

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for Bill and Carole as he transitions to living at home. May they have strength and grace for each day even as they respond to ongoing health needs.
- Continue to pray for Kristyn, Shalem and baby John, that God's will be done in their lives and that they would feel God's protection, guidance and love surrounding them. Pray that each of them would find suitable housing and employment.
- Pray for Deb Bylrx as she ministers with the church in Guatemala. Pray for her friend, Petrona, that the Spirit would give her confidence and joy as she begins to study at the Bachelor's level this week. Pray also for the 5 Kekchi small group leaders who are preparing to lead a Trauma Healing Workshop in March.
- Nearly one million people in northern Syria, mostly women and children, have fled their homes trying to escape bombardment and violence as Syrian government forces fight against the opposition. Pray that governments and leaders would act with compassion and diplomacy to bring an end to the fighting and resources to the displaced people. Pray for the healing of the country.
- Nazareth Hospital in Israel continues the healing work of Jesus in the town where he grew up. Pray for the hospital as it embarks on an expanded vision of healing, education, research, and Christian service.
- Pray for the safety of Christians in Burkina Faso who face increasing threats from extremist groups. Pray they find ways to maintain positive relationships with their Muslim neighbors. Pray for resources to train current and new pastors so they can speak and live the gospel of hope and peace.

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp –

Love ... does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
but rejoices in the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things. I Corinthians 13:6-7

Welcome

Prelude

We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing

Old Testament reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

We hear God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Message: Vision on the Mountain

We respond to Christ's invitation

Song of response

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

Intercessory prayer

We go to love and serve

Sending song

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come lend your presence and voice this afternoon as Bethel leads **worship at Green Hills** (Foundation Hall), from 2:30-3:00.

February 26, 6:30 p.m. – **Ash Wednesday service** at Bethel planned by area Mennonite Churches. Anyone is welcome to attend. The contemplative service will include scripture and reflections, prayer, music, and an opportunity to receive ashes.

On **Sunday**, March 1, those who are studying *The Bible Unwrapped* will meet for one combined class session at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Room. (Meet with your regular Sunday School class at 9:30 for 15 minutes of sharing). In preparation read the introduction, and chapters 1 & 2.

The **Friday morning book study** at 11:00 a.m. will meet in the kitchen on March 6 for the first session.

If you wish to **contribute \$10** toward the cost of *The Bible Unwrapped* books, you can give the money to Ellen or designate it in the offering.

MCC Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers to run the cash register. Please contact one of our managers if interested! When you volunteer at MCC Thrift Shop it is a gift to the world and a way to be a missionary at home.

Join Everence's "Webinar Wednesdays" this week for *Commodity for Giving* on Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. and repeated again at 8 p.m. EST. Join this webinar to learn how giving farm commodities is one of the most tax-efficient strategies available for donors. Visit www.everence.com/national to register. For any questions, please contact Melissa Shxrt at 574-533-9515 x 3392, or melissa.short@everence.com. Let Linda Hxstetler know if you participate in a webinar.

Cindy Kauffmxn has a new cell phone number and new email.

Her landline number remains the same.

"Caring for climate: Beyond denial and despair" is a webinar that will take place on Thurs. Feb. 27 at 7:30 pm. Four speakers will share why they are involved in climate action, and discuss how, in the midst of the myriad of emotions we experience related to climate, we can move from inaction to hopeful engagement. Register for the webinar at www.mennoniteusa.org, or talk to Barb or Byron to join others viewing it at Jubilee MC.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

2:30 p.m. – Green Hills service

TUESDAY

3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m. – Homework Help

WEDNESDAY

4:15 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

6:30 p.m. – Joint Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY

3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m – Homework Help

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Kauffmxn

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 31

Worship Attendance 42

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – February 23

Worship leader: Kim Lehmxcn

Musicians: Byron Kauffman

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Mark & Polly Thomxs

Sound/media: Lori Lehmxcn

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr

Offertory: Elaine & Carl Newcomxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – March 1

Worship leader: Dick Lindemxr

Musicians: Ellen Steinxr,
Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Rebeca Kauffmxn

Greeter: Mary Newcomxr

Sound/media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn