

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Hilda Yodxr's heart valve replacement surgery was rescheduled for this Tuesday in Lima. Pray that she would have strength for the surgery and recovery period, and that Christ's peace and love surround her, as well as Wilfred, Arnita and Melinda in this time
- Pray for those who are recovering from surgery or treatment, including: Bob Psollx who had a knee replaced last week, Cindy K, and Joe Wilkxns.
- Continue to pray for Chuck S as he receives care at Green Hills. He welcomes short visits though is sometimes tired. May God grant strength to him, and to Jeanie, and may the hope of Christ continue to sustain their bodies, minds and spirits.
- Pray for Deb Bylrx and the women in the Guatemalxn churches she works with.
- Mennonites in Venezuela trust God to provide the daily necessities in very difficult times. Pray for peace and that God would pour out abundant blessings as they share what they have with their neighbors.

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# Bethel Mennonite Church

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## **Conversion: Discovering a Bigger God**

### **We gather to worship**

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

How good and pleasant it is

when brothers and sisters live together in peace!

It is like the gentle rain of Mount Hermon

that falls on the hills of Zion.

Yes, from this place, the Eternal spoke the command,

from there He gave His blessing—life forever. Psalm 133:1&3

Welcome

Prelude

### **We offer our praises & gifts**

Congregational singing

Scripture of praise - Revelation 21:1-6

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

### **We hear God's Word**

Scripture: Acts 11: 1-18

Message: "What God has made clean"

### **We respond to Christ's invitation**

Prayer of confession, & assurance (see insert)

Invitation & instructions for communion

Communion

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

Intercessory prayer

### **We go to love and serve**

Benediction - SJ #159 (unison)

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship with communion.

Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn

**5:00-7:00 p.m.** – Bethel activity night – creating a “Coat of Arms”

### TUESDAY

**9:15 a.m.** – Women’s Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Gifts Discernment Committee

### WEDNESDAY

**Noon** – Peace and Justice Lunch

**4:15 p.m.** – Our Daily Bread

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:40 a.m.** –Worship. Speaker, Christopher Thornbxrg

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Michelle Lxnk

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 37

Worship Attendance 51

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

### **OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE**

**This Week – May 19**

**Worship leader:** Kathy Lehmxn

**Musicians:** Bill Barrxtt, Ellen Steinxr  
Janet Wilkxns

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Carol & Chuck Bxck

**Sound/media:** Lori Lehmxn

**Prelude:** Ellen Steinxr

**Offertory:** Bill Barrxtt

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn

**Next Week – May 26**

**Worship leader:**

**Musicians:** Bill Barrxtt, Ellen Steinxr,  
Janet Wilkxns, Byron Kauffmxn

**Speaker:** Christopher Thornbxrg

**Greeters:** Carol & Chuck Bxck

**Sound/media:** Ken Shxnk

**Prelude:** Bill Barrxtt

**Offertory:** Ellen Steinxr

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca will be off from xxx to attend her nephew’s high school graduation in IL, and for the holiday. Contact Carl Newcomer in case of a pastoral care need.

This evening from 5-7 pm, all Bethel attendees are encouraged to **come for an activity night** where we can create a Coat of Arms for Bethel MC. In a variety of cultures, clans or family groups developed ways to remind the family of their story and tell others who the family is. A “coat of arms” contained symbols and pictures that reflected the story and identity of the family. Please prepare by thinking about: what songs, stories (old & new), symbols or objects, and motto represents or helps tell the Bethel story. Come ready to interact with each other, to tell & listen to stories, and to have fun! *Finger food will be served.*

Please Submit June calendar items to the church office by Thursday, May 23. Thanks.

Join Adriel for a lunch and learn opportunity, Drugs in Our Community, on May 23, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Topics covered include: current drug trends, drug awareness, shifts in policing, and more. Your \$20 registration fee includes lunch and a two hour training at Adriel’s West Liberty Office Yoder Building (500 North Detroit St.). Email [training@adriel.org](mailto:training@adriel.org) or call 937-465-0010 ext. 1141 to reserve your spot today!

The New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers is conducting a 2019 Baby Bottle Campaign, “Spare Some Change to Help Spare a Life.” Take a baby bottle from the foyer. Fill it with chain. Returned it on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The larger bottles are for a one-time donation\*

Dan Bylrx will retire on May 31 from Rosedale Mennonite Missions after 40 years of service. Come express appreciation for his work at an Open House on June 9, from 3:00-6 pm, at Rosedale International Center, 2120 E 5th Ave. in Columbus. A memory book is being compiled for Dan; if you would like to contribute a memory, humorous story, or words of gratitude or encouragement please send that to [humanresources@rmmoffice.org](mailto:humanresources@rmmoffice.org) by June 15, or bring it to the open house.

The current copy of the May/June Ohio Evangel and spring BezxLetter (K’ekchi school in Guatemala) are on the bulletin board.

## Prayer of confession & assurance

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, we are your body  
not because we have chosen that name,  
but because you have given it to us and joined us to each other.  
While we marvel at this great privilege, we also regret our failures.

**All sing: Oh, Lord have mercy - SJ #47, v.1**

Leader: If, through arrogant pride or selfish independence,  
we have said, "I am not part of the body ..."  
Or if, through false superiority or lack of love,  
we have said, "I don't need you ..."

**All sing: Oh, Lord have mercy**

Leader: If we have known that other parts of your body suffer,  
and have refused to share their pain ...  
Or if we have seen other parts of your body rejoice,  
but have suspected or scorned their happiness ...

**All sing: Oh, Lord have mercy**

Leader: Jesus, if instead of honoring you as the head of the body,  
we have served our own interests, tradition or prejudice,  
and given honor to idols, loyalty to worldly empires ...

**All sing: Oh, Lord have mercy**

### *Silent prayer*

Leader: Let the body of Christ join hands and become one.

*(Join hands with people in your row.)*

Lord Jesus, here is your body.

It is frustrated and fallible; it is flawed and confused; it is tired.

But through your power it can be made new.

As your body, we wait on your word and trust your mercy.

### *Silent prayer*

Leader: Amen. "If we walk in the light as God is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus the Son cleanses us from all sin."

Jesus says, "As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you. Abide in my love."

Therefore, let us abide in love as children of God.

**All sing: "I am your child ..." – SJ #47, verse 5**