

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Remember in prayer those with health concerns, including: Mark & Polly's daughter, Cara following a car accident, Ed Lehmxn and Jim Barrxtt recovering from surgery, and others.
- Give thanks to God for the ways you see him active in our community. Pray for an ability to see the needs around us, to listen deeply, to speak with courage & humility, and to share the joy of knowing Christ. May we be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit this week.
- An Advisory Group of persons from across Mennonite Church USA is meeting this weekend to consider the history and current function of the denomination's the Membership Guidelines. Their task is to discern options and recommend a process for continuing the conversation. Pray for the group today as they conclude the face-to-face portion of their work. Pray for a strong leading by the Holy Spirit to find a "third way" and build understanding and unity of purpose in the midst of differences.
- Pray for those, in our country and around the world, who experience food insecurity due to poverty, violence, discrimination, unjust policies, and environmental distress. Pray that God's blessing would multiply the efforts of those promoting sustainability, justice and peace.

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 41
Worship Attendance 52

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

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Welcome & Lighting the Peace Lamp

God says, "Here's what I want:

Let justice roll down like a waterfall;

let righteousness flow like a mighty river that never runs dry."

from Amos 5:24

Prelude

We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing

Scripture: Matthew 25:34-40

Offering & offertory

Mission Moment

Congregational singing

We hear God's Word

Scripture: Micah 6:8

Sharing: Sue Cartxr, representing the Immokalee Workers Fair

Food Program

Lee Jordxn: Been there done that

We respond to Christ's invitation

Song of response

Reflections on the scripture, joys, requests, thanksgiving

Intercessory prayer

We go to love and serve

Sending song

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Throughout Missions Month (Nov.) we are invited to designate above budget gifts to support several mission projects. This year our **Missions Month gifts** will be divided between the following projects: Mennonite Mission Network work in Guatemala, the West Liberty Cares emergency fund, and Gideon's (Bibles for Haiti).

Next Sunday, Rebecca will be at Jubilee Mennonite Church to worship and preach as part of a pulpit exchange. Our guest speaker at Bethel will be Rony Symmxt, who will share through word and music and talk about his mission activities to assist the people of Haiti. Fellowship meal provided.

Opportunities to serve as a **greeter**, welcoming visitors and greeting each other, remain on the last 3 Sundays in December. 2020 is wide open. Consider signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board.*

Sunday, Nov. 24, 6:00 pm will be an informal time to join with others as we read through the scripture passages for the Advent season. Let Rebecca know if you want a ride.

Mennonite Disaster Service Western Ohio Unit's **annual meeting** will be on Saturday, November 23 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at South Union Mennonite Church, West Liberty. This is an open meeting and all are encouraged to attend! In order to prepare for refreshments and lunch, we encourage you to RSVP to [Carl Newcomer](#) by Wednesday Nov. 20, 2019.

Surviving the Holidays, a Griefshare event Mon. Nov. 25 at 10 a.m. or Tues. Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m. West Liberty United Methodist Church.*

All are invited to a **Community Thanksgiving worship service** on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 6:30 p.m., at Green Hills Foundation Hall.

December calendar items are due in the church office Wed. Nov. 20.

It is time to update the **church directory**. Please check your (and your family's) information on the papers on the table outside the library. Write any needed corrections or additions on the papers. Please initial the section when you have checked over it. Thank you. Miriam*

Community funeral meals. Bethel has begun a ministry to provide a meal and gathering place for families who have no church home or place to meet at the time of a funeral. There are several ways you can help us offer this hospitality. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Someone from the committee will contact you when needs arise.*

A **church key** on an angel key chain was found in the fellowship room. If it is yours, pick it up in the church office.

Gingerbread House Competition at Green Hills. Entry forms and guidelines on the bulletin board. Entries due November 22nd.*

*More information in the foyer

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Sue Cartxr, speaker

Noon – Fellowship meal

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

12:15 p.m. – Peace & Justice Lunch

3:30-5:00 p.m. – Homework Help

7:00 p.m. – Nurture Ministry Meeting

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. – Worship ministry meeting

THURSDAY

3:30-5:00 p.m. – Homework Help

FRIDAY

10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Rony Symmxt, speaker

Noon – Fellowship meal

6:00 p.m. – Advent scripture readings

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Michelle Lxnk

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – November 17

Worship leader: Kim Lehmxn

Musicians: Bill Barrxtt, Janet Wilkxns, Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Sue Cartxr

Greeters: Eleanor Shumaker

Sound/media: Ken Shxnk

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Offertory: Tesa Jordxn

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – November 24

Worship leader: Kim Lehmxn

Musicians: Janet Wilkins, B Barrxtt, Ellen Steiner, Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker: Rony Symmxt

Greeters: Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

Sound/media: Lori Lehmxn

Prelude: Bill Barrxtt

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn