



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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Preparing

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

Gathering – Led by Worship Leader Barb Evxns

Announcements

Prelude Bill Bxrrett

Welcome & Call to Worship Back of bulletin

Prayer

Praising

Praise Bill Barrxtt & Team

With our offerings & Offertory Ellen Stxiner

Confession of Faith Barb Evxns
I Samuel 3: 1-10

Praising

Congregational Singing Byron Kaxffman

Proclaiming

Missions Moment Krista Dxtt

Scripture Matthew 17:1-8

Message “He who has ears to hear, let him hear”
Chuck Swxrtz

Sharing – Led by Pastoral Care Team Mark Thxmas

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Sending hymn Byron Kxuffman

Benediction

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 43 General
Worship Attendance 62 MCC

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Bxrb Kxuffmxn

GREETERS:

Today: Chxck & Carxl Bxck **Next Week:** Byrxn & Bxrb Kxuffmxn

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next week:** unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Brxdy Rxbinaugh **Next week:** unfilled

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Administrative Assistant: Unfilled

Temporary: KJ Schrxck (secretary@bethelchurchwl.org)

Office Hours: W & F by appointment

Elders: Steve Lxpp, Barb Lxndes, Kathy Lxhman, KJ Schrxck, and Larry Evxns

Pastoral Care Team: Barb Lxndes, Barb Kaxffman, Dick Lxndemer,
Carl Newcxmer, Mark Thxmas, Chuck Swxrtz

THIS WEEK

TODAY – Lent II

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship with Chuck Swartz

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. – Women Serving With Love

3:00 p.m. – Bethel Homework Help

SATURDAY

8:00 p.m. – Men’s Breakfast – Liberty Gathering Place

NEXT SUNDAY – LENT III

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship with KJ Schrxck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women Serving with Love meets this Tues, March 14th. The meal will be a Baked Potato Bar. Please bring a fruit for a fruit bowl dessert. Hostesses will be Bxrb Kxuffman and Bxrb Evxns. Devotions led by Sxilly will focus on “Mentoring Others” and the project for the day is Newborn Kits.

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 Larry Evxns as soon as possible.

Fish of a Lifetime!! – From now through April 15th, 50% of the proceeds from the purchase of a Kingdom Talapia sandwich at the Marketplace Café, 130 S. Main St., Bellefontaine, will go to help people in Burkina Faso through our sometime guest speaker Jean-Paxl Tiendrxbeogo’s organization, Kingdom Investment International. Please enjoy some fish to help in this worthy cause. See the bulletin board or kingdominvestment.org for details.

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 Stxrm, 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. There is a box near the church library for donations. Or, please indicate “**Lighthouse Shelter**” on a monetary offering given today or anytime this month.

Everence webinars – The “Basics of Investing” will be held on March 21st at 2pm and 8pm EDT and “Narrative Budgeting: Making numbers come alive” will be held on March 23rd at 2pm and 8pm EDT. For more information or to register contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054.

Maple Syrup – Karl Smxth’s cousin will have New York maple syrup available in late April. Price is \$40 per gallon and you are welcome to “go in” with others if that quantity is more than needed. If you are interested, please make checks payable to **Vern Zxhr** and place in a sealed envelope in Karl’s Bethel mailbox. Please contact Karl with any questions.

Student Aid Fund – Our current college students Michael Lehmxn, Alex Stxiner, and Annie Stxiner will each receive \$4,000 from the Bethel Student Aid Fund for the 2017-2018 school year. Please help us support the education of our next generation of church leaders. You will find a pledge sheet in your mailbox. Please prayerfully consider how much you can help in this mission. Please direct any questions to Mary Newcomer, Lori Lehman, or Chuck Graber.

Mennonite Central Committee is seeking a Young Adult Coordinator: This position, located in Goshen, Ind., coordinates and recruits for MCC Great Lakes young adult programs, including the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP), Summer Service Worker (SSW) program and the Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program. This position connects with Great Lakes' young adult alumni, especially using social media, and creates opportunities for young adults from the Great Lakes region to develop leadership skills. There is particular emphasis, but is not limited to developing and establishing relationships within the Great Lakes constituent churches and communities of color. This position also performs communications tasks such as relating to media, writing and editing, web updates, and promotion. The communication role will include some tasks for Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP). For a full job description, visit mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings. Individuals interested in this position should send a cover letter and current resume when they apply online. For more information or questions, contact Amber Falcxn at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org

AMBS webinar: Migration and Pentecost: Thursday, March 16, 2–3:30 p.m. EDT. Join AMBS in an interactive webinar to discuss these major challenges facing the contemporary church. Facilitator Greg Boyd, a scholar, author, pastor and leading Neo-Anabaptist, will engage Safwat Marzouk, Ph.D., AMBS associate professor of Old Testament, and Jamie Pitts, Ph.D., AMBS assistant professor of Anabaptist studies, on this topic. This webinar is offered by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s Church Leadership Center and is the first of a series of three webinars that Boyd will lead. Cost: \$20 by noon on March 15; \$30 after. Your first AMBS webinar is free of charge! ambs.edu/webinars

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **From Bob Psxlla** – Thank you to all... for your prayers, the pastoral care visits and the gift of a blanket. I’m certain the prayers helped guide the decisions and care of the doctors during my treatment process. I appreciate your concern and walking through this with me more than words can ever express.
- **Cheryl Shxnk** – will have surgery on her cervical spine on March 17th at Orthopedic One surgery center in Columbus. Her shoulder surgery has been postponed to two weeks after that date. Please pray for Chxryl and her surgeon, Dr. Hercxg, and all those who will join in her care.
- **Please be in prayer** – for Pat Yxder who was hospitalized this week due to fatigue. After testing, it was discovered that she has blood clots in her lung and a lump on her liver; there is concern that it may be cancerous. She is undergoing further testing at the James Cancer center at OSU Hospitals. Unfortunately, she is not allowed fresh flowers, however, cards may be sent to the hospital or to her regular local postal mailbox which will be delivered by family; address in the directory.
- **Thanks** to the 25 people who attended the birthday meal celebrating those that were born in January, February and March!! We had a good time together and found out that five of our celebrators had been born at home! It was a special pleasure to have Ruby’s daughters, Rosie and Debbie, with us. Donna Lxhman will coordinate the celebration of those who were born in April, May and June.
- **Please pray for the Constituency Leaders Council meeting**, which takes place in Elkhart, Indiana, March 16-18.
- **Please pray for the Bluffton University Camerata Singers** as they will begin their bi-state tour on Thursday. They will return to campus for a home concert on Sunday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Yoder Recital Hall. Pray that those in attendance of their multiple concerts will hear the message of God through them.

