

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 60
Worship Attendance 84

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

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomer (465-3366)

NURSERY:

Today: Carol Buck **Next week:** Kim Lehman

GREETERS:

Today: Larry & Barb Evans **Next week:** Ken and Cheryl Shank

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: Brody Robinaugh **Next week:** Mark Kauffman

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: Annie Steiner **Next week:** Savannah 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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Pulpit Exchange with Jubilee Mennonite Church

Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship	Chuck Swartz
Prelude	Pat Yoder
Psalms 29 & Opening Prayer	
Gathering Choruses	Janet Wilkins and Team

Proclaiming

Children's Story	Dena Hostetler
Scripture – 1 Cor. 2:10-13; Ephesians 5:8-10	
Message "Rekindling the Gift"	Pastor Tony Doehrmann
	Jubilee Mennonite Church

Praising

With our offerings & Offertory	Kathy Graber
With Hymns	Byron Kauffman

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses	
Pastoral Prayer	Chuck Swartz

Sending

Benediction	Chuck Swartz
Sending hymn	

Celebrating 125 Years

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School
10:40 a.m. — Worship Service

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m.—Mennonite Women
3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. — Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY –

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School
10:40 a.m. — Worship Service— Pastor Dave Genesis 28:10-22
Noon – Restructure Sack Lunch
6:00 p.m. – Youth and Mentors

LOOKING AHEAD

Janet Wilkins is still updating subscriptions. If you wish to be on (or removed) these mailing lists, please let her know by January 15th. There are signup sheets on the lobby table where we keep bulletins.

Restructure Listening Lunch – In the next few weeks, the restructure sub-committee will attend each of the Sunday school classes to share about the restructure proposal and to receive feedback. After worship on January 18th those who are not in a Sunday school class or missed the Sunday that the committee was present in their class, are invited to bring a sack lunch and to meet down in the fellowship hall for a chance to join the discussion.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mennonite Women meet Tuesday. The meal is Stone Soup (bring 1 cup of cut up veggies). Elaine Newcomer will have devotions “Practicing Presence-Through Healing Touch”, and the project is Health Kits. Kyle, Barb & Tesa are hostesses.

Women's Scarf Brunch is January 31st at 9 a.m. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the foyer. If you can bring a dish to share, please indicate on the signup sheet. Bring your scarves and a mirror if you have one to use.

Debbie Byler (Ruby's daughter) will be licensed through the Central District Conference for her work at Mennonite Mission Network today at Hively Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Indiana. Congratulations, Debbie!

MEDA is holding a Mennonite Entrepreneurs Conference: A weekend of challenge and reflection for business owners and entrepreneurs. Jan. 29 – Feb. 1, 2015 at The Resort at Longboat Key Club, Sarasota, Florida. For more information, visit www.meda.org/entrepreneurs.

Weather Cancellation Policy: As a reminder, our winter weather cancellation policy has been posted on the bulletin board. News of cancellations will come through our phone chain, WPKO, and our webpage.

Through the Bible in a Year Reflection Questions: as we journey through the Bible this year, here are a few questions to reflect upon in your reading. More may be found at Pastor Dave's blog (<http://thequest.blogspot.com/>). A complete list of daily readings is available from the office. **January 12-18:**

- As Jacob returned home, he sent messengers ahead of him, sent gifts, and divided what he had into two groups. As he approached, Esau ran to meet him and embraced him. Jacob said, "to see you is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably." Have you had similar experiences of the power of reconciliation? Do you have relationships in need of reconciliation?
- Before reuniting with Esau, Jacob spent the night wrestling with "a man" until daybreak. From this Jacob received the name Israel and a blessing. Are there times that you have wrestled with God? What was the reason for wrestling and what was the outcome (ie. a new name, a blessing)?
- Jacob favored Joseph and made this apparent. How did this shape their family dynamics? What positive and negative influences are present within your own family of origin? How do you work with these?
- While in prison, Joseph interpreted dreams for Pharaoh's servants. Does God still speak through dreams? If so, how do we gain understanding about God's message to us?

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Tom Kxng** who is recovering from a car accident on 68.
- **Pray for Palmer Bxcker** who begins a short-term assignment in Latin America, jointly sponsored by Mennonite Mission Network & Mennonite Church Canada. Pray as he helps Latin American Anabaptists understand their theological identity in order to minister more faithfully in their modern contexts.