

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 43
Worship Attendance 50

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Chuck Swartz

GREETERS:

Today: Bob & Kyle VanOsdol **Next Week:** Joe & Janet Wilkins

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next week:** unfilled

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Today: unfilled **Next week:** Brody Robinaugh

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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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Preparing

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

Gathering Led by Worship Leaders, Jerry & Barb Landes

Announcements

Prelude

Janet Wilkins and Team

Welcome & Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing

Bill Barrett

With our offerings & Offertory

Bill Barrett

Confession of Faith

Apostles Creed

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43: 15-21

Commissioning

Cheryl Shank and Chuck Swartz as Interim Pastors

Praising

Congregational Singing

Bill Barrett

Proclaiming

Scripture II Corinthians 5: 17-21; Revelation 21: 1-5

Message "I Am Doing a New Thing; Do You See It?"

Pastor Duane Beck

Sharing, Led by Pastoral Care Team, Mark Thomas

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Sending hymn

Bill Barrett

Benediction

THIS WEEK

TODAY—Commissioning of Interim Pastors

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship with Duane Beck

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study

12 noon—Peace & Justice

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

7:00 p.m.—ELT meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. —Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship with Duane Beck

5:00 p.m.—Congregational Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer groups and summer staff. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve as week-long volunteers. SWAP is also looking for summer staff to serve as job site coordinators and meals coordinators/cooks for three month assignments. 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. Visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

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 beginning the process of looking for someone to fill this position beginning sometime in late February. If you have interest in exploring this possibility, please contact Dave Link as soon as possible.

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.

Budget basics and beyond: Monday, Feb. 20 – 2 or 8 p.m. In this webinar, designed for pastors, church leaders and others interested in church budgets, we’ll discuss what congregations can do to get people excited about giving, what a church budget should do and the four basic church budget models. Presented by Beryl M. Jantzi, Stewardship Education Director. See the Everence website for details.

Welcoming Immigrant and Refugees as Neighbors. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. decries the executive actions on immigration enforcement taken this week by President Trump as well as actions on refugee resettlement expected later. In our society, rejection of the immigrant—“the other”—still runs deep. By building walls and turning away refugees we ignore Christ’s call to care for those in need and to love the newcomer. We encourage you to consider new ways you can [welcome](#) immigrants and refugees as neighbors in your community, and to make your voice heard by [contacting](#) the White House and your members of Congress. Pray with us for [hearts of love](#) toward one another.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Pat Yxder**, mourning the loss of her sister, Julia on Wednesday.
- **Pray for Harry Grxber**, recovering from shoulder surgery on Thursday.
- **Marisa Smucker**, mentor for Mennonite Mission Network’s Journey International team in Indonesia, will spend 12 days with participants beginning this Wednesday, Feb. 8. Pray for safe travel for Marisa and for a good time of reflection with team members.
- **Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana** Pray for Emmaus, Bethany Christian Schools’ performing arts troupe, as they take their program *Buckets Make a Sandcastle* into elementary schools with the message focusing on the unique way each human being is created and the way that we all come together to form one unique creation.

Service of Commissioning
Cheryl Shank and Chuck Swartz as Interim Pastors
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Presentation

L: Brothers and sisters, we are gathered today in the presence of God and this church to commission Cheryl Shank and Chuck Swartz as our Interim Pastors.

Q: Do you believe that you are called by God and this body of Christ for this ministry?

A: I believe I am called.

Q: Will you respect and be guided by the beliefs and practices of the Mennonite church and our Anabaptist faith?

A: I will.

Q: Will you be faithful in deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, meditating on Scripture and serving others.

A: I will.

Q: We need living examples of faithful discipleship. Will you seek to pattern your life after the life and teachings of Jesus?

A: I will.

Q: Will you love us and pray for us so that the forgiving, reconciling love of Christ may be shared in our caring community?

A: I will.

Q: Will you inspire us to do God's mission in our West Liberty community?

L: May the Risen Lord Jesus fill you with the Holy Spirit. May you grow in the gifts and fruit of the Spirit. God's love and mercy are new each morning. Great is God's faithfulness!

P: Amen.

L: Sisters and brothers, will you pray for Chuck and Cheryl? Will you encourage them? (pause) Will you join them and seek to deepen your relationship with Jesus and faithfully pattern your lives after the life and words of Jesus? (pause) Will you join Cheryl and Chuck to be a healthy, caring community where God's gifts of forgiveness and reconciliation freely flow? (pause) Will you join them in God's mission to love the people you meet? (pause)

P: We will. We rely on God's grace and the filling of Holy Spirit to be faithful partners in Christ's ministry.

Prayer of commissioning (congregation is invited to come forward to lay hands on Chuck and Cheryl)