



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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Preparing

By praying together Infant Nursery @ 9:15a.m.

Gathering

Welcome & Psalm 96 Bill Barrett
Prelude Pat Yoder
Gathering Choruses Janet Wilkins and Team

Proclaiming

Scripture—**Numbers 20: 1-13**
Message “Sticks & Stones” **Guest Speaker, Larry Evans**

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory Kathy Graber
With Hymns Byron Kauffman

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses
Pastoral Prayer Chuck Swartz

Sending

Benediction Chuck Swartz
Sending hymn

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 41
Worship Attendance 61

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomer

GREETERS:

Today: Larry & Barb Evans **Next Week:** Doug & Ellen Steiner

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Annie Steiner **Next week:** Lee Jordan

SOUND OPERATOR:

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

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Tech Coordinator: Lee Jordan		

THIS WEEK

TODAY – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. —Worship Service, with guest speaker, Larry Evans

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m.—Mennonite Women

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

7:00 p.m.—Ministry of Worship

7:00 p.m.—Elder Leadership Team

SATURDAY-Newsletter & Calendar Deadline for April

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast

6:30 p.m.—Community Movie Night

NEXT SUNDAY—Palm Sunday

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. —Worship Service, with guest speaker, Bill Shumaker

6:00 p.m.—Youth & Mentors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Peace Gathering in Kidron Ohio: You are invited to join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes for an informative day of workshops, worship and dialogue on Saturday, April 16. MCC staff will join other invited presenters in leading public workshops on incarceration, conflict transformation education, immigration and racial profiling. Following the seminars, there will be a question and answer time with all the presenters. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with worship and conclude at 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The Peace Gathering will take place at Kidron Mennonite Church (3987 Co Hwy 52/Kidron Rd., Kidron, OH 44636). For more information and to RSVP, visit mcc.org/gl-peace or contact Jorge Vielman, Peace & Justice Coordinator, at 574-534-4133.

The Living Last Supper will be at 6:30 pm March 25th at Green Hills.

This is a West Liberty community church-wide event, with members from many of our local churches cast in the roles as well as a youth from Adriel. Kim Lehman is Mary, mother of Jesus and Tesa Jordan is Mary Magdalene. Please put it on your calendar! (Note: this is a different time than is printed on your church calendar!)

Community Movie Night is Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm. We will show 1956 Movie Classic "FRIENDLY PERSUASION" Starring Gary Cooper, Dorothy McGuire & Anthony Perkins. The pacifist attitude of a Quaker family is tested as a result of the American Civil War. A children's film will also be available. Please sign up if you can help with refreshments!

Youth and Mentors will meet next Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Dick & Daniel are in charge of snacks.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director is responsible for the program, staff and budget of the Great Lakes region. This person will represent MCC Great Lakes within the broader MCC system, within the constituent churches of the region and actively collaborate with other MCC entities. The position includes involvement in everything from fund raising to program development to informal conversations to policy discussions. For more info visit serve.mcc.org or contact Susan Wadel at 717-552-5785. Deadline to apply is March 14.

Time to make your summer plans! Central Committee's Sharing with Appalachian People (SWAP) program is seeking summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor to accomplish quality home remodels/repairs, while meals coordinators plan balanced, nutritional meals for volunteers. Summer staff are a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff vary in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more information go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela at 606-633-5065.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Please pray for Trace Rxbinaugh.** He fell and broke his elbow this week at school.
- **Please pray for owners of small shops on Shuhada Street, Hebron, Palestine.** Due to the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine their shops have been shut down depriving them of their livelihood. You can read their story on the Jewish Voices for Peace.
- **Praise God for Mennonite Mission Network partners** in Mongolia and the Mongolian Prayer Movement that began four years ago. Pray with Christians in Mongolia as they desire to send mission teams to each of the 40 modern-day countries that once made up Genghis Khan's vast 13th-century empire.