



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 Leaders Mark & Polly Thomas

Announcements
Prelude & Praise Janet Wilkins & Team

Welcome & Call to Worship Psalm 25: 1-10
Prayer

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory Ellen Steiner

Confession of Faith

Mark & Polly Thomas
Philippians 2: 5-11

Praising

Congregational Singing Bill Barrett

Proclaiming

Scripture Genesis 9:8-17
I Peter 3:18-22

Message “The Sky’s the Limit” Larry Evans

Sharing – Led by Pastoral Care Team Barb Landes

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses
Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Sending hymn Bill Barrett
Benediction

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 49
Worship Attendance 57

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomas

GREETERS:

Today: Chuck & Carol Buck **Next Week:** Chuck & Carol Buck

MEDIA OPERATOR:

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

SOUND OPERATOR:

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

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THIS WEEK

TODAY – Lent I

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship with Larry Evans

Noon – Birthday Potluck – January/February/March Birthdays

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study

Noon – Peace and Justice Lunch

3:00 p.m. – Bethel Homework Help

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. – Elder Leadership Team Meeting

SATURDAY NIGHT

SPRING FORWARD—Set clocks ahead one (1) hour for Daylight Savings

NEXT SUNDAY – LENT II

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship with Pastor Chuck Swartz

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.

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.

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.

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.

Maple Syrup – Kxrl 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 **Vxrn Zxhr** and place in a sealed envelope in Kxrl’s Bethel mailbox. Please contact Kxrl with any questions.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Congratulations to Cxrl & Elxxnx Nxwexmxr!** – Who are celebrating the arrival of their newest grandchild. Zxke was born on Wednesday, March 1st
- **Please be in prayer** – for the joint MHS Mennonite Health Assembly and Mennonite Education Agency Education Leaders Gathering taking place March 9-12 in Jacksonville, Florida. Health care and education professionals from Anabaptist-related institutions across the country will be gathering to learn, network, and share. The MHS Board will also be meeting prior to and during the conference.
- **Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana** – Pray for participants in the Goshen College Women’s World Music Choir as they return from their spring break tour, and for all who are touched by their music.

Confession of Faith
Philippians 2: 5-11
New Living Translation

LEADER: You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

ALL: Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

LEADER: When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

ALL: Therefore, God elevated him to the place of the highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,

LEADER: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

ALL: and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.