

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 51
Worship Attendance 81

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemer

NURSERY:

Today: Open

Next week: Tara Sanford

GREETERS:

Today: Dennis & Sharon Showalter **Next Week:** Dick & Nellie Lindemer

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Mark Kauffman

Next week: Larry Evans

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Savannah Hostetler

Next week: Savannah Hostetler

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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 – Psalms

Preparing

By praying together

Infant Nursery @ 8:45a.m.

Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship

Alex & Michael

Prelude

Bill Barrett

Psalm 66 & Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymns

Byron Kauffman

Proclaiming

Scripture- Psalm 86 & 139

Message "Psalms: Making Faith Real" Pastor Dave Maurer

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance: Psalm 103

Praising

Psalm 145:9-16

With our offerings

& Offertory

Pat Yoder

With Choruses

Annie Steiner and Team

Sharing

MCC Prayer Litany

P & J Lunch

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Psalm 61 & Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Dave Maurer

Sending

Benediction: Psalm 67

Pastor Dave

Sending hymn

Celebrating 125 Years

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School
10:40 a.m. — Worship Service
6:00 p.m.-- Graduation Tea

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m.— Women's Bible Study
~~12:00 p.m.— Peace & Justice Lunch~~ CANCELED
7:00 p.m. - MC USA Prayer Service and Webinar

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.—ADCO

NEXT SUNDAY—Pentecost

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School
10:40 a.m. — Worship Service w/ Anointing— Pastor Dave on Proverbs

LOOKING AHEAD

The Graduation Tea is this evening at 6:00 p.m. Please join us as we honor our high school graduates, Alex Steiner and Michael Lehman.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Logan County churches: Please join us to kick-off the 2015 build with a simple meal of soup, bread, and fruit hosted by Jubilee Mennonite Church and Habitat for Humanity of Logan County, Ohio. Learn about this year's Habitat builds, how you can help, or how Habitat might serve your church families. Please rsvp to jnapplaw@aol.com by June 1

HELP NEPAL: Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) requests donations to support its response to the earthquake that shook Nepal. Focusing its initial emergency response on hard-hit rural communities, MCC is providing food, tarps, blankets and cooking pots and utensils. A longer-term response will be determined as MCC and its partners assess the situation. Donations may be made through Bethel with "Nepal" on the memo line.

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.

You're invited! The congregation is welcome to attend Michael's graduation open house at our home on Saturday May 30th, 4-7 pm. – Gary & Kathy Lehman

You're invited! The congregation is welcome to attend Rebekah Snyder's graduation open house at 13549 Taylor Rd. Plain City on Saturday May 30th, 4-8 pm. – Darryl and Missy

Are you interested in what will be taking place at the Delegate Assembly this summer? If so, join with others on Tuesday, May 19 in preparation for the upcoming convention. The evening will provide two options with preparation, through prayer and via Webinar. You may come for one or both. 7:00 – 8:00 pm Prayer through scripture, silence and song, followed by an introduction to the Webinar at 8:15 and at 8:30 pm, the Webinar with Ervin Stutzman, director of MC USA.

Carl & Elaine Newcomer are the proud grandparents of Yishai (yee-shy) Joseph born May 6th to Ron & Lisa Denlinger. Yishai was 8# 11 oz. and 21 inches long. His name is Hebrew for Great Gift from God.

Thank You! The families of Ruth Hostetler Craig would like to thank you for the delicious meal and loving service. You truly are a caring church family. Ella Mae, Paul, and Nellie

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. **May 18-24:**

- The end of I Chronicles and the beginning of II Chronicles make it sound like the establishment of Solomon's throne was a pretty simple process. Yet in I Kings 2 we read of Adonijah and his subversive attempt to work through Bathsheba. Did Solomon need to respond the way that he did? Were there other ways that this could have been handled? Why did this request come as such a threat to Solomon?
- Solomon asked for wisdom and received that and more. Over the course of his rule, did his wisdom serve him well? Were their ways in which his wisdom fell short or even misled him?

A Litany of Prayer for the Ministry of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Reader 1: MCC has been working in Nepal since the 1950's and is currently responding to the needs of persons affected by recent earthquakes. They provide humanitarian assistance through partnering agencies by supplying food, blankets, tarps, flashlights, water treatment supplies, soap, and kitchen utensils.

Congregation: We lift up in prayer the many in Nepal who suffer as the result of recent earthquakes. Give courage and safety to the MCC partnering agencies as they work diligently to provide assistance to the earthquake victims of Nepal.

Reader 2: Three point nine million people in South Sudan are in need of food assistance due to the ongoing crisis there. Violence has prevented farmers from planting for the next growing season. The United Nations says the country is on the brink of a humanitarian catastrophe.

Congregation: We lift up in prayer the people of South Sudan who suffer from both a lack of food and from the trauma of displacement to nearby countries resulting from the ongoing crisis. Encourage MCC's partnering agencies as they work to provide both food and trauma alleviation for the Sudanese who are displaced and/or in refugee camps.

Reader 1: Fighting has been taking place in the Palestinian refugee camp of Yarmouk near Damascus, Syria. As militants from the Islamic State Group battle armed groups and Syrian government forces, civilians are caught in the middle. Eighteen thousand Syrian and Palestinians alike at Yarmouk live in profound fear, desperate for security, food, and water. It is virtually impossible for civilians to leave Yarmouk as any attempt to move about in the open brings high risk.

Congregation: We lift up in prayer Syrian and Palestinian civilians who are suffering as a result of political decisions. Guide and protect those who work at MCC's partnering agencies to bring relief to these refugee families.

Reader 2: May 17-18 are designated days of "Prayer and Action for Columbia" and so today, we stand in solidarity with brothers and sisters in Columbia to support peace with truth and justice for all Columbians. Peace talks between the U.S. government and Columbia's largest guerrilla group have been moving forward. It is crucial that U.S.

policies are transformed to support a lasting peace which addresses humanitarian needs and strengthens civilian institutions. There is still much work to be done as the peace accords have not yet been signed.

Congregation: We lift up in prayer all those who are working for peace these days in Columbia and for all those who are working to transform policies which would hopefully bring about lasting peace for all Columbians.

Reader 1: Because multiple situations of crisis around the world have depleted MCC's warehouse inventory of kits, they are in urgent need...and are currently requesting:
2,000 Relief kits
8,000 Hygiene kits 2,000 Blankets

Congregation: We lift up in prayer the personnel of MCC as they offer relief, development, peace and justice in the name of Christ. Guide their discernment of where to begin and how to proceed. Bless their hands-on ministry around the world as they share God's love and compassion by comforting families facing disaster. Help us to do our part beyond praying in assisting MCC through making kits, comforters or monetary donations.

All: May the fullness of God's shalom prevail through the in breaking of God's kingdom presence in all that we do and say in the name of Christ. Amen

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Ken Shxnk** as he has back surgery on May 21.
- **Pray for Eleanor Shxmaker** as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.
- **Pray for Mary Yxder** as she recovers at Mercy Hospital.
- **Pray for the family of Bill Hxnry** who passed away this week.
- **Pray for Cindy Kxxfman** as she has additional teeth removed.
- **Pray for Rick Nrxviel** as he recovers from back surgery.
- **Pray for Adam and Jeanette Strode of Mennonite Mission Network** as they continue to develop cultural and language competency in Thailand. Pray with them for the ability "to conduct a Bible study and share the gospel in a way that would be intellectually and spiritually significant" to their Thai neighbors.
- **Pray for MC USA** as leaders and delegates prepare to meet for convention this summer.