

"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 of fellowship, worship, and learning as we grow together in our relationship with Jesus.

Below are the various classes and growth groups available. We welcome you to 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!

—Nursery (through age 2) -

Located adjacent to main floor gathering area in the Meetinghouse.

Sunday School Classes / Growth Groups:

- Preschool (age 2-5)—Meetinghouse, lower level, Room 7/8—Beth Hess & Kathleen Railing
- Elementary (grades K-4) — Meetinghouse, lower level, Room 4 – Jeanne Bye & Jackie Whittaker
- Jr. High youth (gr. 5-8)— Meetinghouse, lower level, north end – Andrea Railing & Heath Hopstetter
- Sr. High youth (gr. 9-12)— Fellowship Hall, youth room – Jeremy Railing & Andrew Whittaker
- Young Adults – Fellowship Hall— Eric/Kristin Funk & Sheldon Hoover
- Growth Group led by Barbee Myer & Jay Hess— Meetinghouse, lower level, beside kitchen
- Kingdom Catechism Growth Group led by Joe Garber & Jonna Bye – Meetinghouse, main floor, right front corner classroom.
- Growth Group led by Denny/Kathy Dagen – Meetinghouse, front of auditorium
- International Lesson, conference call—led by Matt Bye

Today, October 10, 2021

- **9:00-10:00 a.m.** – SS classes and Growth Groups-- Please see side bar.
- **Greeters:** Dot Hess / Luke Hess
- **Worship Planner:** Sheldon Hoover
- **Message:** Pastor Joe Garber – Cultural Awareness & Adaptation
- **Children's Church (age 3--grade 3)** – Following the worship time, gather downstairs in the Meetinghouse, room 7/8. Children should be signed in on the clipboards that will be available in the Meetinghouse and/or the Fellowship Hall.

Next Sunday, October 17, 2021

- **9:00-10:00 a.m.** – SS classes and Growth Groups – see side bar.
- **Greeters:** Denny Dagen / Allison Whittaker
- **Worship Planner:** Jonna Bye
- **Message:** Marcia Mylin – “Every Member a Minister”
- **Children's Church (age 3--grade 3)** – Following the worship time, gather downstairs in the Meetinghouse, room 7/8. Children should be signed in on the clipboards that will be available in the Meetinghouse and/or the Fellowship Hall.

Calendar:

- **Tuesday, October 12 & 26, 7:00 p.m.** – **Men's Group** – meeting around the fire ring at the church.
- **Thursday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.** —**Welcome to mid-week Dinner Church!**— enjoy amazing dishes of food—and fellowship—around a Jesus story at the Fellowship Hall. Contact Allen Hunsberger at 717-951-7573 or Matthew Bye at 717-553-0122 for more information.
- **Sunday, October 17, 8:15 a.m.** —**Corporate Prayer** will meet in the Fellowship Hall with Joyce Zimmerman leading in prayer for the Evangelism Ministry Team. You are welcome to join in this powerful time of intercession.
- **Sunday, October 17, 8:00 a.m.**—**The Preaching team** will meet in the youth room of the BMC Fellowship building.
- **Sunday, October 17 – Fellowship meal** after the service. It will be a traditional potluck, so mark your calendars and dust off those casserole dishes!

Prayer Focus
Byerland
Community
Families

Happy October Birthdays!

- 1 – Dan Martin
- 1 – Mindi Hoover
- 3 – Deborah Saenen
- 6 – Weaver Reitz
- 7 – Leanne Kneisley
- 11 – Allen Hunsberger
- 12 – Charise Garber
- 12 – Isaac Blasiman
- 14 – Melvin Reitz
- 14 – Penny Wex
- 18 – Nancy Railing
- 21 – Dale Mylin
- 22 – Jeanette Kneisley
- 22 – Audra Mylin
- 22 – Ben Railing
- 23 – Victoria Good
- 28 – Christina Bye
- 28 – Caleb Bye
- 28 – Kevin Moore
- 28 – Carmen Gonzales
- 29 – Delvin Kneisley
- 30 – Beth Hess

Happy Anniversary!

- 1 – Alan & Kathleen Railing
- 6 – Ron & Doris Lindhurst
- 10 – Matt & Jeanne Bye
- 18 – Jay & Amanda Kneisley
- 23 – Sheldon & Mindi Hoover

youth group SCHEDULE

- Wed., Oct. 13, 6:30-8:00 – meeting at Byerland
- Wed., Oct. 20 – 6:30-8:30 – Barn Party at the home of Phil and Diane Eby, 890 River Road, Holtwood

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Throughout the month, you are encouraged to bless our dear pastor couple, Joe and Yvonne, in appreciation of their faithful service to our congregation.

Thank you for your gifts & offerings received October 3:

- Budget -- \$ 3692
- Capital -- \$ 645
- Missions -- \$ 155

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 will be December 14, 7:00 a.m.
- Pray for the various church ministries, including the children and evangelism, and their plans for various activities
- Praise God for the title deed which was received for the church property. Pray for construction of the church building. Pray for financial breakthrough.
- Prayer for the 12 evangelist that have recently been trained in Dodoma by Global Disciples. They have been sent into the Dodoma region to plant new churches.
- Prayer for the outreach to Zanzibar which is 95% Muslim. A pastor couple moved to Zanzibar to lead the new church plant.

Thanks to all for your prayers, flowers, cards and phone calls during my recent surgery.

They are greatly appreciated! ---Alta Harnish



Senior Focus – An occasional column highlighting our seniors

Weaver Reitz has attended Byerland for 64 years. He has served in various capacities such as Sunday School Superintendent, deacon, church treasurer, and prayer warrior. Weaver says, "We have good leaders where love and peace abound."

When I asked him what has sustained him all these years in his walk with the Lord, he replied, "The Holy Spirit has been my companion. When I pray to Him, He comes and helps me. He is my friend. When I was 90, I had an opportunity to make coins. On one side of the coin were the words, *Where will you spend eternity?* The other side said *John 3:16*. I prayed for help and the Holy Spirit told me how to make the coins and helped me make 13,900. The coins were given out through churches, family and friends."

Weaver's response to my question about advice for his church family was: "I encourage my church family to read their Bibles and pray daily. May God bless each one!" Weaver's 102nd birthday will be October 6. Let's bless him with remembrances.

--Submitted by Dot Hess

P.S. When in his 90's, Weaver compiled *My Life's Story*, a copy of which is in our church library. You will be blessed by God's faithfulness as you read Weaver's story.