

# Bethel Mennonite Church

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## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 40

Worship Attendance 38

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

## OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

### PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:

Barb Kauffmxn

### GREETERS:

**Today:** Ed & Kim Lehmxn

**Next Week:** Paul & Linda Hostetlrx

### SOUND OPERATOR:

**Today:** Larry Evxns

**Next Week:** Mark Kauffmxn

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Doug Steinxr

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Carl Newcomxr, Michelle Lxnk, Cheryl Shxnk, Chuck Swxrtz

### **We gather to worship**

Announcements

Barb & Byron Kauffmxn

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Cindy Kauffmxn

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 6:6 & 9

Welcome

Barb & Byron

Prelude

Old Testament Readings

Barb & Byron

### **We offer our praises and prayers**

Congregational Singing

Andrew Bloxnt

Litany of Blessing for Migrants (see insert)

Offerings & Offertory

Bill Barrxtt

Congregational Singing

Praise Team

### **We hear God’s Word**

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 24:17-19, Luke 4:16-21, and  
II Corinthians 8:1-7&13-15

Message: “Migration & the Anabaptist Story”

Rebecca Kauffmxn

### **We respond to Christ’s Invitation**

Song of response

Sharing: reflections on the scripture, joys, requests, thanksgivings

Intercessory Prayer

Rebecca Kauffmxn

### **We go to love and serve**

Sending Song

Andrew Bloxnt

Benediction

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn

### TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Homework Help

### WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service

### THURSDAY

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Homework Help

### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

Ohio Annual Conference Assembly (ACA)

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Chuck Swartz

Noon – Birthday Potluck

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to contribute to a special offering for our global Anabaptist church community this Sunday &/or the next. Mennonite World Conference (MWC) invites us to give the cost of one lunch; this will support the networks and ministry of MWC. Thank you!

All are welcome to an **Ash Wednesday service** of prayer, scripture, singing and receiving ashes to prepare us as we enter the season of Lent. Worship will take place in the Fellowship room beginning at 6:30 pm. If you are in need of a ride, please contact the church office.

**Birthday Potluck** celebration, March 10th is for people whose birthdays are in the months of December, August, July and April. Dessert will be provided.

Rebecca and Miriam will be out of the office to attend the Ohio Missional gathering, and Annual Conference Assembly this Thursday afternoon thru Saturday. Additional delegates attending are Byron, Ed, and Steve. You can reach Rebecca on her cell phone, xxx, as needed.

Please submit bulletin announcements to the church office by *Wednesday* this week. Thank you.

\*More information in the foyer.

Cindy invites you to her home for a meal. She is available any noon or evening except Saturday, Sunday, or Wednesday. Sign up in the foyer.\*

The **Sunday School quarterlies** and teachers' editions for the March-April-May quarter are on a table in the foyer. Help yourself.\*

**Directory update:** Mark Thomas' new phone number:

**Today**, last call for **LaComedia Dinner Theatre** to enjoy "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and a great buffet dinner on March 17. See Art Newcomer to make reservations.

**From Mennonite Mission Network.** Thank you, Bethel Church, for giving \$xxx to MMN in 2018! Your donations, prayers and enthusiastic participation play a vital role in our global church.

**Voices of Conscience** is an exhibit at Bluffton University library February 17 – March 31. The exhibit is focused around the stories of conscientious objectors to war during World War I. See the poster on the bulletin board.\*

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Ohio Conference invites you to cover its upcoming Missional Conference and Annual Conference Assembly on March 7-9 in prayer. Please pray for the organizers as they finalize details, the speakers leading the missional conference, Bob Sauder as he moderates the business sessions, and all those that have a part in the events. May the Lord's Spirit be present.
- Thank you for your prayers on behalf of Chuck Swartz. He spent the week in the hospital receiving treatment, but is grateful for the good care there. He is showing signs of improvement. Please continue to pray for strength for him and Jeanie.
- Give thanks for the growing networks within Mennonite World Conference who find ways to encourage one another in mission, education, peace, and service. Pray that MWC members who are suffering persecution and hardship may have courage and hope to persevere.
- Pray for Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Mexico, Colombia, and Venezuela - the countries from which the greatest number of people are trying to escape from violence or leaving in search of economic opportunity.
- Pray for the countries receiving Latin American migrants, such as Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Mexico, the USA, and Canada.