

June 5, 2020

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Continue to pray for those you know who are living with health struggles, including: Ken Hostetlrx, Bill Barrxtt, Sam Plxnk, Mary Ann Kxng, and others.
- Remember Janet W. in prayer as she receives radiation over the next few weeks. Pray also for Suzanne Hostetlrx, Jan's neighbor, who is undergoing chemo treatments. May our healing God provide strength and restoration to each of them.
- Praise God that the building Bill and Carole own (where the Band Aid Shxp was) is in the process of being sold! Give thanks that Bill Jr. can be here for a few weeks to assist. Pray for a smooth transition as they sell remaining inventory, and sort, clean, and store other items.
- Pray that a buyer would be found for Jason and Lila's house in Illinois.
- Be in prayerful preparation for our congregational meeting, planned for June 7. May the Holy Spirit prepare us to listen well to each other, and to discern wisely as we contemplate and make decisions about renovating our church building. Pray for those involved in planning and leading the meeting, particularly Dave Link, our congregational chairperson.
- Pray for Governor DeWinx, Dr. Amy Actxn, lawmakers, Green Hills administrators, and other public officials and community leaders. May they be guided by wisdom and compassion. May a spirit of collaboration and creativity grow.
- Pray for students who are planning to begin studies at Mennonite schools this fall, and especially that visas would be granted for international students to study in the USA.
- *"... if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* (2 Chronicles 7:14). We continue to lament the senseless deaths of black and brown people, and pray God's victory over the principalities and powers of racism, fear, violence and systemic injustices. 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.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: June 7, 1:00 (till approx 2:30) at the church.

The purpose of the meeting is to continue our discernment on the West Entrance Addition proposal. In order to proceed with the project, we need congregational approval, so we plan to hold a vote that will determine if we have sufficient support to begin this renovation project. Agenda includes: looking at design plans; updates on costs, a possible construction schedule, and contractors; time for discussion, suggestions and questions; and taking a vote by paper ballot.

We decided to hold this meeting in person at the church in order to better facilitate group conversation and information sharing (such as diagrams, pictures). We will practice physical distancing and other recommended precautions.

If you are unable or chose not to attend, you are welcome to contact Dave L. or Dean with any questions or input.

To participate in the vote with **an absentee ballot**, please request a ballot from Miriam at the church office (phone or email). Absentee ballots must be returned to the church office via email or phone by midnight on Wed. June 10. (Details about the meeting & voting were emailed separately on June 1.)

Thursday, June 11, 7:00p.m. **Elder Leadership Team** meeting.

If anyone has Tim Hortons coupons that you don't want, Cindy would be glad to have them. You can put them in her church mailbox. She thanks you!

In response to recent deaths and violence, read a passionate plea for us, as a "historic peace church", to be unified around who we are as transformative peacemakers, written by Glen Guyton, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA, [We need to engage in more costly peacemaking](#). "... for many of you in MC USA, your race is not a barrier but rather an advantage you can use to dismantle racial injustice in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We need your voice. We need to #BringthePeace."

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 service" is June 16 at 2:00 pm EST.

Anniversaries: June 12, 1952 Ken & Jeanette Hostetlrx

Pastoral Care Person this week: Dick Lindemxr

Thanks, Mary, for the planting annuals around the churchyard.





The resilient volunteer snapdragons persist in the window well even after the new sidewalk installation!



The perennial lilacs are in full fragrance.
Can you smell them?