



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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Congregational Singing	Byron Kaxffman
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Scripture	Isaiah 35: 1-10
Message	“Our Strength” KJ Schrxck
<u>Sharing</u> – Led by Pastoral Care Team	Barb Kaxffman
Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses	
Pastoral Prayer	
<u>Sending</u>	
Sending hymn	Byron Kauffmxn
Benediction	

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance	36	General	\$
Worship Attendance	50	MCC	\$
		Lighthouse Shelter	\$

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindxmer

GREETERS:

Today: Byron & Barb Kauffmxn **Next Week:** Byron & Barb Kauffmxn

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next week:** unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next week:** unfilled

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Pastoral Care Team: Barb Landxs, Barb Kauffmxn, Dick Lindxmer, Carl Newcxmer, Mark Thxmas, Chuck Swartz	

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Cheryl Shxnk** – Had successful surgery on her cervical spine on March 17th at Orthopedic One surgery center in Columbus. Her shoulder surgery will also be two weeks after that date. Thank you for praying for her and continue to pray for Cheryl's full healing.
- **Please be in prayer** – for Pat Yxdxr who returned home after being hospitalized. She welcomes brief visits, but please call first. Thank you for your continued prayers and concern.
- **Pray for high school students** who are considering testing their gifts for ministry and developing their leadership skills this summer at AMBS through “Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth.” May their pastors, teachers, parents and other trusted adults provide encouragement and affirmation.
- **Please pray** for Michael (MJ) Shxrp, a Mennonite and UN worker, kidnapped along with a UN colleague from Sweden as well as their translator and 3 motorcycle drivers. The UN workers have been on a peacemaking mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

THIS WEEK

TODAY – Lent III

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship with KJ Schrock

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

Noon – Peace & Justice Lunch

3:00 p.m. – Bethel Homework Help

7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Search Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

4:15p.m. – Our Daily Bread

NEXT SUNDAY – LENT IV

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship with Pastor Cheryl Shank

Communion during Worship Service

5:00 p.m. – Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?

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 Larry Evans by March 31st.

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-Paul Tiendrebxxgo's organization, Kingdom Investment International. Please enjoy some fish to help in this worthy cause. See the bulletin board or kingdominvestment.org for details.

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 Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org

Green Hills is hosting a Community Open House at the West Liberty Church of Christ, Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30pm. Please come and enjoy!

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. 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.

The Future Church Summit – will add a new dimension to this summer’s Mennonite Church USA Convention, inviting participants to envision an Anabaptist future for the church. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/future-church-summit/>

Save the Dates!

Bethel Vacation Bible School

June 5–9, 2017

9:00–11:45 AM

