

LAST WEEK

Worship Attendance 66
Sunday School 49

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Landes

NURSERY:

Today: Elaine Newcomer **Next week:** Barb Landes

GREETERS:

Today: Chuck & Carol Buck **Next Week:** Dennis & Sharon Showalter

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Brody Robinaugh **Next week:** Mark Kauffman

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Annie Steiner **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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Quasquicentennial Sunday with Youth Ministry

Preparing

By praying together Infant Nursery @ 8:45a.m.

Gathering

Pre-worship Music James Lochridge and Team
Gathering Choruses
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Pastor Cheryl

Proclaiming

Scripture- Mark 6:30-44 Daniel Showalter
Drama "Step Right Up" Suzy & Brice Hostetler
Message "A Foretaste of the Kingdom" **Pastor Rick Stoner**

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory Kathy Graber
With Hymns Byron Kauffman

Sharing

Former Youth Pastor Greetings Daniel & Suzy
Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses
Pastoral Prayer & Teacher Commissioning Pastor Dave Maurer

Sending

Benediction Pastor Dave
Sending hymn

Celebrating 125 Years

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School
10:40 a.m. — Worship Service w/ Pastor Rick Stoner speaking
12:00 Noon—Potluck and visit with the Stoners

TUESDAY

12:00 Noon —Peace & Justice

WEDNESDAY

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.—West Liberty Cares
7:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.—ADCO

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast
12:00 Noon—West Liberty Cares

NEXT SUNDAY – Shalom Sunday

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School
10:40 a.m. — Worship Service w/ Pastor Dave Maurer speaking
12:00 Noon—Peace & Justice Sack Lunch Discussion on Israel & Palestine

LOOKING AHEAD

For pastoral care needs Sept 14-17 contact Carl Newcomer Sept. 14-15, and Chuck Swartz Sept. 16-17.

Israel & Palestine Discussion Next Sunday, the Peace and Justice Lunch invites you to bring a sack lunch for after the service. We will eat together, watch the video, “With God on Our Side,” and discuss it together.

Bring the Word! Remember the days of the bench when a group of several preachers decided on Sunday morning which one of them would bring the message for the day? What would it look like today to have three pastors under 40 given a passage shortly before they are asked to give a 5-7 minute extemporaneous meditation to the congregation? Join us to find out! Sunday, September 27th at 7PM @ South Union.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please finalize and submit your annual reports to Tesa by Sept. 20th.

Please remember our college students as they begin their fall sessions:
Michael L. @ Alex S. @
Bluffton University Goshen College

Sermon Response Committee: in follow-up to Pastor Dave's annual review, the review committee has assembled a sermon response committee that will work with Pastor Dave in sharing suggestions and feedback to his sermons. If you have thoughts or feedback to Pastor Dave's sermons, please contact Chuck Swartz, Harry Graber, or Ellen Steiner.

Missional Discipleship Groups: 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 at Oak Grove.

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. **Sept 14-20:**

- The story of Esther is familiar to many of us. How does reading it in the context of Ezra inform or shape your reading of this story?
- Describe King Xerxes. How does he compare to other kings in the Bible? How does he compare to modern rulers in our world?
- Queen Vashti was commanded by the king to appear before the people and the nobles, but she refused. What do you imagine her reason for refusing was? The king's advisers instruct him on what he must do. What motivation for their advice is evident in their response?

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Baylee Knxx.** Thank you for your continued prayers
- **Pray for those who are struggling with depression** and the ones who love them.
- **Pray for all of the teachers and students** who will be returning to school in the coming weeks.
- **Pray for Syria,** for the 10.6 million refugees (about 50% of the population), and for those who remain.