

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 62
Worship Attendance 64

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemer

NURSERY:

Today: Tara Sanford **Next week:** Open

GREETERS:

Today: Chuck & Carol Buck **Next Week:** Joe & Donna Lehman

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Larry Evans **Next week:** Brody Robinaugh

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Savannah Hostetler **Next week:** Todd 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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Pulpit Exchange with Oak Grove

Preparing

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

Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship Ellen Steiner
Prelude Kathy Graber
Psalms Ps. 19:7-14 & Opening Prayer
Gathering Hymns Byron Kauffman

Proclaiming

Scripture- Mark 16:15-16

Message "Missional Calling: Up Close and Personal"

Pastor Alex Dye, Associate Pastor, Oak Grove

Mennonite

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory Bill Barrett
With Choruses Bill Barrett and Team

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses
Pastoral Prayer Barb Landes

Sending

Benediction Barb Landes
Sending hymn

Celebrating 125 Years

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service Pulpit Exchange with Oak Grove

7:00 p.m. — Bring the Word! @ South Union

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m.—Green Hills Council of Advisors

WEDNESDAY

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.—West Liberty Cares

FRIDAY

9:30 p.m.—5th Quarter Pizza Night

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY — World Communion Sunday

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Please **finalize and submit your annual reports** to Tesa by **TODAY**. The reports are due in mailboxes next Sunday. Tesa will be finalizing the report on Monday.

Gifts Discernment Affirmation Ballots are due **TODAY**.

World Communion Sunday is on October 4th and the annual business meeting will be Sunday, October 18th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members: On Sunday, October 11th, we look forward to welcoming KJ Schrock and Larry Evans as our newest members at Bethel.

Missional Discipleship Groups: Pastor Dave shared about Life Transformation Groups in his sermons. Bethel, Oak Grove and South Union are partnering with Mennonite Mission Network to launch a cohort of groups in our area this fall. If you are interested in participating and/or facilitating such a group, please sign up in the foyer. Groups will launch on October 11th.

We need volunteers in the media operator booth! Please let Lee Jordan know if you are willing to help out.

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. 28-Oct 4:**

- Why do you imagine that Nicodemus came to Jesus at night?
- In John 3:14, Jesus refers back to Moses lifting up the snake in the wilderness. What is the significance of this imagery? What is Jesus trying to get across here?
- Memorize John 3:30 and incorporate this into your prayer life.
- In John 4, we learn that it was not Jesus who was baptizing but his disciples. What is the significance of this note? What difference might this make?
- Jesus' discussion with the Samaritan woman begins with a discussion of water and then moves much deeper. What do you notice about the way that Jesus engages this woman? What might this teach us about engaging others today?

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Beth Mxxrer** as she will be having a hysterectomy on Thursday, October 1st.
- **Pray for Ken Hxstxtler** as he recovers from hip surgery this week. He is home and doing well.
- **Mennonite Mission Network partners Annette and Paco Castillo** are commissioned by the Mennonite Church in Burgos, Spain, to begin a children's ministry in Ivory Coast. The Castillos, who began the *La Casa Grande* ministry in Benin, request prayer for the children's health and for electricians and plumbers to mentor apprentices.
- **Pray for Syria**, for the 10.6 million refugees (about 50% of the population), and for those who remain.
- **Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem** in the midst of ongoing tensions between Palestinians and Israelis.