

# Bethel Mennonite Church

“*Serving Jesus, Loving Others*”

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## Pentecost Sunday

### We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp –

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. John 14:25-27a

Welcome & opening prayer

Prelude

### We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing

Scripture of praise - Psalm 104:1-4; 10-15; 24, 27-30; 31-34, 35b  
with singing SJ #41 - Alleluia

Offering & offertory

Blessing for VBS volunteers & prayer for children –see insert

Congregational singing

### We hear God’s Word

Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21

Message: Out of chaos, the Spirit brings power and peace

### We respond to Christ’s invitation

Response song

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

Intercessory prayer

### We go to love and serve

Benediction - see insert

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**TODAY** join the worship service at 2:30 p.m. at **Green Hills**.

**Flood clean-up** continues in the West Liberty area. Bethel is assigned the task of finishing up at Shirley and Mary Ann’s house. Speak with Dick about the details if you are interested in helping.

**Gift Discernment response forms** were in your mailboxes. Your prayerful suggestions assist the GD committee in exploring with you your interests and skills, and enable Bethel to carry out its ministries. **Please also fill out the survey** of occasional volunteer opportunities in your mailbox in order to assist Ministry Teams & special projects. Return the forms to the box in the hallway **today**. Thank you!\*

If you participate in Bible School, Bethel Homework Help, or children's Sunday School, it is time for the annual **child protection training**. The training information is located on the table outside the sanctuary. Please sign the listing once you have completed it.

Thanks, Ellen\*

**Dan Bylrx retirement open house** today, June 9, from 3-6:00 pm, at Rosedale International Center, 2120 E 5th Ave. in Columbus. Come express appreciation for his 40 years of mission work. \*

The latest *Friends of the Tabasarans Newsletter* from Phil and Alice Sherk is on the bulletin board. *Goshen College Bulletin* in magazine rack outside library.

The New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers are conducting a 2019 **Baby Bottle Campaign**, “Spare Some Change to Help Spare a Life.” Return baby bottles by Father’s Day, next Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.\*

**Fish Eyes** An evening of Christian drama performed by “Stage Righteous” from Marysville First United Methodist drama ministry. June 23, dinner at 5:00 p.m., performance at 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Friends Church. No cost. RSVP to Miriam by June 19<sup>th</sup>.\*

**Black Swamp Benefit.** June 15 beginning at 7:30 a.m. Archbold High School. Join in raising funds for and awareness of, the global relief of MCC and the local work of Sunshine, Inc., of Northwest Ohio. For more information go to <http://www.blackswampbenefit.org/>

\*More information in the foyer.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **TODAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School  
**10:40 a.m.** –Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn  
**2:30 p.m.** – Green Hills Service  
**4:30 p.m.** – VBS drama practice

### **MONDAY – FRIDAY**

**9:00-11:45 a.m.** – *Who is My Neighbor?* VBS

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School  
**10:40 a.m.** –Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Barb Kauffmxn (539-3574)

## **LAST WEEK**

Sunday School      33      Worship Attendance    46

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

### **OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE**

**This Week – June 9**

**Worship leader:** Barb & Byron Kauffmxn

**Musicians:** Janet Wilkxns,  
Ellen Steiner, Carl Newcomxr

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Mark & Polly Thomxs

**Sound/media:** Ken Shxnk

**Prelude:** Ellen Steinxr

**Offertory:** Delaney

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn

**Next Week – June 16**

**Worship leader:** Doug Steinxr

**Musicians:** Ellen Steinxr,  
Bill Barrett, Janet Wilkxns

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Barb & Byron Kauffmxn

**Sound/media:** Mark Kauffmxn

**Prelude:** Ellen Steiner

**Offertory:** Bill Barrxtt

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES



### *Who Is My Neighbor?*

In Bible School this week, children will learn from Bible stories focused on God's care and compassion for neighbors close at hand and around the world.

- \*We give praise for the opportunities and responsibilities of nurturing children in their faith journey.
- \*Pray that the volunteers will have strength for their tasks.
- \*Pray that the Holy Spirit will work through us and give us words to speak.
- \*Pray that the children will come with minds and hearts that are open to God.
- \*Pray for a healthy, safe week.

We give thanks to God for the life of Chuck Swartz; for his faith and hope, and for the ways he gave witness to the love of Christ in his life. We remember with gratitude his service to Bethel. Pray for Jeanie and the family in this time of loss. May the Holy Spirit give us peace.

Deb Bylax is grateful for our prayers for her as she facilitated conversation to help bring reconciliation between two groups. Praise God! She reports that the meeting went well. Let's continue to pray for members of the groups that trust develops between them and begins to grow.

Thank you for your prayers for Samuel Evxns. He received two stents and is doing well. Continue to pray for the recovery process.

### **Benediction** (adapted from STS 195)

**One:** May the blessing of God,  
the peace of God,  
the strong and enabling power of God,  
be among us,  
and between us.

May the presence of Jesus,  
the works of Jesus,  
the promise of abiding peace with Jesus,  
be among us,  
and between us.

**Many:** **May the wisdom of the Holy Spirit,  
the wildness of the Spirit,  
the unpredictable holy chaos of the Spirit,  
be among us  
and between us.**

**All:** *May God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit,  
dwell with us and in us.  
Thanks be to God! Amen!*

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