

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- “Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.” (*Sing the Journey* #54)
- Pray for those with health concerns, including Jan Lowery’s friend Kathy L.; Mark Thomas’ mother; Ella Mae, Mary Kay, Jeanette, Mary Ann K., and others you know. May God bring healing and show his presence according to his will.
- Pray that God would comfort those who are grieving the recent death of a loved one. For our custodian Diane Woods in the death of her mother; and for the family of Cindy Kauffman. For the families of those who lost their lives in wildfires and the plane crash.
- Pray for those (in our community and around the country) who are facing sudden employment changes, food or housing insecurity, or who struggle to find adequate childcare.
- Pray that the ceasefire agreement between the Israeli government and Hamas will continue to be implemented in good faith from all sides.

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Renewal through Trust & Yielding to One Another

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict,
but the one who is patient calms a quarrel. Prov. 15:1, 18 (NIV)

Call to worship

Hymns: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name – VT #126

All People that on Earth Do Dwell – VT #5

Affirmation of Faith: (MWC, 7 Core Convictions, adapted)

We gather to worship and delight in God’s presence.

**We gather to remember and celebrate what Christ has done,
and to hear the Word of God
in a spirit of mutual accountability.**

As a community of faith,

we accept the Bible as our authority for faith and life,
**interpreting it together under Holy Spirit guidance,
in the light of Jesus Christ**

to discern God’s will for our obedience.

We walk in Jesus’ name by the grace of God.

Offering & prayer

Scripture: I Corinthians 14:1-4, 26-33

Message: Renewal through Yielding in Worship

Hymn of response: We are people of God’s peace – VT #797

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

Sending hymn: Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing – VT #555

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **memorial service** for Cindy Kauffman will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at noon, with calling hours from 10:00 am till noon, at Jennings Farley Seeley Funeral Home.

We plan to **celebrate communion** during worship on February 9. You are invited to prayerfully prepare for this service.

Ohio Conference's **Annual Conference Assembly** (ACA) will take place March 7-8, 2025, at Berlin Mennonite Church. The theme is *Foundation to Future*. All are invited! Time together includes worship (including a hymn sing at the Amish Mennonite Heritage Center), workshops, guest speakers John D. Roth and Shannon Dycus. A schedule is on the bulletin board. For registration information, see the conference website: [Home - Ohio Mennonite Conference](#).

Five Centuries, Five Lectures: The Shenandoah Mennonite Historians has organized a series of 5 lectures. Each one will describe the social and religious context of Anabaptist & Mennonite history in a particular century. These hour-long live presentations will take place at 7 pm for 5 Thursdays, beginning January 30th. They can be viewed online; find more info and links at [MennoniteArchivesofVirginia - Home](#). The second lecture will focus on the Dutch Mennonites in the 1600s. If you are interested in watching any of these as a group at church, let Rebecca or Janet know.

GriefShare will begin a new 13-week seminar and support group designed to help rebuild life after losing a loved one. If you have attended GriefShare in the past, you are also invited to attend, to refresh your experience and learn new ways to help on your healing journey with this new edition of the program. Meetings will be held

each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., February 18 through May 13, 2025 at the West Liberty United Methodist Church, 202 W. Newell St. **To register, call 937-441-3592, or online at griefshare.org**

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

10:30 a.m. – Worship: Speaker, Pastor Rebecca

TUESDAY

10 a.m. and **6 p.m.** – Women's Bible Study at South Union

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. – Bible Reading

11 a.m. – Worship Ministry Meeting

FRIDAY

12:30 p.m. – Pastoral Care Team Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

10:30 a.m. – Worship with communion; speaker, Anne Yoder
Scriptures: Ephesians 3:16-19; Col. 2:6-7

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomer, 937-465-3366

LAST WEEK

Worship: 27

Sunday school: 9

General Fund: \$3,679.00

WSIL, health kits: \$150.00

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – February 2

Worship leader: Brenda Montgomery

Music leader: Carl Newcomer

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffman

Greeter: Mary Newcomer

Sound: Andrew Blount

Next Sunday – February 9

Worship leader: Tami Wenger

Music leader: Andrew Blount

Speaker: Anne Yoder

Greeters: Carl & Elaine Newcomer

Sound: Mark Kauffman