

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in extending friendship to someone you have known for a long time and/or someone you don't know well.
- Praise God for Shirley King's testimony of faith shared through her 'celebration of life' service last week. Remember her family and friends in prayer as they mourn her death.
- Kyle V. invites our prayers for Alex and Joe, 16-year-old twins, and their family as Alex is living with kidney disease. Pray for those who are dealing with long-term illnesses, including Jan, Paul, Jeanette, Ron King, Patrick Stanton, and others you know.
- Pray for God's wisdom and leading in the work of Bethel's Gifts Discernment committee. Give thanks for the variety of talents present in our congregation. Turn your prayer into action this week by expressing thanks to a fellow Bethelite for their presence and participation in our life together.
- Pray for the faculty, staff and students of LCC International University in Lithuania as they prepare for another year of studies. Pray especially for the students who come from countries where wars are raging. May God give them the physical and emotional resources needed to focus on learning.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Now may the Lord of peace himself

give you peace at all times and in every way.

The Lord be with all of you. II Thessalonians 3:16 (NIV)

Call to worship

Hymns

Reflection on “Time” – A Worship Reading by Willis Breckhill

Offering & prayer

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Message: *God's Timing*

Response hymn

Sharing: reflections on the scripture, joys, requests, testimony

Intercessory prayer

Sending hymn

Benediction

Sermon Outline

1. God's timing helps us maintain healthy balance in our life.
2. God's timing makes living a beautiful experience.
3. God's timing reminds us that we are living in God's presence and blessings.
4. God's timing brings us satisfaction.
5. God's timing helps us trust God for our future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note: There are a couple **audio CDs** of Shirley King's 'celebration of life' service to borrow if you missed the service.

Information & pre-order prices for the *Anabaptist Community Bible* are on the bulletin board. **Sign-up by October 15** if you are interested in doing a group order to get a discount on shipping. Questions? Talk to Rebecca or Barb.

Job openings with MCC Appalachia Build: MCC has two exciting positions available with our Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP) program in Kimball, West Virginia. Focused on home repairs for low-income households, Appalachia Build is an MCC program that provides week-long service and learning opportunities.

1. **Site Manager** to serve as an overall construction project lead. They choose projects and then schedule and oversee the work.
2. **Hospitality Manager** to provide overall responsibility for hosting volunteers and guests.

Application deadlines are September 2, and you can find both opportunities at mcc.org/careers.

Need help **engaging with your Star Word**? Here are some options:

- Invite any member of the Worship Ministry (or another friend) to have a conversation about the word over coffee/tea.
- Talk to Rebecca if you would like her to offer a message focused on your word this fall. (You may remain anonymous to the congregation.)

Grief Share is a 13-week seminar and support group designed to help people who have experienced the death of a loved one. It will be offered at the WL United Methodist Church, Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, from August 20 – Nov. 12. Please register (\$10) by calling 937-441-3592. Walk-ins are welcome. If you have attended in the past, we invite you to come refresh your learning and continue your healing journey through a new edition of the program.

Note: There are several **hearing assistance devices** available. Talk to an usher or the sound person if you would like to use one during the worship service.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

10:30 a.m. – Worship; speaker: Andy Stoner

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. – Bethel Bible reading

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

10:30 a.m. – Worship; speaker: Rebecca Kauffman

Scripture: Ecclesiastes

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mary Jean Horn, 937-539-8055

LAST WEEK

Worship: 33

Sunday School: 19

Offering: General Fund \$3,352

Shirley King Memorial: \$200

Our Daily Bread: \$300

Your generosity empowers our collective work for God's kingdom purposes. Thank you!

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – August 18

Worship leader: Elaine Newcomer

Music leader: Janet Wilkins

Speaker: Andy Stoner

Greeter: Ed Holliday

Sound: Ken Shank

Next Sunday – August 25

Worship leader: Kyle VanOsdol

Music leader: Byron Kauffman

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffman

Greeter: Carol Buck

Sound: Lori Lehman