

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Praise God that Linda's grandson Hayden seems to be recovering from his injury. Pray for wisdom and patience with the healing process.
- Ron King's mother, Dixie, is in the hospital. Pray for God's mercy upon Dixie, her husband Dwight, and the rest of the family in this time with many unknowns.
- Continue to pray for those with health concerns, including Ella Mae K., Jeanette H., Kyle's friend Lisa, and others you know. May they feel God's presence and be granted courage, strength and healing according to his will.
- Jan Lowery sends greetings to the Bethel congregation. Pray a blessing on those from our midst who are spending time in other parts of the country during the winter.
- Pray for our sister congregations in Ohio Conference who are in a pastoral search process, including Huber Mennonite in New Carlisle and Sharon Mennonite in Plain City. May the Holy Spirit guide the churches and candidates.
- Robin Gingerich serves as an administrator and teacher at LCC International University in Lithuania (a MMN partner). Pray for her, the faculty, staff and students as they learn to be peacemakers by living in a cross-cultural context. Some of the students' countries of origin are at war with each other.

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Renewal

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed,”
says the Lord, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10 (NIV)

Welcome & Call to worship:

If you are delighted to be here, and if you are tired or troubled,
you are welcome.

If your faith is strong, and if your faith is battered or frail,
you are welcome.

If you are eager to offer praise to God, and if you just need to be quiet,
you are welcome.

God welcomes us all to worship today.

God promises to meet us here.

Hymns: Jesus, Be the Center – VT #584

Christ is Our Cornerstone – VT #4

Offering & prayer

Scripture: I Corinthians 3:1-11

Message: No Other Foundation

Hymn of response: The Church's One Foundation – VT #397

Receiving a Star Word

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

Sending song: See Whose Glory Fills the Skies – VT #274

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Bethel's turn to lead worship at Green Hills Foundation Hall, from 2:30 – 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend and interact with residents.

Women Serving in Love meets this Tuesday, beginning at 9:30 am. Bring a cup of uncooked vegetables to contribute to the “stone soup” lunch (Kyle V. and Twila W. hostesses). Project is hygiene kits.

Greeters needed in 2025! Please consider sharing hospitality with the congregation and visitors. Sign up on the form by the mailboxes.

Sunday, January 19: plan to participate in our **Pastoral and Congregational review** process. Every 3 years, members and regular attenders are invited to reflect together on how we are doing as a congregation and on the ministry of our pastor, focusing on the past 3 years. Please use the form in your mailbox to prepare for this meeting.

After worship that day we'll share **potluck lunch together**, with the meeting to follow, facilitated by the Leadership Team. Please contribute food for the carry-in meal as you are able.

Thank you! ...to Rebecca and all of you for the lovely note and the Marie's chocolate for Christmas! I am grateful for the opportunity to work with you all and wish you the very best in this New Year.
~Twila Wilkins, office assistant

The January issue of Anabaptist World is a special edition with numerous articles highlighting 500 years of Anabaptism. You are welcome to borrow a copy from the church and return it when you are finished. You can find an extra issue on the shelf under the wall calendar outside the secretary's office.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

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

2:30 p.m. – Bethel leads worship at Green Hills

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. – Women Serving in Love

6:30 p.m. – Ohio Conference cluster meeting at Bethel

WEDNESDAY

9 a.m. – West Central Pastor Peer Group (at Trenton MC)

SATURDAY

8 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

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

12 Noon – Lunch and Pastor/Congregational Review Meeting

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

LAST WEEK

Worship: 24

Sunday school: 8

General Fund:

MCC:

\$1,235.00

\$100.00

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – January 12

Worship leader: Cheryl Shank

Music leader: Andrew Blount

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffman

Greeter: Kim Lehman

Sound: Mark Kauffman

Next Sunday – January 19

Worship leader: Kyle VanOsdol

Music leader: Janet Wilkins

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffman

Greeter: Mary Newcomer

Sound: Ken Shank