

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Give thanks to God for small steps of healing and progress that Bill B. has experienced. May he feel God's strength and presence as he undergoes rehabilitation. Also remember Carole in prayer as she juggles caring for Bill, managing the store, and returning to work part-time.
- Lee Jordxn will have further testing and preparation for surgery, though a date has not been set yet. Please hold them in prayer during this time.
- The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board will meet at the end of this week for their regular meeting. Pray for God's Spirit and wisdom to be with them in their conversations and decision-making. Give thanks for their willingness to serve in church leadership during anxious times.
- May God bless and encourage the 35 women in South Korea who participated in a "Sister Care Seminar" last November. Coordinated by the director of the Korea Anabaptist Center, the training brought together women from different denominations to learn about inner healing, self-care, and to hear Bible stories in new, empowering ways. May the Holy Spirit use this event to strengthen and transform the women, their churches and communities.
- In the midst of escalating tension between the United States and Iran, let us pray that both governments exercise restraint and focus on peaceful, non-destructive resolution. As people of faith, may the Spirit give us courage to be peace-makers in all areas of our lives.

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# Bethel Mennonite Church

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## **We gather to worship**

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp –

The LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace! Psalm 29:10b-11 NRSV

Welcome and Call to worship - SJ #124

Prelude

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

Congregational singing

Scripture: I John 4:7-12

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

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

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

Message: Beloved Son, beloved children

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

Affirmation of faith (based on Acts 10:34-43)

Leader: God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another.

**People: *Rather, in every nation, whoever worships the Lord and does what is right is acceptable.***

Leader: God sent a message of peace, proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all!

**People: *We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.***

Leader: Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him.

**People: *We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem.***

Leader: They killed him by hanging him on a tree,

**People: *but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen,***

Leader: not by everyone, but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead.

**People: He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify:**

**All: that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.**

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

**We go to love and serve**

Sending song  
Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca won't be in the office hours this Thursday afternoon.

We will be celebrating communion next Sunday.

**Women Serving in Love** meets Tuesday. Bring 1 cup of cut up vegetables for stone soup. Kyle and Doris are hostesses. Nancy has devotions, "Rest for Body & Soul." Project: Hygiene kits.

Sunday, January 19 **Fellowship & Mutual Care members**, please meet in kitchen for a brief meeting after church.

Pledge forms for Bethel's capital campaign can go in the designated box in the hallway by January 31.\*

"**The Great Winter Warm Up**" is a comforter making event to support Mennonite Central Committee's relief work around the world. Salem Mennonite in Kidron is hosting on Jan. 17-18. Let Kyle or Mary P. know if you're interested in carpooling to Kidron. Women, men, & all ages welcome.\*

You will find recent copies of alumni magazines from Hesston, Bluffton and EMU in the magazine rack outside the library. Newsletters from Christian Peacemaking Teams and MCC are there also. On the bulletin board are the latest newsletters from Bezeel in Guatemala and Adriel.\*

\*More information in the foyer.

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

### TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. – Women Serving in Love

3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m. – Homework Help

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. – Worship Ministry

### THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. – Stewardship Ministry

### FRIDAY- SATURDAY

Great Winter Warm up – Kidron

### SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Dick Lindemxr

## LAST WEEK

Sunday School 33

Worship Attendance 52

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

### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – January 12

Worship leader: Dave Lxnk

Musicians: Carl Newcomxr,

Ellen Steinxr, Andrew Bloxnt

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Paul & Linda Hostetlrx

Sound/media: Mark Kauffmxn

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – January 19

Worship leader: Doug Steinxr

Musicians: Ellen Steinxr,

Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Mary Newcomxr

Sound/media: Ken Shxnk

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn