

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for safe travel for the Swxrtz family as they gather this week, and for the Holy Spirit's presence to be with all of us as we remember Chuck Swxrtz and celebrate his life.
- Pray for Mary N. and Jeanie S. as they recover from recent surgeries and begin physical therapy. May God's power bring healing and strength.
- Continue to pray for those with health concerns, including: Jim Barrxtt, Wilfred Y., Jerry (Cindy's brother), Rick Zerklx, Jason P. (KJ's friend's son), and others.
- Pray for the young adults from Bethel - Alex, Annie, Michael, Daniel, Becky - as they work in summer or permanent jobs, as they interact with friends and co-workers. Give thanks for ways they are growing and living their faith. Pray for God's guidance in their decisions, and that Christ would be their companion and inspiration in all things.
- Give thanks for expressions of cooperation and generosity in our community. Pray that we may have eyes to see opportunities we have to be an encouragement to those around us, and that we would act in ways the Spirit enables us.
- Praise God for the peace ministries of the Columbia Mennonite Church on the national and local levels. Some communities continue to experience violence and risk to the civilian population. Pray that the ongoing work of bringing together rebel fighters and the Colombian government will bear fruit and stability for communities who have suffered for so many years.

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# Bethel Mennonite Church

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## **We gather to worship**

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.  
Ephesians 2:17-18

Welcome

Prelude

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

Congregational singing

Affirmation of Faith: SJ #134

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

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

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16

Message: Tending the gift of unity

Song of response

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

Confession: O God, clothe us with compassion,  
kindness, humility, patience.

*Enfold us in love,*

*which binds everything together in harmony.*

*(silence)*

You have forgiven us; may we also forgive.

*And may Christ's peace rule in our hearts. Amen.*

Communion

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

Intercessory prayer

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

Sending song: We, Your People, Sing Your Praises

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

July is the month to contribute to the **Student Aid Fund**. Please be generous as we launch Annie Steinxr into her senior year at Goshen College! – Mary Newcomxr

August 2 & 3 **Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale**. Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster OH. \*

Clete Schrxck of Everence Financial will present an informative **charitable giving seminar** on Tuesday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. The seminar will take place at Shiloh Mennonite Church, 7521 Woods and West Avenue, London. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Ken Sxms at [ken.sims@everence.com](mailto:ken.sims@everence.com).\*

**July 31<sup>st</sup>. Green Hills Annual Church Social**. Everyone invited! Worship, food fellowship and games at Foundation Hall. 5:30 church service. 6:00p.m. picnic & ice cream.\*

Thanks so much for the various ways you helped and encouraged us with our move this weekend! We appreciate your welcome and helping us get settled into the community. Our new address is 324 Pickrelltown Rd. -Rebecca & Andrew

The effort to **aid immigrants** continues through August 4. Place items for immigrant families traveling through Ohio in the box in the foyer. Designate money donations as “MCC/immigration kits.” (See bulletin insert 7/21/19.)\*

Are you interested in volunteering at **New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers**? Come join us for our next training session being offered at Goshen Friends Church (5527 County Road 153 - right off 33 west, next to Marmon Valley Farm) in Logan County on the evenings of *August 5, August 6, August 12 & Aug. 13*. A light supper will be served at 5:30 each evening. Training will begin at 6:00 and end at 9:00. Even if you cannot attend all four sessions, which are required for volunteering, come to those you can attend and we will work with you to make up those you miss.

**ADRIEL Benefit Golf Scramble**. September 9, 2019, 12:30 p.m. at Eagle Rock Golf Club, Defiance Ohio. See the bulletin board for details.\*

The July-August Ohio **Evangel** is on the bulletin board. **The Marketplace**, MEDA magazine, is in the rack outside the library.\*

\*More information in the foyer

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

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

### WEDNESDAY

**5:30 p.m.** – Green Hills Annual Church Social & Picnic

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale, Wooster

### SATURDAY

**8:00a.m.** – Men’s Breakfast

**9:30 a.m.** – Chuck Swxrtz calling hours

**11:00 a.m.** – Celebration of Life, followed by meal and sharing

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Cheryl Shxnk

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Carl Newcomxr

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 30

Worship Attendance 45

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

### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – July 28

**Worship leader:** Doug Steinxr

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

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Ken & Jeanette Hostetlrx

**Sound/media:** Lori Lehmxn

**Prelude:** Bill Barrxtt

**Offertory:** Ellen Steinxr

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – August 4

**Worship leader:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

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

**Speaker:** Cheryl Shxnk

**Greeters:** Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

**Sound/media:** Larry Evxns

**Prelude:** Team

**Offertory:** Bill Barrxtt

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn