

“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.” Revelation 12:11 NIV

BMC NEWS

All generations growing together as disciples of Jesus for the glory of God and the expansion of His Kingdom.

New to BMC?

Welcome! We are delighted to have the opportunity to serve you in our church community. We invite you to join us each Sunday for a time fellowship, worship, and learning as we grow together in our relationship with Jesus.

Below are the various classes and growth groups available, and we welcome to you join in. We're glad you're here!

Visit www.byerlandchurch.org or Facebook at *Byerland Church* for more information.

If your child is new to Byerland, please fill out the registration form in the welcome packet and give it to your child's teacher. Our greeters will be able to tell you who your child's teacher will be. Thank you!

Sunday School Classes / Growth Groups:

- Preschool (age 2-5) -- Meetinghouse downstairs—Rm. 7/8
- Elementary (grades K-4) — Meetinghouse, downstairs by kitchen
- Jr. High youth (gr. 5-8)—BMC Fellowship Hall, kitchen
- Sr. High youth (gr. 9-12)— BMC Fellowship Hall, youth room
- Growth Group (Sheldon/Barbee)— Meetinghouse, downstairs north end
- Growth Group (Denny/Kathy) – Meetinghouse, auditorium
- Kingdom Catechism Growth Group (Joe/Jonna) —BMC Fellowship Hall
- Growth Group (Jay/Matt) – International Lesson, conference call



Wednesday, February 17— 6:30-8:00 p.m.
— Meet in the BMC Fellowship Hall.

Today, February 14, 2021

- **9:00-10:00 a.m.**— SS Classes & Growth Groups for all ages.
- **10:15 a.m.**—in-person worship in the Meetinghouse as well as live stream via Facebook in the BMC Fellowship Hall.
- **Greeters:** Luke Hess and Dot Hess
- **Worship Planner:** Valerie Garber

Message: Pastor Joe Garber—“Hallelujah! Blessed are those Engaged to the Lamb! Revelation 19:1-10

- **Children's Church (age 3 -- grade 3)** - Following the worship time will meet in the Meetinghouse, downstairs room 7/8. Children should be signed in on the clipboards that will be available in the Meetinghouse and/or the BMC Fellowship Hall. Teachers will wear a face covering. Please send children only if they are healthy.

Next Sunday, February 21, 2021

- **9:00-10:00 a.m.**— SS Classes & Growth Groups for all ages. (see side bar)
- **10:15 a.m.**—in-person worship in the Meetinghouse as well as live stream via Facebook in the BMC Fellowship Hall.
- **Greeters:** Denny Dagen and Allison Whittaker
- **Worship Planner:** Jonna Bye
- **Message:** Joe Garber-- "Faithful and True-Victorious Warrior" Revelation 19: 11-21

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Calendar:

- **Monday, February 15, 7:00 a.m.**—**The Elder team** will meet at the church
- **Thursday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.** —**Welcome to Dinner Church!**— enjoy amazing dishes of food—and fellowship—around a Jesus story while meeting in the BMC Fellowship Hall. Contact Joe /Yvonne at 717-278-2562 / 717-606-3574 or Luke/Dot Hess at 717-917-0967 for more information.
- **Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.** —**Men's Group** —will meet in the BMC Fellowship Hall.

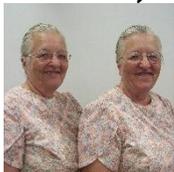
Prayer Focus
Growth
Groups

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

Happy February birthdays!

6 – Elijah Funk
8 – Chris Smith
8 – Josh Bye
8 – Allison Whittaker
9 – Logan Whitfield
12 - Christian Saenen
13 – Beattie Hess
14 – Verna Mueller
14 - Viola Mueller
17 – Pauline Reitz
22 – Marcia Mylin
27 – Duane Brubaker

Senior Focus – An occasional column highlighting our seniors



Verna and Viola Mueller were carried into Byerland as babies and have attended all their lives. When they were five years old, their mother told them to sit with their

Aunt Ella who was the minister's wife. In those days, the ministers' wives would sit in the front pew – in the "amen corner." The girls decided to sit with their aunt, but Verna got scared and ran back to her mother, crying, and Viola followed. What a circus!

For many years, Verna and Viola taught Sunday School, helped with VBS and Day Camp and also supported Sewing Circle. They also served as greeters. They still host groups and do flower arranging and other nature-related activities. Several years ago, they received a letter from someone they had in their Day Camp class 30 years earlier. The camper expressed appreciation for the class that inspired in her an appreciation for flowers and nature, and she wrote that she now grows a lot of flowers and shares them with others. The Mueller's were blessed by her letter and memories.

Verna and Viola appreciate Byerland for teaching God's Word and fellowship with others. They want to "thank Byerland for the many kindnesses you have shown to us, especially over this past year.....for your visits, phone calls, prayers, helping hands, letters and cards, the beautiful poinsettia, the wonderful SS lessons via phone and email messages."

A verse that has meant a lot to Verna and Viola: John 10:10 – *I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.* "How we need God's help each day to live life to the fullest!" Their advice for their Byerland family: "Keep looking up even if the times are tough and you think there is no way out." And as to how they want us to pray for them: "that we may feel His presence and be a blessing to others and show them The Way."

A quote from Walter Hogan: *You're only here for short visit / Don't hurry, don't worry / And be sure to smell the flowers along the way.* Thank you, Verna and Viola. You do this well and are teaching many others to do this, also! --submitted by Dot Hess

P.S. Their birthday is February 14!



Special Announcement

Saturday, February 27—There will be a wedding ceremony for the marriage of Bishop Joseph Nyakyema to Lucy Ouma in Shirati, Tanzania. People from the Mennonite church from across the nation of Tanzania have been invited to attend and celebrate the joining together of Joseph and Lucy in marriage. Pray for Joseph and Lucy as plans for this ceremony are made together with the Mennonite church of Tanzania.

Joseph's first wife Jeanette Mummau Nyakyema passed away in March of 2020. Joseph and Jeanette ministered at Byerland several times over the last number of years. Joseph and Jeanette began the ministry of Path of Hope in Shinyanga Tanzania. This ministry, which provides a way to sponsor at risk children is promoted and supported by Byerland Mennonite Church. See Heath Hopstetter if you have interest in sponsoring a child or pick-up information on the table in the Welcome area.

Pray for the slain Lamb to reign in Tanzania

• **Path of Hope directed by Donald Nyakyema:**

- Several children need sponsors. Please contact Heath Hopstetter if interested. Thanks to current sponsors!
- Pray for the staff to look for the needs of others before their own needs and to serve by the power of God's love.
- Pray for church leaders to speak peace & work toward unity & harmony.
- Pray peace, comfort and healing for children suffering from HIV/AIDS.
- Pray for provision for an office and building project for kids' ministry.

• **Pastor Manase and Iringa Road Mennonite Church in Dodoma:**

- Pray for our continued meetings on Zoom. The next meeting is 7:00 a.m. on February 16, 2021.
- Pray for Pastor Manase as he holds evangelistic training for leaders in various places of Tanzania Mennonite Church.
- Pray life over every ministry and initiative that is birthed by the Holy Spirit for it to grow and not stop.
- Pray for the farming program to raise money for the church. Pray life and the sustainability of the farming initiative.

Thank you for your gifts & offerings received February 7:

- Budget— \$ 3655.01
- Capital Improvement — \$ 495.00
- Missions— \$