

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Continue to remember Byron & Barb K in prayer, that they may have safety in their volunteer work and feel blessed as they serve. Pray also for God's blessing on Pine Lake Fellowship Camp, and Jubilee Mennonite Church in Meridian, Mississippi, that God would sustain their ministries as they grow as a faith community and reach out to their neighborhoods.
- Pray for Bill B. and Hilda Y. as they continue to undergo rehabilitation at Green Hills. Also remember Carole as she carries many responsibilities. May God's Spirit grant each of them hope, courage and strength.
- Pray for God's hand of protection and love to be with Kristyn and her son as she goes through a dark time.
- Pray for Lee and Tesa Jordxn as Lee continues to undergo medical tests. Pray for the doctors as they seek to determine the best course of treatment.
- Pray for the students who participate in the Homework Help program, that they would feel encouraged in their studies, and also that God would give them confidence as they face challenges at home or school. Give thanks for the volunteers & staff who make this program possible.
- Bethel received a thank you note from New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers. Give thanks for the practical and spiritual care this organization offers to women and families.

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# Bethel Mennonite Church

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### **We gather to worship**

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp –

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,

remembering that as members of the same body

you are called to live in harmony,

and never forget to be thankful for what God has done for you.

Colossians 3:15 (Phillips)

Welcome

Prelude

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

Congregational singing

Psalm reading: Psalm 84:1-7, 10-12

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

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

Scripture: I Corinthians 12: 12-27, and I Peter 2:1-6, 9-10

Message: I'm glad you're here

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

Reception of new member – Eleanor Shumakxr

Congregational response: see insert

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

Intercessory prayer

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

Sending song

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starting March 6, anyone is welcome to join an informal small group studying the book *The Bible Unwrapped* (the same book several SS classes will be studying). The group will meet in Bethel's kitchen every Friday at 11:00 am. If you'd like a copy of the book (for yourself or a friend) please tell Ellen this week.

Give praise to God for his work among us, enabling us to nearly meet our fundraising goal for the **West Entrance Addition!** Sincere thanks to all who have given gifts or pledges or other forms of support as you are able toward this effort! Please hold our congregation in prayer as we continue the process of discernment, that we can make decisions together wisely and with a spirit of honesty and caring.

West Liberty United Methodist Church is once again offering Grief Support through **GriefShare** – a 13 week seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild life after losing a loved one - offering help, encouragement and hope. Two time options are offered:

Mondays at 10 AM, Feb 10 – May 4 or

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM Feb 11- May 5, 2020

Call 937-441-3592 for information \*

Ohio Conference is excited to announce our upcoming summer event entitled **Engaging Mission 2020** – a mission festival for all ages that will be held at Bluffton University on June 26-28, 2020. This bilingual event will feature Seth and Theresa Crissmxn from Virginia Mennonite Missions. It will be a weekend filled with activities for all ages that will encourage participants to create space for mission in their everyday lives.\*

Join Everence's "Webinar Wednesdays" this week for **Investing God's Money** on Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. and repeated again at 8 p.m. EST. Join this webinar to learn how to align investing practices with faith-based values. Visit [www.everence.com/national](http://www.everence.com/national) to view more information or to register. For any questions, please contact Melissa Short at 574-533-9515 x 3392, 800-348-7468 x 3392 or [melissa.short@everence.com](mailto:melissa.short@everence.com).\*

Give thanks for the many warm hands and warm hearts who helped create 122 comforters at the Great Winter Warm-up in Kidron for MCC and its partners to distribute worldwide to those in need.

\*More information in the foyer.

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship. Rebecca Kauffmxn speaker.

### TUESDAY

**9:15 a.m.** – Women's Bible Study

**3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m.** – Homework Help

### THURSDAY

**3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m.** – Homework Help

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:40 a.m.** – Worship. Rebecca Kauffmxn, speaker.

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Mark Thomxs

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 29

Worship Attendance 38

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

### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – February 2

Worship leader: Ken Shxnx

Musicians: Janet Wilkxns,  
Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Cindy Kauffmxn

Sound/media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – February 9

Worship leader: Harry Grabxr

Musicians: Janet Wilkxns, Carl  
Newcomxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeter: Mark and Polly Thomxs

Sound/media: Mark Kauffmxn

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr

Offertory:

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

## Reception of a new member

### **Leader:**

Eleanor has witnessed to her faith in Jesus Christ and has offered herself as a companion in our obedience to Christ. It is our privilege and joy to welcome her into our family of faith.

### **Congregation:**

Eleanor, we freely receive you,  
even as Christ has received us.

Your expression of faith and Christian intention  
moves us to renew our own covenant with Christ.

We are summoned to become a community  
in which the wholeness of Christ is realized.

Therefore, we open ourselves to fellowship with you  
in worship, study, service, and discipline.

We pledge our willingness to give and receive counsel,  
to offer and accept forgiveness  
in the redeemed community.

We joyfully accept you as a partner,  
both in the care of our spiritual family,  
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