

**Youth participating** in the Lost Creek, Kentucky trip have been asked to bring along several supplies for their trip in two weeks. If you are willing to commit to bringing any of the items they need, please use the sign up sheet on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Please have all donated items to the church by Sunday, June 15th.

**A Community VBS** will be held July 7-11 at Sunnyside Park from 9-11:30am each day. The program is being sponsored by New Paris Church of the Brethren, but they are looking for volunteers from all area churches. If you are interested in helping out, visit [npcob.com](http://npcob.com), or scan the QR code on the fliers on church bulletin boards. This VBS is free to all kids!

**THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!  
BETWEEN LAST SUNDAY'S SPECIAL  
OFFERING AND MONEY DONATED  
DURING THE PIT STOP, JUST OVER  
\$1600 WAS RAISED TO PROVIDE MORE  
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAMPERS THIS  
SUMMER! NOW WE CAN PUT EVEN  
MORE HEADS IN BEDS!!! LET'S SIGN 'EM  
UP AND WIN 'EM FOR CHRIST!**

#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month in 2025: \$8,749

Given in June (as of 6/8): \$2,921

2025 Budget giving needed (Jan-May-): \$43,745

2025 Actual Budget giving (Jan-May): \$40,230

(\$3,515 under budget for the year)



**June 15th, 2025**

**Today's Message:  
Blood of the Martyrs  
Acts 8:1-4**

**9am– Sunday School  
10:15am– Morning Worship**

**Pastor Jeff Estep**

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#### **Calendar:**

*Sun., June 22nd– Youth Group leaves for Lost Creek– 7am!*

#### **Upcoming Birthdays!!**

Thurs., June 26th– Doyle Weaver Sat., June 28th– Amelia Cameron

Sun., June 29th– Aaron Estep Mon., June 30th– Olivia Clendenen

#### **Upcoming Anniversaries!!**

Wed., June 18th– Bob & Diana Coleman

#### **Prayer Concerns:**

- Kim– stepmom is doing better after suffering stroke. Pray also for mom and stepdad who are in process of moving to a retirement community
- Mary G.– feeling under the weather
- Jan– friend Cindy started chemo on Thursday, next treatment on June 26th

**Prayer Focus** *Camp Shiphewana sessions begin this week. This year's theme is YOU BELONG - Romans 14:8. Pray for the campers to desire to Belong to Jesus, not just for the week of camp but for all eternity.*

**Leading Worship Today–** Megan Long

Nursery– Peggy Miller Jr. Church– Sandy Sizemore

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Prelude, Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Hymn #188-** At The Cross

### Morning Prayer

#### Scripture Reading– Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

**Hymn- #460–** All the Way My Savior Leads Me

**Message—** *Blood of the Martyrs*  
Pastor Jeff Estep

**Responding with Worship –** The Worship Team

### Dismissal

*If you have an offering to give this morning, please place it in the box at the back of the sanctuary.*

### Sermon Outline:

Stephen’s murder signals a change in \_\_\_\_\_ for the Jewish leaders.

Christians’ \_\_\_\_\_ under persecution convinces others to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

Sometimes God accomplishes His purposes through the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:2– “consider it \_\_\_\_\_”- it’s a chosen perspective



**If we are surrendered to Jesus we will never have to surrender to our circumstances. Are you fully trusting that God can use your struggles for His glory? Are you choosing joy because you know better things are ahead?**

### Daily Scripture Readings:

**Sunday–** Acts 8:4-13 **Monday–** James 1:2-8

**Tuesday–** Matthew 10:17-31 **Wednesday–** Matthew 10:32-42

**Thursday–** Matthew 24:1-14 **Friday–** Hebrews 12:1-11

**Saturday–** 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

### Upcoming Sermons:

**6/22– Guest Speaker, Tim Hall–** With the youth heading to Kentucky, the pulpit will be filled by a good friend of the Esteps and the Head Deacon at the Elkhart First Brethren Church.

**6/29– Philip Went–** Acts 8:4-13– When believers were scattered after Stephen’s death, one of his fellow deacons made an intentional choice to take the Gospel beyond the Jewish nation... and into Samaria!

