

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."

LAST WEEK

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomas

NURSERY:

Today: Dena Hostetler

Next week: Beth Maurer

GREETERS:

Today: Joe & Donna Lehman

Next week: Joe & Donna Lehman

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Mark Kauffman

Next week: Mark Kauffman

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Savannah Hostetler

Next week: Brody Robinaugh

Quasquicentennial Sunday with Alvin Yoder

Preparing

By praying together

Infant Nursery @ 8:45a.m.

Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Dave Maurer

Prelude

Bill Barrett

Psalms 23 & Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymns

Byron Kauffman

Proclaiming

Scripture- 2 Samuel 7:11c-19

Message "The Reign Continues..." Pastor Alvin Yoder

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory

Ellen Steiner

With Choruses

Bill Barrett and Team

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Dave Maurer

Sending

Benediction

Pastor Dave

Sending hymn

Celebrating 125 Years

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THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School
10:40 a.m. — Worship Service
12:00 p.m.—Potluck and Sharing Time with Alvin
3:30 p.m. — Mastersingers Community Choral Performance

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.—Youth Group Progressive Dinner

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School
10:40 a.m. — Worship Service— Pastor Dave Speaks on 2 Samuel 12:1-13
12:00 p.m.—Potluck, followed by Congregational Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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.

Blood Drive May 8th – We will host our next blood drive on Friday, May 8th from 11-5. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help with set-up, host, donate refreshments, and/or donate blood.

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, for more information, Final registration deadline: June 28, 2015.

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

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes invites participants to join a learning tour to Palestine and Israel taking place November 9-21, 2015. Participants will learn about the current conflict and realities, meet with Palestinian and Israeli peacemakers, and return home prepared to engage in education and advocacy. For more information or to register, visit mcc.org/gl-israel or contact Eric at EricKurtz@mcc.org or 574-534-4133. Registration with a deposit is due by June 15.

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.

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 27-May 3:**

- Joab fought against Rabbah of the Ammonites and when he was close to winning, he sent word to David. In his message he said, "Now muster the rest of the troops and besiege the city and capture it. Otherwise I will take the city, and it will be named after me." Was Joab stating the obvious, threatening David, or being playful? Why did he say it in this way?
- Amnon became obsessed with his sister Tamar. With counsel from Jonadab, he devised a way to get her away from everyone and took advantage of her, even after she suggested that she become his wife first. After sinning against her, he sent her away. Reread the story of David and Bathsheba ([2 Samuel 11:2-27](http://2Samuel11:2-27)). What are the similarities and differences between these two stories?

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Mary Yxder** as she recovers from surgery.
- **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.
- **Today, DOOR Denver is hosting its annual Cinco de Mayo festival fundraiser.** Pray that relationships will deepen as three churches minister to their community through food, local performers, and children's activities. DOOR is a Mennonite Mission Network partner.

Bethel Summer Sunday School Combined Classes

For this summer we are planning two 6-week studies followed by the Church Picnic on August 30th. From June 5 to July 12 we will be looking at a series of lessons about the model of church life that the Restructuring Committee has been considering based on Ephesians 4. Then from July 19 to August 23 the Peace and Justice group will be leading a series of lessons on how to relate to returning veterans.

Ephesians 4 tells us that God has given every one of us grace, and that he gave some Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Shepherds and Teachers (APEST). The Bible tells us about the spiritual gifts that God has given to us (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; 1 Peter 4). However in Ephesians 4 we are the gifts God has given to the church. We will look at what it means to be called as an Apostle, Prophet ... in turn, followed by a discussion of what your personal APEST profile may mean to the life of Bethel.

7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

For the second series we will be looking at the **Returning Veterans, Returning Hope: Seeking Peace Together** Sunday-school curriculum!

These lessons are designed to help congregations think both theologically and practically about healing from the trauma of war, and learning the meaning of Jesus' way of peace. The lessons assume that peace churches and military veterans could benefit greatly by walking this path together.



Help get Camp Luz ready for summer! Work Day is scheduled for next Saturday, May 2. Work for a few hours or the whole day (8am-3pm) lunch is provided, please RSVP for lunch.



Today is the last day to reserve your group ticket for the Dragons game on June 19. See Art Newcomer today if you want tickets!

You're invited to a concert!

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