

**Contributions for Ahmed Tarik:** Ahmed, the Iraqi student we supported this school year, is wrapping up his first year at EMU's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding. He is in need of financial assistance for his second year. To contribute, please make your check to Bethel Mennonite and write "Iraqi Student" on the memo line. An update on Ahmed is on the bulletin board.



# 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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## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 67  
Worship Attendance 93

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

## OUR THANKS TO

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Sharon Showalter

### NURSERY:

**Today:** Tara Stanford

**Next week:** Dena Hostetler

### GREETERS:

**Today:** Chuck & Carol Buck

**Next week:** Joe & Donna Lehman

### SOUND OPERATOR:

**Today:** Larry Evans

**Next week:** Mark Kauffman

### MEDIA OPERATOR:

**Today:** Savannah Hostetler

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**Tech Coordinator:** Todd Hostetler

## *Through the Bible in a Year – Of Kings & Prophets*

### **Preparing**

By praying together

Infant Nursery @ 8:45a.m.

### **Gathering**

Welcome & Call to Worship  
Prelude  
Psalm 4 & Opening Prayer  
Gathering Hymns

Jerry and Barb Landes  
Kathy Graber  
Carl Newcomer

### **Proclaiming**

Children's Story  
Scripture- I Samuel 15:10-23

Jerry Landes

**Message "Of Kings and Prophets: The Fall of Saul"**

**Pastor Dave Maurer**

### **Praising**

With our offerings  
& Offertory  
With Choruses

Pat Yoder  
Annie Steiner and Team

### **Sharing**

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses  
Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Dave Maurer

### **Sending**

Benediction  
Sending hymn

Pastor Dave

*Celebrating 125 Years*

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** — Sunday School  
**10:40 a.m.** — Worship Service  
**Noon** – Trip to Dayton Peace Museum  
**3:00 p.m.** — Abraham's Lot & God's GIRLS  
**6:00 p.m.** — Youth and Mentors

### TUESDAY

**9:15 a.m.** – Women's Bible Study  
**12:00 p.m.** — ~~Peace & Justice Lunch cancelled.~~  
**4:00 p.m.** — Lifetouch Portrait Reshoot Date

### WEDNESDAY

**4:15 p.m.** — Our Daily Bread

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** — Sunday School  
**10:40 a.m.** — Worship Service— Alvin Yoder speaks on 2 Sam. 7:11-19  
**12:00 p.m.** — Potluck and Sharing Time with Alvin  
**3:30 p.m.** — Mastersingers Community Choral Performance

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Abraham's Lot meets today at 3 pm.** Mark will bring boys home following the meeting.

**Youth & Mentors meet tonight at 6 pm.** Gary & Stephen bring snacks.

**Deadline for the May Newsletter is tomorrow, April 20<sup>th</sup>.** Please submit stories, photos etc. to Tesa by email or in her mailbox.

**Next Sunday as we welcome Alvin Yoder back,** we invite you to be thinking of memories of their time at Bethel to share at the potluck.

**Baptism Class:** Pastor Dave is planning to offer a baptism class. Please contact Pastor Dave if you are interested in participating.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) Annual Gathering** is July 19-21, 2015, immediately prior to Mennonite World Conference Global Assembly in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The theme is "Walking Together for Healthy Communities." Go to [www.mennohealth/gathering](http://www.mennohealth/gathering), for more information, email [info@mennohealth.org](mailto:info@mennohealth.org), or call toll-free to 1-888-406-3643. Final registration deadline: June 28, 2015.

**The seniors at Green Hills need assistance moving** to temporary housing during renovations. Moving days are Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> on weekdays. If you can volunteer, please contact Jessica at 650-7131.

**Congregational Business Meeting** council is calling for a congregational business meeting following the worship service on Sunday, May 3. The purpose is to discuss and decide on an alternative restructure proposal. Additional information is available through e-mail or in your boxes.

**Interested in connecting with Anabaptist churches from all over the world?** An exciting new Serving and Learning Together (SALT) opportunity is available for a young adult to serve alongside Mennonite World Conference in Bogota, Colombia, as Web Communications Coordinator. Application closing date is May 1. More information about this year-long service opportunity is available at [mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/saltyamen-web-communications-coordinator](http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/saltyamen-web-communications-coordinator).

**Through the Bible in a Year Reflection Questions:** as we journey through the Bible this year, here are a few questions to reflect upon in your reading. More may be found at Pastor Dave's blog (<http://thequest.blogspot.com/>). A complete list of daily readings is available from the office. **Apr 20-26:**

- David went up to Hebron and was anointed King of the tribe of Judah. He also reached out to those who had buried Saul. Throughout Saul's life and even after his death, David continued to show consistent love and respect for Saul and his family. Are there modern day examples of political rivals functioning in this way? How might this approach change our global atmosphere?
- Abner, the commander of Saul's army made Saul's son, Ish-Bosheth, king of Israel while Judah remained loyal to David. This led to fighting between the two groups and their military leaders Abner and Joab. In what ways do we still experience "infighting" within the people of God today? How might these stories be instructive to us?

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Mary Yxder** as she has surgery this Wednesday.
- **Pray for Cindy Kxxffman** as she recovers from having several teeth pulled this past week.
- **Father Patrick Shxridan** pastor at St. Patrick's Church. Fr. Pat is beginning chemo for a bone marrow transplant.
- **JCS International, the umbrella agency through which Mennonite Mission Network ministers in Mongolia,** is searching for an executive director as Kwai Lin Stephens won't be renewing her role. Pray that the person God is calling will say, "Yes."