

Bethel Mennonite Church

“Serving Jesus, Loving Others”

Vol. 61

April 21, 2019

No. 16

9:00-10:00 a.m. – Easter Breakfast

10:40 a.m. – Worship

We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” John 20:19 NIV

Prelude

Welcome

Litany of Light (see insert)

We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing

OT reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

We hear God’s Word

Scripture: Matthew 28: 1-15

Message: Easter Greetings

Song of response

We respond to Christ’s invitation

Communion liturgy (see insert)

Communion

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

Intercessory prayer

We go to love and serve

Benediction

Sending song

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Praise God for Homework Help and its ministry to 8 students over this past school year. Special thanks to Elaine Newcomer for her leadership of the program, and also to volunteers: Carol Bxck, Byron, Michelle, Ellxn, and Mxry N, and PD and Mary xsh.
- Remember those with health concerns who aren’t able to worship with us this morning, including: Ruth Yodxr, Molly Thornbxrg, Chuck Swxrtz, Hilda & Wilfred Yodxr, Ella Mxe K, and Karl & Phyllis Smxth. May the Spirit of Christ shine on them, giving peace and strength on this special day.
- Phil and Alice Shxnk are traveling to Russia this month to visit, equip and encourage Tabasaran believers and Christian leaders. Pray for the joy of the Holy Spirit to flow overflow to many. *

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – April 21, *Easter*

Worship leader: Doug & Ellen Steinxr

Musicians: Bill Barrextt, Ellen Steiner, Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Joe & Donna Lehmxn

Sound/media: Ken Shxnk

Prelude: Congregation

Offertory: Bill Barrxtt

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – April 28

Worship leader: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Musicians: Bill Barrxtt, Ellen Steiner, Janet Wilkxns, Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker: Rachele Lyndaker Schlabxch

Greeters: Joe & Donna Lehmxn

Sound/media: Lori Lehmxn

Prelude: Bill Barrxtt

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday during worship Rachele Lyndaker Schlabxch, Director of the MCC Washington Office, will be our guest speaker with a focus on hunger. Everyone is encouraged to stay for a fellowship meal and afternoon learning opportunity from about 1-2:00 p.m. Rachele will lead us in learning and discussion about MCC’s peace-building, relief, and advocacy work related to Iraq and Syria.



Consider what your part in **Vacation Bible School**, June 10-14 will be this year and return your form to Elaine by *today*.*

If you are interested in any of the small group suggestions on the insert last week, turn your paper in to Kim Lehmxn today.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, cont.

Miriam will be in the office on *Tues.* and *Fri.* this week. Submit May calendar items by Wednesday. Thanks.

Everence seminar, *Understanding Medicare*, Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at Shiloh Mennonite Church, 7521 Woods West Ave., London, OH. RSVP by 4/26. Contact Ken Sxms.

Empty Bowls Event, a meal of soup and bread, is May 2nd, 5:00 - 7:00 at the Ohio Hi-Point, Bellefontaine, sponsored by the local Second Harvest Food Bank and Ohio Hi-Point Career Center. Cost: \$15.00. Choose and then keep your soup bowl, crafted by local art students and adults.

(* more information in the foyer)

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY

4:15 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m. – Pastoral Care Team

7:00p.m. – Elder Leadership Team meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Rachele Lyndaker Schlaxch,
Office of MCC Washington DC

Noon – Fellowship meal followed by Rachele speaking

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 51 Worship Attendance 54

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

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Doug Steinxr

Litany of Light

Leader: On that first Easter, God raised Jesus to life,
and the world became a brighter place.
(light the Christ candle)

All: Jesus' life is the light of the world.

Leader: When we love God and love our neighbors,
the world becomes a brighter place.
(light one candle)

**All: Jesus' love shines in each of us
through loving actions and words.**

Leader: When we share with those who have less,
the world becomes a brighter place.
(light one candle)

All: Jesus wants us to share.

Leader: When we trust God and are no longer afraid,
the world becomes a brighter place.
(light one candle)

All: Jesus wants us to trust Him.

Leader: When we are content with what we have,
the world becomes a brighter place.
(light one candle)

All: Jesus will supply our needs.

Leader: When we are honest,
the world becomes a brighter place.
(light one candle)

All: Jesus helps us to be truthful.

Leader: When Jesus lives in us,
the world becomes a brighter place.
(light one candle)

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Communion liturgy

Gathering at the table

Leader: Jesus, when he was resurrected from the dead,
revealed himself to his disciples
in the breaking of bread around a table.
May we see the face of God today
as we come to the table of the Lord.
What do we remember and celebrate at this table?

*Right: We remember Jesus' birth and his presence as
"God with us."*

Left: We celebrate Jesus' life and love.

Right: We remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross.

Left: We celebrate the resurrection and the promise of life.

**All: We remember that we are waiting in hope to see
Jesus again.**

Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Thanks

Jesus, through your death and resurrection
you reconciled the world to God,
and by your example you have shown us
the way to peace.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**

In Jesus name, amen.