

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Bethel's Homework Help program is scheduled to begin Oct 29. Pray for Elaine as she does preparatory work, and that the students who could benefit from this help would be able to participate.
- Remember Bob and Mary P, and their family, in your prayers as they walk together with his illness. Continue to hold in prayer those who have experienced the death of a loved one.
- Be in prayer for our upcoming congregational business meeting, that the wisdom of the Holy Spirit would guide our preparation, conversation and decision-making. Give thanks and pray for Bethel members who lead and participate in our ministry teams.
- The Ohio Conference Leadership Team is pleased to announce that Tony Doehrmxnn will be serving as the new Regional Pastor covering the western half of the conference, beginning October 1. Join in giving thanks to God for Tony's willingness to serve in this capacity, and pray for the Holy Spirit to guide and equip him.
- Mennonite Central Committee requests our prayers for peace in Haiti, as violent unrest over the past 3 weeks has forced the country into lock down. Many hospitals, businesses and public services are closed. Pray for Haiti's most vulnerable people, for MCC workers, and that the practice of justice, compassion and truth would lead to a peaceful resolution.

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

But those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:5b-6 NRSV

Welcome

Prelude

We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing

Psalm of Confession from Psalm 51

Left: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

Right: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Left: Purge me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Right: Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Left: Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Right: Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Open my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

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We hear God's Word

Scripture: II Chronicles 29:3-8a, 16, 18-19, 27-31

Message: Renovations of the heart

We respond to Christ's invitation

Song of response

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

Intercessory prayer

We go to love and serve

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday's worship will center around the practice of anointing, and will include an opportunity for anyone who wishes to be anointed with oil. **Anointing** is a ritual that seeks to communicate God's loving presence - to heal, bless, or commission someone. If you have any questions or would like to talk with Rebecca prior to the service, please contact her.

Next Sunday, October 20, there will be a **fellowship meal** followed by the **Annual Business Meeting**. The meal, a potato bar and dessert will be provided.

October 22, 6:30-8:00 pm - **Ohio Conference Regional Gathering** at Huber Mennonite Church. This gathering, for delegates *and anyone else*, is an opportunity for fellowship, sharing stories, and learning about the exciting things going on in our sister congregations and across the Conference. Let Rebecca know if you are interested in attending.

Adriel Fall Benefit Dinner is Thursday, October 24, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Adriel Archbold office. Registration forms and more info on the bulletin board. RSVP by Oct. 14.*

All are invited to the **Grace Chapel Country Fair**, Saturday, October 19 from 4-8 p.m. Food, games, music and more!*

Friday, October 18 the Caring Kitchen in Urbana is hosting its **Annual Homeless Awareness Event** at 11:00 a.m. A free lunch will be provided. The program will honor veterans and raise awareness about what you can do to aid the homeless veterans in our community.*

A Common Place, the MCC fall magazine is in the magazine rack outside the library.*

*More in formation 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

12:15 p.m. – Peace & Justice Lunch

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. – Worship Ministry

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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Noon – Fellowship meal followed by Annual Business meeting

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 32

Worship Attendance 43

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – October 13

Worship leader: Elaine Newcomxr

Musicians: Bill Barrxtt,

Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Dick & Nellie Lindemxr

Sound/media: Mark Kauffmxn

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr

Offertory: Bill Barrxtt

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – October 20

Worship leader: Kathy Lehmxx

Musicians: Janet Wilkxns, Bill Barrxtt,

Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Byron & Barb Kauffmxn

Sound/media: Ken Shxnk

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Offertory: Bill Barrxtt

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn