

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for the Smxth family whose two teenage sons were killed in a car accident.
- Pray for those for whom this is a lonely season. Consider ways you can reach out with encouragement or presence.
- Pray for the people of Haiti. Pray for its leaders that they would act with justice, wisdom and compassion. Pray that God's blessing would multiply the efforts of those promoting sustainability, justice and peace.
- Give thanks to God for divine love and faithfulness, for the gift of forgiveness and new birth. Thank God for endings and beginnings, for creativity and courage. What will you thank God for this week? For examples of prayers of thanks and praise see Psalms 65, 66, 126, 138, 145, 150. (Or write your own!)
- Pray for the steering committee that is laying the groundwork for an online curriculum of Anabaptist theological education for French speakers that will serve people in Africa, Europe and the Americas. Pray that God would continue to supply people who are willing to lead, pastor, and plant peace churches in the USA and around the world, and also for resources to train and equip them.

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Welcome & Lighting the Peace Lamp

If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands ...
I will grant peace in the land,
and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid.

Leviticus 26: 3, 6a (NIV)

Prelude

We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing

Scripture: Psalm 100

Offering & offertory

Mission Moment

Congregational singing

We hear God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 25:34-40

Sharing: Haiti Bus Mission, Rony Symmxt

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: Rony Symmxt

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning join in welcoming **Rony Symmxt** and his family to our worship service. Rony coordinates a ministry of filling a school bus with supplies which is then delivered to Haiti. Lunch is a self-serve taco boat. Rebecca is preaching at Jubilee Mennonite Church this morning.

This evening at 6:00 pm, all are welcome to come to the fellowship room for a time to read out loud the scripture passages for the Advent and Christmas season (which begins next Sunday!) This is an opportunity to pause before a busy season to listen and reflect on passages that will guide us in worship in coming weeks. Invite a friend! Let Rebecca know if you'd like a ride.

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.

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

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*

Next week Miriam will work in the church office on *Tuesday* & Friday. The office will be closed on Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

New periodicals are in the magazine rack from Goshen College, Meda, MDS and Virginia Mennonite Missions.*

Friday, Nov. 29, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm is an opportunity to express support for positive responses to the global problem of climate change. The "Logan County Climate Strike" will take place at the Courthouse in Bellefontaine.*

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).

Beginning Nov. 25 Goshen College will offer **online weekday devotions** during the season of Advent. Goshen College students, faculty and staff will provide reflections based on the lectionary Scripture passages, focusing on the theme "What are you waiting for?" To learn more, see www.goshen.edu/devotions/

*More information in the foyer.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

Noon – Fellowship meal. Self-serve taco boat

6:00 p.m. – Advent scripture readings

WEDNESDAY

4:15 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

6:30 p.m. – Community Thanksgiving Service. Green Hills

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomxr

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 36

Worship Attendance 46

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – November 24

Worship leader: Kim Lehmxn

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

Speaker: Rony Symmxt

Greeters: Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

Sound/media: Lori Lehmxn

Prelude: Bill Barrxtt

Offertory: Rony Symmxt

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – December 1

Worship leader: Doug Steinxr

Musicians: Janet Wilkxns, Bill Barrxtt, Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters:

Sound/media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Team

Offertory: Bill Barrxtt

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn