

LAST WEEK

Children's Sunday School 59
Worship Attendance 70

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Sharon Showalter

NURSERY:

Today: Tara Sanford

Next week: Elaine Newcomer

GREETERS:

Today: Dennis & Sharon Showalter **Next Week:** Byron & Barb Kauffman

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Brody Robinaugh

Next week: Mark Kauffman

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Savannah Hostetler

Next week: Brody Robinaugh

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*"Jesus compels us to experience and extend the gracious rule of God
by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

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Through the Bible in a Year – Baptism Sunday

Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship

Jerry Landes

Prelude

Bill Barrett

Psalm 15 & Opening Prayer

Gathering Choruses

Beth Maurer and Team

Sharing

Of our offerings & Offertory

James Lockridge

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Dave

Proclaiming

Scripture- Ezekiel 34:11-24

Message "The Lost Sheep, the Good Shepherd, and the Goats"

Pastor Dave Maurer

Special Music "The Unclouded Day"

Baptismal Vows

Opening Words

Pastor Dave

Unison Reading of Membership Commitment (see insert)

Sharing – Stephen Hostetler, Gary Lehman (mentor), &

Dena Hostetler (mother)

– Elam Maurer, Todd Hostetler (mentor), &

Beth Maurer (mother)

Charge to the Candidates

Pastor Dave

Congregational Response (see insert)

Song of Procession – SJ #79 "As I went down to the river"

*(The baptism will be in the south end of the river. All those who are
able are invited to walk over to the river in a procession.)*

The Act of Baptism

Pastor Dave

Prayer and Reception

Pastor Cheryl

Closing Hymn – HWB #118 "Praise God from whom"

*At the conclusion of the baptism, all are invited to celebrate with us
in our church picnic in the main pavilion at the Park.*

Celebrating 125 Years

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TODAY

No Sunday School

10:00 a.m. — Worship Service & Baptism at Lion's Park

12:00 p.m.—Annual Church Picnic at Lion's Park

WEDNESDAY

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.—West Liberty Cares

7:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

FRIDAY

8:30a.m. - Vendor's Breakfast

6:30 p.m.—Community Pizza Night

8:15 p.m. – Community Movie Night

SATURDAY – Sausage Booth

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY – Sausage Booth

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service w/ Pastor Dave Maurer speaking

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Care—If you are in need of pastoral care Aug 31 – Fri. Sept 4, please contact Chuck Swartz.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the lobby for West Liberty Cares for the month of September. Please donate food and volunteer!

Community Pizza and Movie Night! Join us Friday night @ 6:30PM for pizza from the wood fired oven. The community is welcome as are chips and lawn chairs. Then at 8:15PM we will be showing an outdoor movie (weather permitting) about a galaxy far, far away... Tune in with your radio and watch from your car.

We need you! Needed—3 teachers for the Primary SS Dept. Is God calling you to help nurture our children? Please contact Elaine Newcomer as soon as possible. We need teachers by Sept.

Two 13 week sessions of Grief Support begin at West Liberty United Methodist Church on Mondays at 10 a.m. starting August 31st, and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting September 1st. There is a \$5 registration fee. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support offering help, encouragement and hope. Call 441-3592 for more information.

Professional dance instructor Kristie Waltz is at Jubilee every Thursday from September 10th through October 15th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Whether you have never danced before or just want to brush up on your steps, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn the basics for dances like the Waltz and Foxtrot. The cost for the six weeks is \$75 per couple. Please contact Pastor Tony at the office (592-8101) or on his cell (419-551-1107) to register by August 30th. Classes are open to the community.

Missional Discipleship Groups: A few weeks ago, Pastor Dave shared about Life Transformation Groups in his sermon. Bethel, Oak Grove and South Union are partnering with Mennonite Mission Network to launch a cohort of groups in our area this fall. Additional information is in your mailboxes about Missional Discipleship Groups. If you are interested in participating and/or facilitating such a group, please sign up in the foyer. A one hour training webinar will take place on Wed. Sept. 16 at 7PM.

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. **Aug 31-Sept 6:**

- In Ezekiel 37, we read of the prophet's vision of dry bones. What was the original significance of this vision? What might it have to say to us today?
- We also read of the vision of the two sticks. What was this meant to symbolize for the people? What symbols has God used to communicate a message to you? What did they mean? Were you able to live into that reality?

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Baylee Knxx.** Thank you for your continued prayers
- **Madeline Stxxner** as she recovers from her surgery.
- **Pray for Cindy Kxxffman**
- **Pray for Dennis Hxstetler**
- **Pray for the community of Bellefontaine** and for all those affected by the deaths of the three children.
- **Pray for all of the teachers and students** who will be returning to school in the coming weeks.
- **Pray for Ohio Conference** as credentialed leaders meet on Wednesday to discuss direction in the coming months.
- **Tomorrow, Mennonite Mission Network's DOOR Dwell participants** will arrive in the cities they will call home for the coming year. Pray for them as they reflect on the challenges they will encounter and as they celebrate life in community.