

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for Sam and Mary Lou as they prepare to move to the Green Hills Inn in the next week or two. Pray they would experience God's grace and blessing in the midst of this major transition.
- Pray for Jason and Lila and their family as they settle in their new home, work and community.
- Ohio Conference invites you to cover its upcoming Annual Conference Assembly on March 7 in prayer. Please pray for the organizers as they finalize details, for Lynn Millxr as he moderates the business sessions, and for all those that have a part in the event including Rebecca who will help lead worship. May the Lord's Spirit be present.
- Pray for Jean-Paul T who plans to travel to Burkina Faso this week to connect with the work of economic development and Christian leadership training. Pray for his safety in a country that has seen increasing violence in certain parts.
- Praise God for the success of the Congo Mennonite Literacy Project and the hope and dignity it gives to the 3,000 people (mostly women) who have learned to read. Pray for wisdom and health for coordinator Joseph N, who travels extensively to remote areas.

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# Bethel Mennonite Church

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## **We gather to worship**

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

You will keep in perfect peace

those whose minds are steadfast,

because they trust in you. Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

Welcome

Prelude

## **We offer our praise and confession**

Congregational singing

Old Testament reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Confession and assurance of pardon:

L: God calls to us, “Where are you?”

**P: We, like Adam, hide in the garden,**

**hoping God does not come looking for us.**

L: God asks, “What have you done?”

**P: We, like Eve, make excuses, and say, “The devil made me do it.”**

L: Our choices have consequences and yet God's mercy abounds.

**P: I confess I have hidden and denied my sin.**

**When I refused to admit my wrongs,**

**I was miserable; even my bones felt brittle.**

**So I will pray: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

*(Silent prayer)*

L: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven and in whose spirit is no deceit.

God forgives the guilt of our sin and teaches us the way we should go.

God hears our prayers and surrounds us with songs of deliverance.

Offering & offertory

## We hear God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Message: More than a battle of words

## 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

**Rebecca will be attending** continuing education at Pastors & Leaders Week at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart this week. On Monday – Thursday she will be out of the office. If you need to contact her, send an email, text her, or leave a message on her cell phone. Michelle Lxnk is assigned for Pastoral Care Team this week.

**Ohio Conference Annual Assembly (ACA)** meets Saturday, March 7 at Sharon Mennonite Church, Plain City. Pastors and church delegates will gather for the day. Rebecca, Miriam and Steve will be attending from Bethel.



Change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time next weekend.

For next week read chapters 3, 4 *The Bible Unwrapped* book study. Groups meet during Sunday School and on Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the kitchen.

Everence's "Webinar Wednesdays" continue in March. *How to choose the best Medicare plan* is on March 4 at 2 p.m. and 8p.m. Join this webinar for a comparison of Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage plans. Visit [www.everence.com/national](http://www.everence.com/national) to register. Let Linda Hostetlrx know if you participate in a webinar.\*

**Birthday Potluck**, March 15 at noon. Is your birthday in the month of March, September, January, or December? Come celebrate it together with others. Bring a dish, dessert provided.

Look carefully when you pick up your mail this week. The **mailboxes** on the right side of the bulletin board have been **rearranged**.

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

### TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m. – Homework Help

### THURSDAY

3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m – Homework Help

### FRIDAY

11:00 a.m. – Book study, *The Bible Unwrapped*

### SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Russell Millxr, speaker.

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Michelle Lxnk

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 26

Worship Attendance 39

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

### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – March 1

Worship leader: Dick Lindemxr

Musicians: Ellen Steinxr, Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeter: Mary Newcomxr

Sound/media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – March 8

Worship leader: Dick Lindemxr

Musicians: Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Russell Millxr

Greeters: Paul & Linda Hostetlrx

Sound/media: Mark Kauffmxn

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn