

You are invited to a Lenten soup meal and prayer service at Jubilee Mennonite Church, Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30. The meal will be followed by a service of prayer for our community and the vulnerable persons at this time in our nation and the world. Please RSVP to the church (592-8101) by Sunday March 5 if you plan to attend the meal. All are welcome.



Bethel Mennonite Church

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

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 44
Worship Attendance 65

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Landes

GREETERS:

Today: Jerry & Barb Landes

Next Week: Chuck & Carol Buck

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled

Next week: unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Larry Evans

Next week: unfilled

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Elders: Steve Lapp, Barb Landes, Kathy Lehman, KJ Schrock, and Larry Evans

Pastoral Care Team: Barb Landes, Barb Kauffman, Dick Lindemer, Carl Newcomer, Mark Thomas, Chuck Swartz

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Preparing

By praying together

Infant Nursery @ 9:15a.m.

Gathering – Led by Worship Leader Donna Lehman

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship

Psalm 46

Prayer

Praising

Praise Team

Bill Barrett & Team

With our offerings & Offertory

Bill Barrett

Confession of Faith

Cheryl Shank

Praising

Congregational Singing

Byron Kauffman

Proclaiming

Scripture

Colossians 2:6-7

Message “Rooted in the past, growing to the future”

Cheryl Shank

Sharing–Led by Pastoral Care Team Barb Landes

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Sending hymn

Byron Kauffman

Benediction

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship with Cheryl Shank

2:30 pm—Green Hills Community Service

TUESDAY

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast – Liberty Gathering Place

NEXT SUNDAY – LENT I

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship with Larry Evans

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The transitional prayer team is suggesting that the Bethel family makes personal Paul's prayer from Ephesians 3:16-20. Pray that God may strengthen us with power through His spirit in our innermost being so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. Pray that we being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. May we give God the glory as He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work within us. NIV

Administrative Assistant Search – With the resignation of our Administrative Assistant, we are in the process of looking for someone to fill this position immediately. If you have interest in exploring this possibility, please contact Dave Link as soon as possible.

Looking ahead... the Peace and Justice Group suggests contributions to the "Lighthouse Homeless Shelter" in Bellefontaine for a March project. There are currently 2 houses with a capacity of 18 persons. These houses are always full per Deb Storm, who oversees these shelters. Items needed are dish detergent, laundry detergent, toilet paper, blue trash bags (purchased at grocery stores) and monetary donations. (One of the houses has had some "no-frills" renovations with borrowed funds.) Kitchen items and/or furniture useful for setting up an apartment are also requested.

From Peace & Justice Group: Considering these uncertain times and the increased polarization in our country, the Peace and Justice Group invites you personalize Paul's exhortation in Ephesians 6:10-18. Find strength in the Lord, in His mighty power. Put on all the armor God provides, so you can stand up to whatever evil throws your way. Be prepared. Fasten on the belt of truth; the garment of integrity; the gospel of peace, firmly on your feet; the great shield of faith; the helmet of salvation in your hand; and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God. Prayer is essential. Pray in the power of the Spirit and pray for all God's people.

Welcoming Immigrant and Refugees as Neighbors. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. encourages you to consider new ways you can [welcome](#) immigrants and refugees as neighbors in your community. Pray with us for [hearts of love](#) toward one another.

We are bringing back our birthday meals! On Sunday, March 5th, those of you who have birthdays in January, February, and March are invited to a potluck meal after church. Please bring a dish for the potluck. Dessert will be furnished (Cake and Ice Cream).

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Return from Hospital/Thank You!** – Bob Psxxxla returned from the hospital this week after the insertion of one stent in his heart. Jan Sxxxxr returned from the hospital this week after insertion of a stent in her leg. Your prayers were appreciated; please pray for continued healing.
- **Continue to pray for the family of Sara Ellen Sxxxxxs**, who passed on Wednesday, February 15th. Thank you to those who attended yesterday's service to celebrate her life.
- **Praise God for the teaching ministries** of Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig, serving through Mennonite Mission Network. This year, Gary taught in a school in Liberia that re-opened after the Ebola epidemic. Pray that he will find a teaching ministry in Ivory Coast, so the family can be together again.
- **Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio** – Please pray for the Bluffton Choral Society and University Chorale as they perform Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" during the Masterworks Concert at 2:30pm today in Bluffton's Yoder Recital Hall. Give special pray to the high school students who are competing for large music scholarships during the Performing Scholars Competition portion of this event.

Partnering with Mennonite Central Committee

Mennonite Central committee (MCC) is asking that we partner with them to help scores of people rebuild their lives. Over the next 4 Sundays, thru March 5th, monetary donations can be designated for the following needs:

\$30.00 will supply food for a family for 1 month

\$60.00 will provide basic supplies for families in need

\$200.00 will pay for shelter materials

Other MCC projects:

~ Building small businesses to teach new skills and increase income

~ Building wells, dams, and irrigation systems to bring clean water to communities

~ Working for peace in communities torn by war and conflict

~ Distributing school supplies, training teachers, and tutoring students

~ Encouraging the donations of the various kits and/or comforters

~ Support for food programs

~ Monetary donations in any amount...for “as needed”

Contributions may be made through the Bethel church offering (designate MCC on the memo line or envelope).