

## Confession (based on Titus 3:4-7)

In goodness and loving kindness, you save us,  
*not because of anything we have done, but in mercy,  
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*

(silence)

Your Spirit you pour out on us richly, O God,  
Through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
*so that, having been justified by grace,  
we might become heirs  
according to the hope of eternal life. Amen.*

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Wilfred Yodxr is now at Green Hills, room 7, and welcomes short visits. May his trust in our faithful God sustain his spirit. Remember Hilda in your prayers as well; she is feeling much better since her surgery.
- Remember Jeanie S in prayer this week as she has hip replacement surgery on Thursday. May she experience Christ's peace and healing.
- Continue to pray for healing for Jim Barrxtt as he is in hospital being treated for pancreatitis. Pray also for Thomas Heaterxr, son of Gretchen and Jeremy Heaterxr following his accident. Remember Tobias Lehmxn, Mary Newcomxr's 17 year old relative with bone cancer.
- Pray for the Ohio Conference Leadership Team as they seek to fill the vacant Conference Moderator position, and also the West Regional Pastor position (which will become open this fall as Cliff Brubakxr concludes his service in that role). Pray for God's direction so that wise and faith-filled persons can be found for these important leadership roles.
- Give thanks for safe travel, and a positive time of learning, interaction and worship at the Mennonite Church USA Convention. Pray for denominational and agency leaders who give guidance to our life together and our shared witness to the God of peace and transformation.

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# Bethel Mennonite Church

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## We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. Ephesians 2:13-14

Welcome

Prelude

## We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing

Old Testament reading: Deut. 30:1-4, & Psalm 107:1-3, 8-9

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

## We hear God's Word

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-10

Message: All things gathered into Christ

## We respond to Christ's invitation

Confession (see the back page)

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

Intercessory prayer

## We go to love and serve

Sending song

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last chance to sign up for a new hymnal, *Voices Together*. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Regular price is \$23.99.\*

**Edward Stoltzfxs is turning 90** on July 20. Ed was pastor at Bethel from about 1954 to 1964. If you would like to send him a card with a memory or good wishes, his address is: Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Ed!

July is the month to contribute to the **Student Aid Fund**. Please be generous as we launch Annie Steinxr into her senior year at Goshen College! – Mary Newcomxr

A **memorial service for Chuck Swxrtz** is planned for August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Calling hours will be at the church from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The service will be at 11:00 a.m. with a meal and sharing to follow. During this time you are encouraged to share your memories of Chuck.

Michael and **Stacey (Kxng)** DeXerna and their 3 girls welcomed baby Carolinx into their family July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carolinx is Mary Kay's great-granddaughter. Praising God for His blessings!

July 27<sup>th</sup> **Community Ice Cream Social Benefit** for the Ryan Bxrry family at W L United Methodist Church. Consider the ways you would like to contribute. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.  
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**Several spots still available to join MCC Great Lakes for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour on August 4-9.** Based in Goshen, Ind., the tour will focus on the challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system and include day trips to South Bend, Elkhart, and Bunker Hill, Ind. Participants will journey from the local community level through the criminal justice system, learning about law enforcement, sentencing, incarceration and re-entry. All who are interested in learning about disparities in the justice system, including those working in or seeking to develop a prison/re-entry ministry, are welcome. For more information and registration visit [mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison](http://mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison) or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozanx

August 2 & 3 **Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale** Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster OH. More information in the foyer.\*

September 13-15. **Camp Luz Women's Retreat**, "Be Strong and Courageous." Details in the brochure on the bulletin board or at <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/event/womens-retreat-4/>.\*

\*More information in the foyer

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

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

### TUESDAY

**7:00 p.m.** – Gifts Discernment Committee

### WEDNESDAY

**Noon** – Peace and Justice lunch

**7:00p.m.** – Worship Ministry

### SATURDAY

**8:00 a.m.** – Men's Breakfast

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

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

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Barb Kauffmxn

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 31

Worship Attendance 48

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

### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

**This Week – July 14**

**Worship leader:** Chuck Bxck

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

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Joe & Donna Lehmxn

**Sound/media:** Ken Shxnk

**Prelude:** Bill Barrxtt

**Offertory:** Ellen Steinxr

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn

**Next Week – July 14**

**Worship leader:** Doug Steinxr

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

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

**Sound/media:** Mark Kauffmxn

**Prelude:** Ellen Steinxr

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