## LAST WEEK

Sunday School Worship Attendance

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

## **OUR THANKS TO**

#### PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomer

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"Jesus compels us to experience and extend the gracious rule of God by the power of the Holy Spirit."

	January	31, 2016	No.	
Preparing				
By praying together		Infant Nursery @	8:45a.m.	
Gathering				
Welcome & Call	to Worship	Donna Lehman		
Prelude		Bill Barrett		
Psalms & Openir	ng Prayer	Donna Lehman		
Gathering Choruses		Bill Barrett and Te	Bill Barrett and Team	
Proclaiming				
Scripture- Matthe	ew 6:21			
Message	667	The Trouble with Trea	sure"	
	With	Guest Speaker Russ M	liller	
Praising				
With our offering	gs & Offertory	Bill Barrett		
With Hymns		Carl Newcomer		
Sharing	acts thanks giving	s & responses		
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## **THIS WEEK**

TODAY 9:30 a.m. —Sunday School 10:40 a.m. — Worship Service – with guest speaker, Russ Miller

TUESDAY 9:15 a.m.—Ladies' Bible Study 3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study—Care Packages

THURSDAY 3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help 7:00 p.m.—Ministry of Worship 7:00 p.m.--ELT

SATURDAY 8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. —Sunday School 10:40 a.m. — Worship Service – with guest speaker, Jerry Landes

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A Call for Talent!** Our next Green Hills Service is February 28. We would like to present a program of Bethel's musical gifts. If you are interested in performing please let Bill Barrett or Tesa Jordan know.

**Call for actors!** The West Liberty Churches are banding 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. There are several speaking and non-speaking roles still available. Several rehearsals will be in March. If interested, contact Alex Dye at: 597-3395as soon as possible.

**Thank you** for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and caring during and after my surgery.—Elaine Newcomer

**Thank you**—I want to say Thank you to the Bethel people for all your concerns and prayers while I was in the hospital and in rehab at Heartland. I am home now and doing well. Also thank you for the warm blanket.—Hilda Yoder

MCC News Information from 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 is in need of more funds to continue their relief efforts. As Bethel's representative for MCC, I'm suggesting 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. Thank you—Byron Kauffman

#### 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 ~ <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XNSQV9S</u>

# **PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES**

- **Pray for the family of Lloyd Fxsher**, age 97, as they mourn his passing. Lloyd died Tuesday at Glencroft Retirement Community in AZ. He is the brother of Ruby Byler, and is also survived by a son, 2 grandsons, 2 great grandchildren and a brother.
- **Pray for Mark Thxmas** recovering from a foot injury.
- **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. He is now Riverside Hospital in Columbus. The family asks for prayers for his recovery.
- **Pray for Mennonite Mission Network personnel and their colleagues in Nepal** as they share the good news of God's providence through the creation of small businesses, including a coffee shop. Praise God for the success of this hospitality ministry that is prospering and giving hope to many visitors.
- Please pray for Yonatan Shapari an Israeli military veteran, who along with other Israeli ex-soldiers and Palestinian ex-militants has started an organization called "Combatants for Peace." Quoting from Shapari's experience in starting "Combatants for Peace" he says "stepping into a room with people who once wanted to kill you --- and you were supposed to kill them---was one of the most significant experiences I ever had in my life." You can find Shapari's story in the October 2015 periodical, The Mennonite.

#### **Mennonite Central Committee** Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ



Like many Syrians, Hannah and her eight children found shelter in the neighboring country of Jordan, where MCC supplied her with relief kits and blankets. (Last name not used for security reasons.)

# Help Syrian families Donate to MCC

As families face the wrenching choice of risking their lives by leaving Syria or by staying, MCC's rent assistance, food and job training help those who want to stay near home to continue to survive.

### **Donate today**

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