

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Give thanks to God that Hilda Yodxr's heart surgery went very well. Pray for grace and strength as she goes through this recovery time, and for health and peace to be upon Wilfred as well.
- Continue to pray for Chuck S as he receives care at Green Hills, and for those who are recovering from earlier surgeries, including Bob P., Joe W. and others. Pray that God would strengthen and protect their spirits, giving them hope and peace.
- Pray for those in West Liberty (and other places) affected by recent flooding. Give thanks for helping hands, and pray for those involved in coordinating and carrying out cleanup efforts.
- Pray for students, teachers and staff as they wrap up another school year. May students have confidence in themselves and what they have learned. May God bless the efforts teachers have made to encourage academic as well as personal growth in their students.
- On this Memorial Day weekend we pray with and for those who are grieving the death of a loved one, whether that death was a long time ago or recently. We lament untimely deaths, and those brought by acts of violence. We give thanks for those whose lives and faith enriched our own. We acknowledge the complexity of the grieving process, and ask that Christ would give us grace and patience - with ourselves and others who are walking the path of grief. We contemplate our own mortality, remembering that Christ suffered death for our sake, and proclaiming by faith God's power to give abundant and eternal life.

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# Bethel Mennonite Church

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## **We gather to worship**

Announcements

## **Lighting the Peace Lamp**

The words of the reckless pierce like swords,  
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.  
Truthful lips endure forever,  
but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.  
Deceit is in the hearts of those who plot evil,  
but those who promote peace have joy.  
Proverbs 12:18, 20 (NIV)

Welcome

Prelude

## **We offer our praises & gifts**

Congregational singing

Scripture of praise - Psalm 148: 1-13

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

## **We hear God's Word**

Scripture: Titus 3:1-7

Message: "Hope of Redemption"

## **We respond to Christ's invitation**

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

Intercessory prayer

## **We go to love and serve**

Benediction

Sending song

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Christopher Thornbxrg.

### SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. –Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn

6:30 p.m. – Film night. *Is Genesis History?*

**UP COMING EVENT:** June 9, 2:30 p.m. Green Hills Service

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Carl Newcomxr

Carl's cell

Elaine's cell

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 38

Worship Attendance 52

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

### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – May 26

**Worship leader:** Dave & Michelle Lxnk

**Musicians:** Bill Barrxtt, Byron Kauffmxn  
Janet Wilkxns

**Speaker:** Christopher Thornbxrg

**Greeters:** Carol & Chuck Bxck

**Sound/media:** Ken Shxnk

**Prelude:** Bill Barrxtt

**Offertory:** Bill Barrxtt

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – June 2

**Worship leader:**

**Musicians:** Bill Barrxtt, Ellen Steinxr  
Janet Wilkxns, Carl Newcomxr

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Rita and Mike Robxrts

**Sound/media:** Larry Evxns

**Prelude:** Team

**Offertory:** Bill Barrxtt

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers today are in memory of our loving son, Neil, who left us 21 years ago on May 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Ken & Jeanette

Rebecca will be off to attend her nephew's high school graduation in Illinois, and for the holiday. Contact Carl Newcomxr in case of a pastoral care need.  
(Carl's cell or Elaine's cell)

Miriam will be in the church office on Wednesday morning, Thursday afternoon and all day Friday this week, May 26-June 1.

Gift Discernment response forms are in your mailboxes. Your prayerful suggestions assist the GD committee in exploring with you your interests and skills, and enable Bethel to carry out its ministries. Please return the forms to the box in the hallway by June 9. Thank you!

Sunday, June 2, at 6:30-8:00 pm, we will have a "film night" to view the film "Is Genesis History?"



Vacation Bible School

June 10-14 9-11:45am

Pick up registration forms in the foyer for your grandchildren and neighbors.

The New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers are conducting a 2019 Baby Bottle Campaign, "Spare Some Change to Help Spare a Life." Take a baby bottle from the foyer. Fill it with change. Returned it by Father's Day, Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The larger bottles are for a one-time donation.

Dan Byler will retire on May 31 from Rosedale Mennonite Missions after 40 years of service. Come express appreciation for his work at an Open House on June 9, from 3:00-6 pm, at Rosedale International Center, 2120 E 5th Ave. in Columbus. A memory book is being compiled for Dan; if you would like to contribute a memory, humorous story, or words of gratitude or encouragement please send that to [humanresources@rmmoffice.org](mailto:humanresources@rmmoffice.org) by June 15, or bring it to the open house.