

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Give thanks to God for the life of Shirley King and the ways she blessed the life of our congregation. Remember her family and friends in prayer as they mourn her death.
- Pray for those who are dealing with long-term illnesses, including Jan, Paul, Jeanette, Ron King, Patrick Stanton, and others you know.
- Praise God for the success of the MCC Thrift Store in West Liberty and that it benefits people both locally and abroad. Pray for God's guidance on the board and staff, and blessing upon the volunteers and customers.
- Praise God for the surge of interest in Christian Service programs that has led to all MMN's opening being filled! Pray for the new participants who are joining Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure this month, and their host congregations, as they learn to know, serve, and live with one another.
- Mennonite Mission Network workers in Ecuador request prayer for the people of Ecuador, as the country has moved from being one of the safest in Latin America to having the highest recorded murder rate. Pray that the peacebuilding courses taught in Mennonite congregations will help God's people live in ways that lead to Jesus' way of non-violence and shalom.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

The words of the reckless pierce like swords,  
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.  
Deceit is in the hearts of those who plot evil,  
but those who promote peace have joy. Proverbs 12:18, 20 (NIV)

Call to worship

Hymns: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues – VT #764  
O God and Father – VT #45

Scripture: Proverbs 4:23-24; 10:19, 15:28, 18:13, 21:23

Offering & prayer

Scripture: Proverbs 15:1, 11:12-13; 16:27-28; 26:22-23  
Proverbs 10:21; 12:18-19; 13:3, 16:23-24  
Proverbs 24:26, 25:15, 26:20

Message: Harmful Words, Healing Words

Response song: Make me a channel of your peace – SJ #56

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

Sending hymn: Open My Eyes that I May See – VT #738

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

MennoMedia is preparing to publish **the Anabaptist Community Bible** to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Anabaptist movement that began in 1525. This is a **study Bible** that uses the Common English Bible translation, and features notes by Anabaptist scholars and ordinary people. This Bible offers a unique opportunity to renew the movement in the 21<sup>st</sup> century by inviting readers to engage scripture anew through the distinctive lens of the Anabaptist tradition. More info & pre-order prices are on the bulletin board. **Sign-up** if you are interested in doing a group order to get a discount on shipping.

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.

**Thank you to all those who shop** and volunteer at the MCC Thrift store! Proceeds benefit Mennonite Central Committee. The shop continues to accept donations of clothes and home goods, new AAA and AA batteries, Duck brand packing tape (size 1.88 x 54.6), Ziploc bags of all sizes (any brand), reusable paper and mesh shopping bags with handles. Watch for future opportunities to assist with reflooring the main sales area and painting the upstairs bag sale area.

~Sincerely, Michelle Neer, manager

**Tentative arrangements for Shirley King** are to have calling hours at Bethel on Thursday, August 8, from 10:00 – 11 am, with a celebration of life service at 11:00, followed by a meal.

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** – combined Sunday school classes

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

### WEDNESDAY

**10:00 a.m.** – Bethel Bible reading

### THURSDAY

**7:00 p.m.** – Leadership Team meeting

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday school

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship; speaker: Rebecca K.

Scripture: Proverbs on personal relations & friendship

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Mark Thomas, 937-441-0172

## LAST WEEK

Worship: 25

Sunday School: 11

Offering: General Fund \$2,595.00

W. Liberty Cares \$50.00

Ice Cream Social (Stanton) \$50.00

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

### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – August 4

Worship leader: Kim Lehman

Music leader: Andrew Blount

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffman

Greeters: Mary Newcomer

Sound: Andrew Blount

Next Sunday – August 11

Worship leader: Brenda M.

Music leader: Carl Newcomer

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffman

Greeters: Dave & Brenda M.

Sound: Mark Kauffman