

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for Shirley Kxng as she receives therapy at Belle Springs. Cards can be sent to her attention at 221 N. School St., Bellefontaine, OH 43311. Give thanks that Diane W, our custodian, is feeling better! Remember in prayer others you know who are experiencing health struggles.
- Pray for people in our community and around the world whose pain or injuries are real but less visible - those who have experienced trauma, those who struggle with mental illness, those whose illness limits their activities or ability to be in public. May our compassion for such persons grow and be evident in our actions and attitudes.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading as Bethel's Gifts Discernment committee continues its work, and we each pray about how we can serve God.
- Be in prayer for Bethel's renovation project. Give thanks for the skills of the workers and pray for their safety and health. Praise God for this opportunity to improve access to our building, and pray God will use it - and us - to serve our community.
- As another school year approaches, we pray for Ken, Cheryl, and other teachers and school staff who are facing new challenges and may feel anxious in light of so much uncertainty. We pray also for parents, guardians, and students, especially those who rely on the support and resources offered at school.
- Pray for local, state, national, and global leaders, that they would make wise decisions, speak the truth, and reject selfish ambition.
- Pray for Deb Bylrx and the Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala as they seek to provide spiritual and physical resources in the face of suffering due to COVID-19.

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Reconciliation is the Center of our Work

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp – I Peter 5:6-7 NRSV

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,
so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him,
because he cares for you.

Prelude

Welcome

Psalm 27: 1-3, 5, 13-14 – an Affirmation of faith

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone?

P: The Lord is a refuge protecting my life.

Should I be frightened of anything?

L: When evildoers come at me trying to eat me up—
it's they, my foes and my enemies, who stumble and fall!

P: If an army camps against me, my heart won't be afraid.
If war comes up against me, I will continue to trust in this:

L: God will shelter me in his own dwelling during troubling times;
he will hide me under the cover of his own tent;
he will set me up high, safe on a rock.

P: I have sure faith that I will experience the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living!

All: Hope in the Lord! Be strong!

Let your heart take courage! Hope in the Lord!

Congregational song: The Lord's my shepherd – SS #99

Gospel reading: Matthew 6:25-34

Offering prayer

Epistle reading: Philippians 4:4-7, 10-13

Message: Managing anxiety with God's help
Discussion and questions

Response song: Calm me, Lord – SS #45

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

Sending song: Nothing is lost on the breath of God - SS #121

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca is on vacation through Wednesday, Aug. 19. In case of emergency, contact Dick Lindemxr (Sat-Sun), and Cheryl Shxnk (on Mon-Wed).

Today we welcome **Andy Stonxr as our guest speaker**. Andy is the new Community Life Pastor at Oak Grove Mennonite Church.

Wed., August 19, 6:00-7:00 pm, at *Oak Grove church*. **A book study and discussion group** using Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism by Drew Hxrt. If you are participating, we'll be discussing chapter 7.

Grief Share, grief support groups. Aug. 24-Nov.16. **In-person** sessions held Mondays, Aug. 24-Nov. 16 at 10:00 a.m. or Tuesdays, Aug 25-Nov.17 at 6:30 p.m.at West Liberty United Methodist Church, 202 W. Newell St., West Liberty. **Zoom** meetings Mondays Aug. 24-Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Call Gene Farlxy for the access code. For more info call 937-441-3592*

Bethel's Covid-19 Response: Thank you for continuing to wear masks, wash hands, keep distance, and self-quarantine as needed - these are essential actions for the health of our congregation and community!

September is our month to staff the **West Liberty Cares Food Pantry**. Distribution days have been on Wednesdays. Volunteers are needed to carry out this ministry! A sign-up sheet with the exact times will be posted soon.

Adriel will hold a **benefit Golf Scramble** on Monday, Sept. 14, at the Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance. Entry deadline is Sept. 10, and more info can be found at ...<https://www.adriel.org/how-you-can-help/adriel-golf-outings>. Proceeds support Adriel's foster care and adoption, clinical services, training, and family preservation programs.*

*Look for more info on the bulletin board.

Update from Deb Bylxx: I am able to get out now. The Guatemalan president has started to open things up where there is the least Covid, which is where I live. Although we have it in the towns to some extent, there is little or none out in the country. I did hear last week of two men who had a fever and one of them died. They live quite a distance from here, but they are men in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. We'll have to wait and see if there are more cases to get a feel for whether it's Covid. I will begin traveling once a week next week for one-hour meetings. We will wear masks, use hand sanitizer and be socially distanced. We'll talk about what they can do during this time and how to stay safe. I look forward to going out, but I'm concerned about the people as they have opened up public transportation again.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:00 a.m. – Worship. Andy Stonxr, speaker.

WEDNESDAY

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – *Trouble I've Seen* book study.
At Oak Grove or by Zoom

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. – Gifts Discernment Committee

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. – Worship. Speakers, Mary N., Barb & Byron K., Rebecca

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomxr

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance 36

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – August 16

Worship leader: Doug Steinxx

Music leader: Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Andy Stonxr

Greeters: Mary Newcomxr

Sound: Ken Shxnk

Media: Miriam Lxpp

Prelude: Ellen Stexner

Next Week – August 23

Worship leader: Kathy Lehmxx

Music leader: Ellen Steinxx

Speaker: Mary N, Barb & Byron K

Greeters: Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

Sound: Lori Lehmxx

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Elaine Newcomxr