

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for Janet as she has surgery tomorrow. May she and Joe feel the strength of God's presence with them, and may God work healing in her body.
- Continue to remember Carole and Bill as they respond to health needs.
- Pray for those who are in the midst of transitions, including: Sam and Mary Lou in their move to Green Hills Inn; for Kristyn and Shalem with the responsibilities of parenthood; and for Lila, Jason and their family as they settle into their new home. Pray each one would experience God's grace and blessing, knowing the Spirit is guiding them.
- Thanks to those who have committed to pray for Homework Help students. Join in praying for the students as they face daily challenges at school and home.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance to be with Deb Bylrx and five Kekchi women as they lead a Trauma Healing Workshop this week (March 10-11). May each of the 25 women who participate experience healing and gain greater self-confidence.
- Pray for the staff, volunteers and students at Academia Menonita Betania, a Christian bilingual school serving 160 students from K-grade 10 in Puerto Rico.

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Now, may the God of peace himself cause you
to be completely dedicated to him;
and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and
blameless at our Lord Jesus Christ's coming.

The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 CEB

Welcome

Prelude

We offer our praise and confession

Congregational singing

Confession and assurance of pardon:

All: We confess, O God, that you are faithful, loving, and totally trustworthy.

We also confess our desire for what is familiar, comfortable and secure.

Yet you regularly call us to accept new challenges,
to change our thinking, and to enter new places of service.

Lord, give us courage to respond to your call
when you show us new ways of thinking, being and acting.

(Silent prayer)

L: In love, God gave his only Son, not to condemn,
but so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.
The One who calls us is faithful, and will guide us as we follow him.

Old Testament reading: Psalm 121

Offering & offertory

We hear God's Word

Scripture: John 3:1-17

Message: The Night Visitor

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

For next week read chapters 5, 6, 7 for the *The Bible Unwrapped* book study. Groups meet during Sunday School and on Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the kitchen.

Tuesday, **Women Serving in Love**. Barb Schltz and Nellie are the hostesses for the Taco Bar lunch. Those with last name initials L-Y bring desserts. Elaine has devotions, "Becoming Childlike." Project is infant kits. (Don't need onesies.)

Everence's "Webinar Wednesdays" continue in March. *Enough-ness: Finding contentment & learning to live with it* is on March 11 at 2 p.m. and 8p.m. Join this webinar to explore the discipline and grace of contentment. Visit www.everence.com/national to register. Let Linda Hostetlrx know if you participate in a webinar.*

Birthday Potluck, March 15 at noon. This is for those (and their families) with birthdays in the month of January, March, September or December. Come celebrate it together with others. Bring a dish, dessert provided.

Save the Date: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. April 5, 5:00 p.m.

Join MCC and Great Lakes BIC for a workshop on Justice, Peace and Racial Reconciliation within the Church. Bishop Lynn Thrxsh will interview Pastor Tracie Hxnter and State Senator Cecil Thomxs about their experiences of faith and race and how that interacts with the court and prison system. Participants will come away with a better understanding of the narrative of racial difference, learn more about Pastor Tracie's story, and be equipped with some Biblical study tools on this topic to bring back to their congregations. This free event will take place on Saturday, March 28 at 9 a.m. at East Dayton Church of the Brethren (3520 E. 3rd Street). Lunch will be provided at noon. Please RSVP to KristaDutt@mcc.org *

* More information on the bulletin board in the foyer

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. – Women Serving in Love

3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m. – Homework Help

THURSDAY

3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m – Homework Help

7:00 p.m. – Elder Leadership Team meeting.

FRIDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

Noon – Birthday Potluck

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 26

Worship Attendance 45

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – March 8

Worship leader: Dick Lindemxr

Musicians: Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Russell Millxr

Greeter: Chuck & Carol Bxck

Sound/media: Mark Kauffmxn

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

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