

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 30  
Worship Attendance 51

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

## OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Mark Thomxs

### GREETERS:

**Today:** Joe & Janet Wilkxns **Next Week:** Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

### SOUND OPERATOR:

**Today:** Larry Evxns **Next Week:** Miriam Lxpp

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## **World Communion Sunday**

**Gathering – Led by Worship Leader** Barb Evxns

**Announcements**

**Welcome & Call to Worship** Barb Evxns

**Prelude** Ellen Steinxr

**Psalm 63**

**Opening Prayer**

### Praising

**Congregational Singing** Bill Barrxtt

**With our offerings & Offertory** Ellen Steinxr

**Confession of Faith**

Lord, this morning, we fix our eyes on You.

You are the Author and the Finisher of our faith

We lay aside every sin and ask for Your forgiveness

We lay aside every weight that hinders us

We will go forward in this 'race of life' with our eyes fixed only on You.

You are the One we serve; You are the One we praise.

**Congregational Singing** Praise Team

### Proclaiming

**Scripture Reading** Hebrews 12:1, Galatians 6:2-5

**Message** “Got Burdens? Unload!” Pastor Chuck Swartz

**Communion** Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

**Sharing – Led by Pastoral Team** Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

**Pastoral Prayer**

### Sending

**Sending song** Bill Barrxtt

**Benediction** Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

# Bethel Mennonite Church

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship and Communion. Pastor Chuck Swartz, speaker

**Noon** – Soup Lunch followed by congregational meeting

## **TUESDAY**

**9:15 a.m.** – Women’s Bible Study

**Noon** – Peace and Justice Lunch

## **SATURDAY**

**8:00 a.m.** – Men’s Breakfast at Liberty Gathering Place

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School.

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship. Pastor Cheryl Shxnk, speaker

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today: Soup Lunch and Congregational Meeting.** A soup lunch will be provided for the congregation. You do not need to bring food. The meal will be followed by a congregational meeting in which the Modification Committee will explain their proposal for leadership structure for the next church year.

**Sunday, October 15. Annual Business Meeting.** Noon potluck followed by the business meeting.

**Saturday, Oct. 7** from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. **“Walk in Solidarity With Our Immigrant Neighbors.”** The Eastern Central Ohio Sanctuary Network is conducting a workshop in Canton. Contact person is Haroldo Nunxs, [330-933-9376](tel:330-933-9376).\*

**Adriel's annual Benefit Auction** will be held Saturday, October 21st at 10:00am. We are hosting a Family Fun evening the Friday, October 20th with family games, activities, bounce house, entertainment, great food and a preview of the auction items for Saturday. Please join us for fun, fellowship and support of our mission of Foster Care and Adoption. You can help: bake goods or give crafts for our gift shop, volunteer your time, and participate in our Chili Cook Off on Friday.

**Upcoming Everence webinar, Medicare Made Easy,** will be presented on Monday, Oct. 16, at 3 and 8:30 p.m. Specific topics will include Medicare plans, eligibility, deadlines and costs plus enrollment details.\*

Bluffton University is hosting the **“Mirror of the Martyrs”** exhibit from Oct. 1–Nov. 5. “Mirror of Martyrs,” along with numerous related public events is described on a poster on the bulletin board.\*

\*More information is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**As a Peace and Justice Group,** we offer two opportunities for monetary donations for the next 3 weeks---

1) Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

2) Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS).

MCC is coordinating a collaborative response to reach 1.4 million people displaced in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Among the displaced are 8,000 Mennonites. Of the 3,300 persons killed since October 2016, 36 were Mennonites. Families experience a severe lack of food as well as basic supplies such as bedding and cans for carrying water. Church buildings and schools have been damaged or destroyed.

MDS has begun hands on response to hurricane Harvey in Texas, currently working in Bloomington, TX. When asked why they do what they do, they replied, “This is what God wants us to do right now.” The first on the list to help are the elderly, single mothers with children, and the disabled or those helping to care for disabled persons.

Each of these organizations need donations as they respond to growing needs over the next weeks and months. Checks may be written to Bethel Church. Please designate on the memo line: MCC Congo relief and/or MDS Harvey relief. Donations will be accepted through October 8, 2017.

## **PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES**

- Pray for Sally Harshbargxr’s and Mary Newcomxr’s family as they mourn the death of their sister-in-law, Evelyn, who died early Thursday morning. She was 83. The funeral will be October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Pray for healing for Ray Swishxr, friend of Mark and Polly Thomxs, as he recovers from cancer treatment.
- Eliana Rxth, 13 year old granddaughter of Linda Rxth, was diagnosed with complex migraines. All tests are negative for underlying causes. She will watch for any triggers and see the neurologist in 6 weeks. Pray for Eliana and her family.
- Pray for healing for Shirley Kxng. Shirley fell this week and is now recuperating from a stress fracture of her right arm. Her arm is immobilized in a sling.