# **PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES**

- Pray for Byron & Barb K as they volunteer at Pine Lake Fellowship Camp, and Jubilee Mennonite Church in Meridian, Mississippi. May they have safety and feel blessed as they serve. Join in praying for the people of Meridian who face challenges posed by drugs and violence, and pray for the Jubilee congregation as they extend a helping hand in so many ways to the poor in their neighborhood.
- Pray for teachers, parents, health professionals, church leaders and policy makers that we can work together to cultivate a climate that promotes mental health and holistic growth for all our students. Pray that schools will be places of encouragement, safety and growth.
- Mark and DeeDee Landxs and their children are midway through a year-long assignment in Colombia through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they assist with English-language learning, sports, youth ministries, and other programs at the Mennonite church and school.
- Give thanks and pray for continued improvement in Bill B. as he undergoes rehabilitation. May God's healing and love surround him. Also remember Carole in prayer, that the Holy Spirit would grant her energy, patience and wisdom as she juggles many responsibilities.
- Remember Hilda Y. as she is recovering at Green Hills, and give thanks for her healing.

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# **Bethel Mennonite Church**

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### We gather to worship

Announcements Lighting the Peace Lamp Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9 (NRSV) Welcome Prelude

### We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing Gospel reading: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Offering & offertory Congregational singing

We hear God's Word Scripture: I Corinthians 1:18-31 Message: God's Foolish Wisdom

### We respond to Christ's invitation

Affirmation of faith - based on Luke 1:46-55

My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit exults in God my Savior. Mighty One, you have done great things for me, and holy is your name. Your mercy is on all who fear you from generation to generation. You have shown strength with your arm, and dispersed the haughty in the scheming of their minds. You have unseated tyrants from their thrones and lifted high the lowly. You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich ones away empty. You have remembered your mercy, just as you promised, to Abraham and Sarah and all their descendants forever.

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

We go to love and serve Sending song Benediction

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pledge forms for **Bethel's capital campaign** can go in the designated box in the hallway by January 31.\*

During **next Sunday's** worship we will celebrate receiving Eleanor Shumakexr into membership at Bethel.

**Deb Bylxr's birthday** is this week on Wednesday, January 29. Her email address is

Everence is offering a basic **estate planning webinar**, "What to do with your stuff": Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. and repeated again at 8 p.m. EST. Join this webinar to learn the basics of estate planning and where to begin the process. Visit www.everence.com/national to view more information or to register. For any questions, please contact Melissa Short at 574-533-9515 x 3392, 800-348-7468 x 3392 or melissa.short@everence.com.\* \*More information in the foyer.

# THIS WEEK

# TODAY9:30 a.m. – Sunday School10:40 a.m. – Worship. Rebecca Kauffmxn speaker.TUESDAY3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m. – Homework HelpTHURSDAY3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m. – Homework HelpSATURDAY8:00 a.m. – Men's BreakfastNEXT SUNDAY9:30 a.m. – Sunday School10:40 a.m. – Worship. Rebecca Kauffmxn, speaker.

### PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Michelle Lxnk

# LAST WEEK

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

## OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – January 26 Worship leader: Doug Steinxr Musicians: Janet Wilkxns, Ellen Steinxr Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn Greeters: Mary Newcomxr Sound/media: Lori Lehmxn Prelude: Ellen Steinxr Offertory: Ellen Steinxr Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn Next Week – February 2 Worship leader: Ken Shxnk Musicians: Ellen Steinxr, Janet Wilkxns Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn Greeter: Cindy Kauffmxn Sound/media: Andrew Bloxnt Prelude: Ellen Steinxr Offertory: Ellen Steinxr Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn