



Bethel Mennonite Church

“Serving Jesus, Loving Others”

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Gathering

Announcements

Welcome & Call to Worship (on back) Pastor Chuck Swartz
Prelude Ellen Steinr

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9 Pastor Chuck Swartz
Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing Janet and Praise Team

With our Offerings & Offertory Bill Barrxtt

Confession of Faith & Assurance (on back) Pastor Chuck Swartz

Congregational Singing Carl Newcomr

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading John 3:14-21

Message: “Coming to the Light” Karla Mintx

Sharing – Led by Pastoral Team Pastor Chuck Swartz
Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Chuck Swartz

Sending

Sending song Carl Newcomr

Benediction Pastor Chuck Swartz

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Karla Mintx, speaker.

Noon – Potluck

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. – Women Serving in Love

3:20-5:00 p.m. – Bethel Homework Help

THURSDAY

3:20-5:00 p.m. – Bethel Homework Help

6:45 p.m. – Pastors and Elders Leadership Team Meeting

FRIDAY

4:30-7:00 p.m. – Benefit Ham and Chicken Dinner. West Liberty United Methodist Church

SATURDAY – Men’s Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Ricky Rodriguuz, speaker.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for families grieving the deaths of their loved ones.
- Pray for Anne Lxwry’s health. Anne will be having surgery next Thursday, March 15th, in Columbus.
- Pray for these friends struggling with cancer: Ray Swishr, Rod Hagxr, Lee Jordxn, Dennis Evxns, Mike McGxll, Keith Effingxm and Cathy Beitxng, (Shelly Rxth Beitxng’s mother-in-law).

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance

Worship Attendance

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, Ricky Rodriguxz will be speaking. Ricky is married to Debbie, a daughter of Barb and Larry Evxns.

Tuesday. Women Serving in Love. A “Thai Meal” will be served by hostesses Mary Psollx, Kyle VanOsdxl, and Ellen Steinxr. Doris xnns will give the devotional. The project for the month is Infant Kits. Relief Kit items are still welcomed. See the minutes of the February meeting for details on the projects

BENEFIT HAM AND CHICKEN DINNER. West Liberty United Methodist Church is hosting a “Benefit Ham Loaf and Escalloped Chicken Dinner” for a local army veteran, Larry Lxmb, to assist with medical expenses for cancer treatment. The dinner is on **Friday, March 16** from **4:30 to 7 PM**. We want the community to join with us in celebration of successful completion of the treatment and to show our support to Larry as a veteran and a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. A donation of \$12 per meal is appreciated and 100 % goes to help Larry recover financially. Carry-outs are available.*

Any trash that goes in the outside trash cans behind the church needs to be put in an orange trash bag. The trash bags are in the cupboards under the island in the kitchen. There are two sizes.

You are invited to purchase an Easter Lily and bring it to the church sanctuary for decorations Palm Sunday and Easter.*

*More information in the foyer.

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:

Michelle Lxnk

GREETERS:

Today: Chuck & Carol Bxck

Next Week: Joe & Donna Lehmxn

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Mark Kauffmxn

Next Week: Ken Shxnk

Last December the joint churches of Palestine sent a letter to President Trxmp concerning the moving of Israeli capital to Jerusalem and the effect it will have on Middle East peace. I have placed several copies of that letter in the top slot of the Peace and Justice section of the rotating literature display just outside the library. I encourage you to take a copy and read it **for the sake of Palestinian Christians.** Bill Shumakxr

Webinars of Interest

Everence® will hold an informative webinar on Social Security and retirement income planning. The presentation will be on Wednesday, March 28, at 2 and 8 p.m. (EDT). Specifics will include the best time to start taking Social Security, how benefits are calculated, spousal benefits, converting your retirement *savings* into retirement *income* and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. To register, visit everence.com/retirementincome or contact Melissa Shxrt at (800) 222-5054 ext. 3392 or melissa.shxrt@everence.com.

Sexualized violence and the church: Mennonite Central Committee is offering three webinars this spring for churches who want to learn more about how to address sexualized violence within the congregation and how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. The webinars will be led by church leaders and others with expertise in the topics. **Learn more and register for the webinars at mcc.org/wwwso.**

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Larry Evxns, Steve Lxpp, Elaine Newcomxr, Dick Lindemxr, Carol Bxck

Pastoral Care Team: Mark Thomxs, Barb Kauffmxn, Dick Lindemxr,

Carl Newcomxr, Sally Harshbargxr and Michelle Lxnk

Crisis Care: Chuck Swxrtz and Cheryl Shxnk