

June 26, 2020

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Remember Janet W. in prayer as she receives radiation for another week. Pray for Suzanne Hostetlrx, Jan's neighbor, who is undergoing chemo treatments; and also for Jeanie's brother Don as he recovers from surgery and anticipates further cancer treatment. Continue to remember Kyle Yodxr and his family in his struggle with cancer. May our healing God provide strength and restoration to each of them.
- Offer a prayer of blessing for Jim and Tiffany Barrxtt as they exchange wedding vows tomorrow (June 27). May their love and commitment to each other continue to grow as they join their lives in marriage, and be family together.
- Pray for the young adults in our families who may be facing financial shortages or emotional stress due to Covid-19, social tensions, and other realities of our present environment. May we listen well to their concerns and be supportive of the wisdom of the next generations.
- Continue to pray for the Green Hills administration and staff as they seek to comply with guidelines from various agencies, and maintain a healthy environment for all. Pray for residents who may be feeling lonely. Consider writing a note of encouragement that can be addressed generally to staff or residents.
- Pray for countries and communities where human rights continue to be threatened by violence and abuses, including Columbia (where 130 social leaders have been assassinated this year alone). Pray that Christian churches would have courage to stand in solidarity with those whose livelihoods are threatened, and to embody the peace of Christ.
- Mennonite congregations in the Democratic Republic of Congo have launched awareness-raising campaigns to inform their communities about ways to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Pray for effective communication and that God will shield these brothers and sisters who have already experienced much trauma in recent years.
- We pray for courage to use our words, our presence and power to promote shalom for all people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sundays at 11:00 am - **Sharing and prayer time**. This is an opportunity to connect with each other as a group for 40-50 minutes. The format offers time to share news from your life, comment on the worship materials or other reflections, to share joys, struggles, and prayer requests. We conclude with a simple time of guided prayer. There is no obligation to talk; your listening presence is welcome. We use GoToMeeting, and you can join online or by simply calling in. *Let Rebecca know if you need assistance or have questions.*

Green Hills worship: this Sunday at 2:30 pm Rebecca will offer a devotional meditation for residents of Green Hills Care Center and Inn. This will happen via Zoom, allowing residents to access the worship service through the TV's in their rooms. They hope to make the worship service available to the apartments in the near future. If you would like help installing Zoom on your computer, tablet or smartphone you can call the church.

A book study and discussion group using "Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism" by Drew Hxrt will begin July 8, 6:00-7:00 pm, and continue on Wednesdays through Sept. 2. Jointly hosted by Oak Grove and Bethel, this is an opportunity to read and learn together about the reality of racism. (See June 24 email for details.) The book is available through MennoMedia, Amazon, or Kindle. Contact Rebecca or the church office by June 29 if you wish to be part of a group order (cost \$13.00).

Deb Bylrx shared that the **Kekchi Mennonite Church** has identified a need in their churches: widows and widowers (about 1500 people) are in need of food. The coronavirus has hit the rural economy particularly hard, limiting people's ability to earn money. The churches are helping as much as they can, but are also reaching out to the global church for help. If you are able to contribute above your regular giving, you can donate through Mennonite Mission Network (online, or by sending a check to MMN, PO Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515-0370). Either way, be sure to designate your gift for "LA 299 Kekchi Guatemala Outreach." See photos below.

MCC Centennial Celebration on July 26. This year marks the 100th anniversary of MCC! We invite you to join us (virtually) on Sunday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. (EDT), as we offer thanks to God and pray for the future of MCC's ministry of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. We'll be broadcasting live from Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, site of an important first meeting in the formation of MCC when representatives of various Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren groups met in July 1920. The livestream will feature a combination of live and pre-recorded speakers and music. Please invite your friends and family by sharing the link: mcc.org/gl-centennial-livestream.

MCC invites you to a free webinar series on immigration and border realities. Join Mennonite Central Committee staff and partners in the field who will provide insight into the current reality of the U.S. immigration and border crisis. For more information and to register, visit mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series. The next webinar session, "Church based immigration legal services" is June 30 at 2:00 pm EST.

Greeter next week

Anniversaries this week

Pastoral Care Person this week

July 5 Mary Newcomxr

July 4, 2005 Lee & Tesa Jordxn

Barb Kauffmxn

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The church in Guatemala responds to their community's need.



Petrona and I are working on a series of lessons on what the Bible says about wives and mothers. I enjoy working with Petrona.