bethel the opportunity to share in their **Medical Mission Trip to Brazil**. February 7-17-2018. Kim and Carol are participating in the trip along with some of their co-workers. The sponsoring organization is Central Brazil Mission. They will be in a boat riding on the Amazon River and tributaries offering medical assistance, as well as giving out medications. If you are interested in giving a monetary donation, the check should be payable to New Day Christian Fellowship.

If you would like to be a part of this journey, there are several items you can donate. Although the list is long, we can focus on a few items. One big item, would be suitcases, you no longer need, as these are filled with supplies and left, in Brazil. Other items include vitamins: for babies, children & adults (no Gummy vitamins), Ibuprofen, Vicks and muscle rub creams, adult and children cough drops or medicine, peanut butter, Duct tape and ace wraps. There is a box in the hallway to collect items until February 2nd.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Keep Wanda Shumakxr in your prayers this week.
- Megan Robinaxgh was in hospital in Columbus. Pray for her health.
- Lee Jordan was diagnosed with esophageal cancer this week. He will have a PET scan at the James on Thursday. Jordxns will get the results of the scan at an appointment on January 22nd.
- Pray for Nancy Bittikofxr who had surgery again this past week.
- Mark and Polly Thomxs' former neighbor, Lena Ellen Orgxn, 90, died Thursday, January 4, 2018. She and her husband, George were like grandparents to the Thomxs' girls.
- The recent Gifts Discernment nominations were affirmed by the congregation. The labels with the additional appointments are in your mailboxes. Place the label in the back of your church directory where our leaders are listed (pages 18-21).

Confession

O God,

your light has come. Your glory risen,
and your brightness has dawned
illuminating not only the way of the magi,
but our paths.

From your fullness we have received grace upon grace
as your mystery has been revealed
and your presence made known,
Now we too are called to arise, shine,
and return by another road.

Yet we confess that
instead of lifting our eyes and searching diligently,
instead of walking with boldness and confidence,
instead of revealing and proclaiming your presence,
we cling to what we have and know,
and we continue on our old, familiar ways home.

We are frightened by the unknown,
and by the darkness that covers the earth.

Forgive us.

(pause for silence)

Words of Assurance

O God, Emmanuel,

In Jesus, the Christ, you have come among us.

You have given us life, and we are restored.