

LAST WEEK

Worship Attendance 87

Your giving empowers our collective work for God's purpose. Thanks!

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Sharon Showalter

NURSERY:

Today: Next week: Tara Sanford

GREETERS:

Today: Next week: Art & Mary Newcomer

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Next week: Brody Robinaugh

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Next week: Todd Hostetler

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"Jesus compels us to experience and extend the gracious rule of God by the power of the Holy Spirit."

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Stories of God's People *Philip and the Ethiopian Official* *Baptism Sunday*

Preparing

By praying together Infant Nursery @ 8:45a.m.

Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship Doug Steiner
Prelude Bill Barrett
Psalms 138 & Opening Prayer
Gathering Choruses Bill Barrett & Team

Sharing

Of our offerings & Offertory Bill Barrett & Team
Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Dave

Proclaiming

Scripture- Acts 8:26-40

Message "Philip and the Ethiopian Official"

Pastor Dave Maurer

Baptismal Vows

Opening Words Pastor Dave
Unison Reading of Membership Commitment (see insert)
Sharing – Daniel Lehman, Mark Kauffman (mentor),
& Kathy Lehman (mother)

Charge to the Candidate Pastor Dave

Congregational Response (see insert)

Song of Procession – SJ #79 "As I went down to the river"

(The baptism will be in the south end of the river in the Lion's Park. All those who are able are invited to walk over to the river in a procession.)

The Act of Baptism
Prayer and Reception

Pastor Dave

Closing Hymn – HWB #118 “Praise God from whom”

*At the conclusion of the baptism, all are invited to celebrate with us
in our church picnic in the main pavilion at the Lion’s Park.*

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m.—Worship Service @ Lion’s Park

11:00 a.m.—Baptism & Annual Church Picnic

WEDNESDAY

4:15 p.m.—Our Daily Bread

7:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study

FRIDAY

8:30 a.m.—Vendor Breakfast

SATURDAY

Sausage Booth

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School

10:40 a.m. — Worship Service

Sausage Booth

LOOKING AHEAD

Child and Youth Protection Policy Training Postponed Our Annual Child and Youth Protection Policy training has been postponed.

Vendor Breakfast We will once again host the Labor Day vendors for breakfast in our fellowship hall on Friday, August 29th from 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. **All Senior Citizens** are invited. **There are still opportunities to help at the Sausage Booth as well.** Please check the bulletin board for unfilled signup times.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Cares Fund – Recently, we have received a number of requests for financial assistance from our community cares fund. The elders invite you to consider making a donation to this fund through the offering and designating it to “community cares.”

Sunday, August 31st will be the last Intergenerational Sunday School Class, meeting in the fellowship room. We will discuss observing the presence of God in our lives. Regular Sunday School Classes will begin September 7th.

West Liberty Cares Food Pantry Bethel is responsible to stock and run the West Liberty Cares Food Pantry for the month of September. Please consider donating food, serving at the pantry and/or giving to the West Liberty Cares Emergency fund through our offering by making your check out to Bethel Mennonite and writing “WL Cares” on the memo line.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and concern. I am home now and recovering slowly every day. Mary Psolla

Thank you from Mary Kay, she is back at home in the Green Hills Garden Apartments. Thank you for all the cards, visits, flowers, and prayers. Also, don’t wait until you are 90 to have gall bladder surgery!

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for the family of Connie Thxmas**, aunt of Mark Thomas, who died Monday from a brain aneurysm. Connie was the mother of Mike, Jeff, Joni and Kevin Thxmas. Connie's son Jeff died on July 16, 2014.
- **Pray for Mary Psxlla** as she recovers at home.
- **Pray for Mary Kay Kxng** as she recovers in her apartment.
- **Pray for Grant Krxbill**, age 3, son of Joel & Katie, as he continues to recover at home.
- **Pray for Beth Mxxrer**, as she recovers from surgery and fights an infection.
- **Please pray for Larry Kxrtz**, brother of Kathy Lehman, as he continues to battle cancer.
- **Please pray for the Mennonite Mission Network**, as they begin a two-week orientation in Los Angeles for two new Radical Journey teams. Pray for openness to learn and for grace in this time of transition, as participants prepare to leave for their assignment locations in Indonesia and South Africa.
- **Pray for our Year of Discernment** as we discern God’s direction for youth ministry.
- **Pray for our denomination and conference** as we discern God’s leading and seek for kingdom opportunities.