

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Remember in prayer those in our midst who are grieving the death of a loved one, including: Mary Newcomer & family, Mary Psollx & Doug Steinr (in the death of her brother Paul), Jeanie Swartz & family. May the peace of God guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- Give thanks to God that Jim Barxrt was able to return home from the hospital last week. Continue to pray for his full recovery and restored strength.
- Pray for the upcoming MC USA Convention, July 2-6, particularly for God's wisdom and leading for organizers, worship leaders, and speakers as they prepare.
- Pray for farmers and farming communities across the mid-west who face economic uncertainties and emotional discouragement due to flooding. Pray that those who make decisions about how to manage water would act with wisdom, justice, and concern for both human and environmental needs.

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

I wish you a full measure of grace and peace *as* you grow in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has given us everything we need to experience life and to reflect God's true nature through the knowledge of the One who called us by His glory and virtue. 2 Peter 1:2-3 VOICE

Welcome

Prelude

We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing

Old Testament reading - Proverbs 8:1-11

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

We hear God's Word

Scripture: Acts 17:16-34

Message: Coming to know the living God

We respond to Christ's invitation

Song of Response

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

Intercessory prayer

We go to love and serve

Sending song

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to be in prayerful preparation for our **celebration of communion** next Sunday.

Some of the flowers in the sanctuary are a gift from Oak Grove Mennonite Church in honor and memory of both Chuck Swartz and Art Newcomer.

Voices Together is the name of a new worship and song collection designed to deepen our lives of faith. It will include a variety of musical styles and include familiar favorites and new songs (including some new pieces by today's Anabaptist composers). It will be available in Fall 2020 but ordering begins soon. Bethel's worship ministry plans to order 120 pew editions in order to get the best discount. If you would like to order a personal copy for yourself, please indicate on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board by July 10. Regular price is \$23.99.

The **Bible School offering project** this year will go to an MCC program in Haiti that buys goats for families whose livestock were destroyed by Hurricane Matthew. The VBS children raised \$xxx for the project! If you would like to contribute to this project, please earmark your offering "Bible School."

Please submit items for the **July calendar** to the church office by June 26. Thanks.

African Children's Choir in concert July 12 at 7:00 p.m. at South Union Mennonite Church. The African Children's Choir is part of a larger international organization called **Music for Life**, which provides thousands of impoverished children throughout Africa with the education, discipleship and leadership skills needed to rise above their conditions so they can bring positive, lasting change to their families, communities and countries. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds going directly to Music for Life. There is limited opportunity to host the children and chaperones of the choir. Contact South Union if you are interested in being a host.

Mark your calendar for the **Community Benefit and Ice Cream Social** for the Ryan Bxrry family on July 27th.

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If you or someone you know might be willing to donate a gently used car to Ohio Conference for a regional pastor, contact Dick Barrxtt at.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. –Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Visitation with the Art Newcomer family

4:30 p.m. – Art Newcomer memorial service

WEDNESDAY

4:15 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Communion. Speaker, Russell Millxr

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomer

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 35

Worship Attendance 53

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – June 23

Worship leader: Ken Shxnx

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

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Kathy & Daniel Lehmxx

Sound/media: Lori Lehmxx

Prelude: Bill Barrxtt

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – June 30

Worship leader: Kim Lehmxx

Musicians: Ellen Steinxr, Janet Wilkxns, Bill Barrxtt

Speaker: Russell Millxr

Greeters: Mike & Rita Robxrtx

Sound/media: Ken Shxnx

Prelude: Elaine Newcomer

Offertory: Elaine Newcomer

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn