

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for Kyle Yodxr (Alvin & Ruth Ann's grandson) who is undergoing radiation due to the spread of cancer. Pray for Tobias Leamxn and his family as he lives out his last days. Pray for baby Nora and her family (co-worker of Kim). Remember others you know who are experiencing health struggles.
- Pray for those in our community and around the world who are suffering due to Covid-19 and its effects. We grieve the loss of life and pray for the will to work together toward healing.
- Continue to be in prayer for Bethel's renovation project, for the workers, and for Dave and Dean as they provide coordination. Pray for God's guidance as we look ahead to using these resources to serve our congregation and community.
- Pray for local, state, national, and global leaders, that they would make wise decisions, speak the truth, and reject selfish ambition.
- Give thanks for a new partnership between Mennonite World Conference and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS in Elkhart, IN) that will provide biblical, theological and church leadership education from an Anabaptist perspective to believers from around the globe. Pray that God will bless the mutual sharing of gifts to strengthen and unify Anabaptist identity and build up the church in many places.
- UpNext is a Mennonite Mission Network-related mentorship program for young women of color desiring to explore the intersection of faith and justice. Pray for these young adult leaders and their mentors to make a positive impact in their communities as they apply faith-based leadership models that affirm people of color.

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## Announcements

### Lighting the Peace Lamp – Romans 8:5b-6

Those who live according to the Spirit  
set their minds on the things of the Spirit.  
To set the mind on the flesh is death,  
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Prelude: I sing the mighty power of God –H #46

Welcome

Congregational song: All hail the power of Jesus' name – H #285

Epistle reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Leader: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

**All: who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,**

L: but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

**All: And being found in human form, he humbled himself**

L: and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

**All: Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,**

L: so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**All: and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

Offering prayer

Scripture: Matthew 21:23-32

Message: By what authority?

Response song: Forth in thy name –H #415

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

Sending song  
Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women Serving in Love** will meet on October 13 at 10:00 a.m. in Bethel's fellowship room to discuss how and when to meet safely in the future. (We won't be having our usual workday.) Mask wearing and social distancing will be observed. Our leaders would really like your input as we move forward. If you can't come or don't feel safe coming, no problem. Feel free to call or write to Kyle or Mary P. with your ideas or concerns.

Pastoral Care Team meeting. October 16, 1:00 p.m.

MCC Thrift Shop is looking for an **enclosed trailer** to borrow for several days. It will be parked in the alleyway in the back of the store and used for storage while we have work done in the back receiving room. If you have one we can borrow, please call Michelle Nexr at 937-465-3077. Thanks.

MCC Thrift Shop is in need of **volunteers to run the cash register**. Please come in and talk to one of our managers if interested! When you volunteer at MCC Thrift Shop it is a gift to the world and a way to be a missionary at home.

**Giving through your will.** Many of us are looking at life and death in a new way this year, and about what's important to us. If you want to learn more about giving to others through your will, our church's faith-based partner, Everence, offers information and assistance at [everence.com/wills-legacy-planning](http://everence.com/wills-legacy-planning).

Last week you may have received a new magazine, *Anabaptist World* in the mail. *Anabaptist World Inc.* (AW) is an independent journalistic ministry serving the global Anabaptist movement. It strives to be the place where a diverse community comes together to explore and strengthen Anabaptist values and encourage one another to follow Christ faithfully.

While *Anabaptist Word* began September 1, 2020, these predecessors laid the foundation for this work over the past century (*Mennonite World*

*Review*) and even longer (*The Mennonite* and *Gospel Herald*). The magazine is available in print and online. If you were part of Bethel's group plan to receive *The Mennonite*, you will get this magazine now. There is a copy in the rack outside the church office.

**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!

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:00 a.m.** – Worship. Rebecca Kauffmxn, speaker.

### TUESDAY

**12:30 p.m.** – Peace & Justice Lunch

### THURSDAY

**7:00 p.m.** – Elder Leadership Team

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:00 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Mark Thomxs

## LAST WEEK

Worship attendance 42

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

### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – October 4

**Worship leader:** Dick Lindemxr

**Music leader:** Byron Kaufmxn

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Nellie & Dick Lindemxr

**Sound:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Byron Kauffmxn

Next Week – October 11

**Worship leader:** Donna Lehmxx

**Music leader:** Ellen Steinxx

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Nellie & Dick Lindemxr

**Sound:** Mark Kauffmxn

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Ellen Steinxx