



# 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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## *First Sunday of Lent*

### **Preparing**

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

### **Gathering**

Welcome & Call to Worship                      Kathy Lehman  
Prelude                      Pat Yoder  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 & Opening Prayer  
Gathering Choruses                      Janet Wilkins and Team

### **Proclaiming**

Scripture –Jeremiah 17:9  
Message “Speaking from the Heart”                      Guest Speaker Dr. Evan Dixon

### **Praising**

With our offerings & Offertory                      Bill Barrett  
With Hymns                      Bill Barrett

### **Sharing**

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses  
Pastoral Prayer                      Mark Thomas

### **Sending**

Benediction                      Mark Thomas  
Sending hymn                      Bill Barrett

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School                      53  
Worship Attendance                      71

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

## OUR THANKS TO

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Sharon Showalter

### **GREETERS:**

**Today:** Joe & Janet Wilkins                      **Next Week:** Joe & Janet Wilkins

### **SOUND OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Brody Robinaugh                      **Next week:** Lee Jordan

### **MEDIA OPERATOR:**

**Today:** Annie Steiner                      **Next week:** Brody Robinaugh

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<b>Tech Coordinator:</b> Lee Jordan	

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY First Sunday of Lent

8:45 – 9:30 a.m.—Youth Coffee & Treats Fundraiser

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service – with guest speaker, Dr. Evan Dixon

### TUESDAY

9:15 a.m.— Women’s Bible Study

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

### THURSDAY

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

7:00 p.m.—Ohio Conference Cluster Meeting at Oak Grove

### SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—Men’s Breakfast

### NEXT SUNDAY—Second Sunday of Lent

8:45 – 9:30 a.m.—Youth Coffee & Treats Fundraiser

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service – with guest speaker, Dr. Evan Dixon

6:00 p.m.—Youth & Mentors

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The youth are planning to have a coffee & treats table today, as well as February 21st and 28th from 8:45 - 9:45 (or until the beginning of Sunday School). Mark your calendars, come savor some treats, fellowship with the youth, and raise a bit more funds for the MDS service trip in June. This service trip is open to others in the congregation, especially those with construction skills. The cost would be \$50/person for the week. Lodging and meals will be provided. Please contact Dick Lindemer or Cheryl Shank if interested. Cheryl needs to send in the money and numbers serving by beginning of March.

**Community Movie Night** February 20<sup>th</sup>. At 6:30 p.m. We are concentrating on Relief efforts for Syria and Iraq this month. "Inn of the Sixth Happiness" - a classic film from 1959 fits in well...a true story of Gladys Aylward, a woman who felt called to be a missionary in China. Starring Ingrid Bergman as Gladys. Beautifully filmed, it is an endearing story of perseverance, unconditional love, and bridging the gaps that divide us.

MCC News MCC continues to highlight the plight of refugees from Syria and Iraq. The choice for refugees is to attempt the very dangerous trip to Europe or stay where they are and face starvation and inadequate housing. Relief supplies are dwindling and many refugees are desperate. MCC needs more funds to continue their relief efforts. As Bethel’s representative for MCC, I suggest that we set aside February as a time to give to this cause. You have been very generous in the past. Thank you—let’s do it again! Make checks payable to Bethel Church and mark your gift for MCC Syrian relief. See the bulletin insert for more information.—Byron Kauffman

**Youth & Mentors** meets Sunday, Feb. 21st at 6 pm. Sam & Trace are in charge of refreshments.

**Call for actors!** The West Liberty Churches are joining together to present “The Last Supper” drama at Green Hills on Good Friday. Rehearsals will be in March. You will need to memorize a short soliloquy. 4 male speaking parts 1 female speaking part and 2 male silent parts are unfilled. Several rehearsals will be in March. If interested, contact Alex Dye at: 597-3395 as soon as possible.

### Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training, “Train the Trainer”

Wednesday, February 24, 2016, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at Green Hills Foundation Hall. Presenter: Ellen J. Anderson, Ph.D., LPCC-S \$15.00 Registration Fee. Lunch will be provided. Online Registration available ~ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XNSQV9S>

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Ken Shxnk**, recovering from knee surgery on Thursday.
- **Pray for Byron and Barb Kxxffman** as they serve their SOOP mission assignment in Carlsbad, NM in February.
- **Pray for Donald Hxstetler**, he received multiple pelvic fractures when he fell in his room at Green Hills. The family asks for prayers for his recovery.
- **Please pray for Christian Peacemaker Team members and teachers** needing to get through check points and barbed wire barricades to deliver school books to the Ibrahim School in Palestine. To learn more <http://www.cptpalestine.com/>
- **Many weddings occur this time of year in Cambodia due to the cooler, dry season.** On this Valentine’s Day, pray for Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo of Mennonite Mission Network as they mentor young Christian couples and model Christ-centered relationships.