

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for those struggling with health needs, including: Wilfred Y., Steve Smxth, Roger Leisxre, Jerry. Also pray for those who continue to recover from different surgeries.
- Continue to hold in prayer the family of Dereck K as they mourn his death: his parents, Doug & Janette, his children (Gaby, Lucas, Sam), and his many friends. May there be gratitude in the midst of pain, and comfort in the midst of sorrow. If you would like to send a card: Doug and Janette Yodxr's address
- Pray for teachers, students and staff as the school year begins again. Give thanks for opportunities to learn, create and ask questions. Pray the school would be a place of physical and emotional safety. May God grant teachers abundant patience, and students a curiosity to learn.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the MCC Thrift Store in our town! Pray for the manager and Board of Directors as they provide leadership. Give thanks for new board members representing Bethel: Dick Lindemxr, Cheryl Shxnk, and Andrew Bloxnt.
- The search for a Regional Pastor for the western area of Ohio Mennonite Conference continues. Please pray for God's leading as the Leadership Team works to fill this important staff position. Praise God that a new moderator has been found to serve OH Conference! Lynn Millxr, member of Tedrow Mennonite Church, has agreed to serve in this volunteer leadership role.

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. Galatians 5:22-23 (NRSV)

Welcome

Prelude

We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing

Blessing for the new Sunday School year (see insert)

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

We hear God's Word

Scripture:

Genesis 2:7-8, 15; Ecclesiastes 2:24-25; 3:9-14; Ephesians 2:8-10

Message: Vocation: work that follows God's call

We respond to Christ's invitation

Prayer of response: SJ #156

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

Intercessory prayer

We go to love and serve

Sending song

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Wednesday, 8:30-2:00, Rebecca will be at Sharon MC for a pastor-peer meeting. You can reach her via her cell, or a message through Miriam.

September is Bethel's month to serve at **West Liberty Cares**. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are willing to help.*

The **Sunday School student booklets** for the next quarter are in the foyer. You are welcome to take your copy.*

Women's Bible Study starts up again this week on Tuesday, September 3. We will be studying Hebrews 11. All are welcome.

ADRIEL Benefit Golf Scramble. September 9, 2019, 12:30 p.m. at Eagle Rock Golf Club, Defiance Ohio. Registration deadline September 2. See the bulletin board for details.*

The **Gifts Discernment Committee** has put a list of nominations for the 2019-20 year in your mailboxes. Please offer your affirmation &/or reservations on the form, sign, and return to the box in the foyer by Sept. 15. Thank you! *

Thank you to the sound operators, Larry Evxns, Mark Kauffmxn, Ken Shxnk and Lori Lehmxn, who have faithfully run the sound equipment and recorded our worship services this past year!

Paving of the parking lot is scheduled to begin September 10.

Women Serving in Love meets Tuesday, Sept. 10 (booklet incorrect.) Please do not park on the south side of the building or where ever there is new sidewalk. Leave spaces on the north and east side of Bethel for those who need to be closer to the door. Parking space is available in the Church of God lot.

"Be Strong and Courageous," a **Women's Retreat** at Camp Luz September 13-15. Jeanne Zimmxrly Jantz, speaker. Register by September 9.*

The New Rules of Money: Navigate the new economy like a pro! Everence® will host this informative webinar on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 2 and 8 p.m. Participants will learn about new resources to manage debt, about the impact of credit scoring, and how to avoid those ever-changing scams. For more information, or to register, visit www.everence.com/national or contact Melissa Shxrt at 800-348-7468 ext. 3392 or melissa.short@everence.com*

*More information in the foyer

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. – West Liberty Cares

7:00 p.m. – Worship Ministry meeting

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men's breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Michelle Lxnk

LAST WEEK

Worship Attendance 50

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – September 1

Worship leader: Ken Shxnk

Musicians: Bill Barrxtt, Janet Wilkins
Ellen Steinxr, Andrew Bloxtt

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Cindy Kauffmxn

Sound/media: Larry Evxns

Prelude: Team

Offertory: Bill Barrxtt

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – September 8

Worship leader: Doug Steinxr

Musicians: Janet Wilkxns, Bill Barrxtt
Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Paul & Linda Hostetlrx

Sound/media: Lori Lehmxn

Prelude: Bill Barrxtt

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn