



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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Christian Education Dedication Prayer

Leader: Lord of the living and the dead, as we enter another year of learning, we ask you to help us find our roots in the story of your people.

People: Whether we are teachers or learners, help us to live in the Lord and to thankfully reflect your mercy, grace, and steadfast love.

Leader: Bless those who teach by helping them teach with godly wisdom. Bless those who learn by inspiring them to see you at work through your servants.

People: Bless all places of learning so that your children proclaim, “We are the Lord’s.” Amen.

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 58
Worship Attendance 87

Your giving empowers our collective work for God’s purpose. Thanks!

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Kauffman (465-0126)

NURSERY:

Today: Dena & Savannah Hostetler

Next week: Tara Sanford

GREETERS:

Today: Chuck & Jeanie Swartz

Next week: Todd & Dena Hostetler

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Brody Robinaugh

Next week: Mark Kauffman

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Annie Steiner

Next week: Savannah Hostetler

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Stories of God’s People – Nicodemus Christian Education Sunday

Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship

Ellen Steiner

Leader: Welcoming God, we are so glad for the wideness of your mercy.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

Leader: We worship you, Lord, for you see into our hearts.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

Leader: The Lord says, “As I live, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, give thanks, and worship this great God.

Prelude

Pat Yoder

Psalms 103:1-13 & Opening Prayer

Gathering Choruses

Janet Wilkins and Team

Proclaiming

First Grade Bibles

Dena Hostetler

Josiah Maurer and Hayden Sanford

Christian Education Dedication Prayer (*see back of bulletin*)

Children’s Story

Beth Maurer

Scripture – John 3:1-9

Message “Nicodemus, a seeker” Pastor Dave Maurer

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory

Kathy Graber

With Hymns

Bill Barrett

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Dave Maurer

Sending

Benediction

Pastor Dave

Sending hymn

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:40 a.m.—Worship Service

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m.—Ladies Bible Study

Noon – Peace and Justice Lunch

WEDNESDAY

Noon—Food Pantry

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.—Joint Council

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. —Men’s Breakfast

Noon—Food Pantry

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service (*Pastor Dave on Luke*)

5:00 p.m.—Youth and Mentors

LOOKING AHEAD

Youth & Mentors meets next Sunday, Sept. 21 at 5 p.m. Meet at Bethel. We will be traveling to Springfield for putt-putt and ice cream. Youth need their own spending money for ice cream. Putt-putt is paid for.

Crop Walk to end hunger is coming October 5th. We have a sign up page to walk, donate or both on the internet, or see Kim Lehman for more. Go to: <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/bethelwl> and support the Crop Walk.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Liberty Cares Food Pantry Bethel is responsible to stock and run the West Liberty Cares Food Pantry for the month of September. Please consider donating food, serving at the pantry and/or giving to the West Liberty Cares Emergency fund through our offering by making your check out to Bethel Mennonite and writing “WL Cares” on the memo line.

Community Support Fund – Recently, we have received a number of requests for financial assistance from our Bethel community support fund. The elders invite you to consider making a donation to this fund through the offering and designating it to “community support.”

Ladies Bible Study Group meets September 16th at 9:15 a.m. at Bethel. Jeannette Hostetler is the teacher.

Youth Ministry @ Bethel –If you are interested in applying for the position, please contact Pastor Dave.

You are invited to hear Don Blosser, former pastor, Goshen College Bible professor, and recent author of “Pastor and Professor”. He will speak at the Bethel Mennonite Church on Sunday, September 28 at 3:00 p.m.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Earl Nxwcomer**, (brother of Art) as he recovers from knee replacement surgery and a heart attack.
- **Pray for Mary Psxlla** as she recovers at home.
- **Pray for Elaine Nxwcomer’s family** as they mourn the loss of Elaine’s father this week.
- **Pray for Beth Mxxrer**, as she recovers.
- **Please pray for Larry Kxrtz**, brother of Kathy Lehman, as he continues to battle cancer.
- **Pray for Barb and Larry Evxns** as they travel to Beijing this weekend. Larry will be teaching in work related seminars.
- **Pray for Justin Shxnk and Valerie Shxwalter**, who serve through Mennonite Mission Network, as they help the Round Chapel, a congregation in London, England, find new ways of engaging the community – a weekly parent-toddler time, and intergenerational sessions of exploring arts and cooking. Pray that people will be drawn to Jesus through these activities.
- **Pray for our Year of Discernment** as we discern God’s direction for youth ministry and gifts discernment.
- **Pray for our denomination and conference** as we discern God’s leading and seek for kingdom opportunities.