

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 31
Worship Attendance 46

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:

Dick Lindemxr

GREETERS:

Today: Carol & Chuck Bxck

Next Week: Ken and Jeanette Hxstetler

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Mark Kauffmxn

Next Week: Lori Lehmxn

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Carl Newcomxr and Michelle Lxnk
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Gathering

Announcements

Ken Shxnk

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Ken Shxnk

May ADONAI give strength to his people!

May ADONAI bless his people with *shalom*!

Psalm 29:11 CJB

(Note: ADONAI means Lord, Master, Jehovah)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Ken Shxnk

Prelude

Ellen Steinxr

Old Testament Deuteronomy 10:12-21 AMP

Ken Shxnk

Opening prayer

Ken Shxnk

Praising

Congregational Singing

Ellen and Praise Team

With our Offerings & Offertory

Bill Barrxtt

Congregational Singing

Janet Wilkxns

Confession

LEADER: May God bless us with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that we may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

PEOPLE: May God bless us with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

LEADER: May God bless us with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

PEOPLE: May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we really CAN make a difference in this world, so that we are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

ALL: And the blessing of God the Supreme Majesty and our Creator....

Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word who is our brother and Saviour....

the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide...

be with us and remain with us, this day and forevermore.

AMEN

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:12-21, Hebrews 13:2 TLB Ken Shxnk

Message: “Embracing Shalom” Pastor Cheryl Shxnk

Sharing

Our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses

Pastoral Prayer

Carl Newcomxr

Sending song

Janet Wilkxns

Benediction

Carl Newcomxr

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

WEDNESDAY

4:00 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Pastor Chuck Swxrtz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Chuck and Jeanie have been out of town this week. They will be gone through Tuesday, October 23rd.

Submit items for the **November calendar** to the church office by October 24. Thanks.

Another chance to attend a “**Medicare Made Easy**” seminar by Everence is on October 23, 2018 at 6:30pm at Columbus Mennonite Church, 35 Oakland Park Ave., Columbus, OH 43214.

October 31 at 7:00 p.m. **Ministry of Nurture** meeting.

New Path Pregnancy Center invites you to their Fundraising Gala November 9th. Specific information is on the bulletin board.*

Copies of the approved Bethel Leadership Model 2018-20 and diagram are on the table in the foyer.

Camp Luz **Women’s Retreat**, “Deeply Rooted: Firmly Established” will be November 9-11. See details on the bulletin board.*

Birthday Potluck. Everyone who has a birthday in the months of March, October, April, and August is invited to celebrate his or her birthday at a potluck on *October 28th* at noon. Dessert will be provided.

At the Annual Meeting last Sunday, the **Stewardship Ministry** distributed a **survey** to prioritize possible improvement projects here at the church. If you did not attend the Annual Meeting, you may pick up a survey in the church foyer. The survey is printed on green paper. An explanation of the projects is in the report of the Annual Meeting in your mailbox. Please return completed surveys to Ken Shxnk’s mailbox.

On behalf of the United Church of Christ, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to you all for the incredible out-pouring of support for the K Tracxy Benefit. The benefit dinner and silent auction brought in over \$28,000 in life-changing support to the Tracxy family to help defray their out-of-pocket surgery expenses. None of this would have been achieved without the generosity and support of such a loving and caring community. Thank you all! Rick Hxrr*

* More information is in the foyer.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Thursday Wilfred Yodxr was moved to ICU at Memorial Hospital in Marysville. He remains stable. Pray for Wilfred and Hilda.
- Pray for healing for Joe Lehmxn as he recuperates at home.
- Pray for the Pastor Search Committee as it discerns the match between our congregation and pastoral candidates.
- Remember Devin Marchxl’s family, friends and classmates as Devin’s death impacts them. For several years, Treven, Devin’s older brother was a part of Bethel Homework Help program.
- Pray for Regional Pastor Cliff Brubakxr, who is scheduled for open heart surgery Oct. 23 to replace his aortic valve. Plans are that he will be hospitalized for about one week after surgery, followed by a more extended recovery period at home. While Cliff is recovering from surgery, Regional Pastor Ralph Reinfxrd will be covering Cliff’s work with pastoral search committees and other regional pastor tasks.