

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Continue to pray that God's healing touch and spirit of hope would be on those with health concerns, including: Bill B., Hilda Y., and Lee J. We ask for the Spirit's leading and provision as Carole prepares for Bill to come home.
- We pray also for those whose pain or injuries are less visible but just as real - those who have experienced trauma, those who struggle with mental illness, those whose illness limits their activities and ability to be in public. May our compassion for such persons grow and overflow to them.
- Pray for Ohio Conference and its leaders and pastors, that they would provide non-anxious and courageous leadership. Pray for God's Spirit of wisdom to be present as pastors gather this Tuesday for fellowship and discussion.
- Give thanks to God for the work of Green Hills and the way that organization serves many needs in our community. Ask for God's blessing on the board, staff and volunteers.
- "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God (I John 4:7)." Use this Valentine's Day to share God's love with someone who would not otherwise receive such a gift.

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp –

Depart from evil, and do good;

seek peace, and pursue it. Psalm 34:14, NRSV

Welcome

Prelude

We offer our praises & gifts

Congregational singing

Prayer of thanksgiving

Let the righteous be joyful;

let them exult before you, O God.

(silent or spoken prayers of thanksgiving)

Lord, I will sing of your power;

every morning I will sing of your faithful love. Amen.

Offering & offertory

Congregational singing

We hear God's Word

Scripture: I Corinthians 2:1-12

Message: Cross-shaped living

We respond to Christ's invitation

Affirmation of faith - Philippians 2:5-11 (translation by Mary Schertz)

Have the same frame of mind in you that was also in Christ Jesus.

He existed in the form of God,

but he did not consider equality with God something to exploit.

Instead, he emptied himself, assuming the form of a slave.

He was born in the image of a human being;

and being found in the design of a human being,

he humbled himself, and he became obedient unto death,

even death on a cross.

Therefore God lifted him high
and granted freely to him the name above every name,
so that in the name of Jesus every knee would bend,
in heaven, on earth, under the earth,
**and every tongue consent that Jesus Christ is Lord -
to the glory of God the Father.**

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

We go to love and serve

Sending song

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week Rebecca will be out of the office on Tuesday to attend a meeting of Ohio conference pastors (9:30-2:30). And on Wednesday 9:00-12:30 she'll be meeting with her Pastor-Peer group. You can text or call her cell phone in case of emergency, 812-653-4140.

Women Serving in Love, Tuesday. Bring a sack lunch. If your last name begins with A-K, bring a dessert. Hostesses Miriam L. and Gretchen C. Devotions by Donna L., "Do not worry."

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!

West Liberty United Methodist Church is offering Grief Support through **GriefShare** – a 13 week seminar and support group. Two time options are offered:

Mondays at 10 AM, Feb 10 – May 4 or

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM Feb 11- May 5, 2020. Info at 937-441-3592 *

The Everence Sharing Fund provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our congregation last year! Your use of Everence services makes it possible for Bethel to apply for such matching grants. Contact Linda Hostetler, our Everence advocate, for more information.

Join Everence's "Webinar Wednesdays" this week for **Make Medicare an easy step** on Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. and repeated again at 8 p.m. EST. Visit www.everence.com/national to register. For any questions, please contact Melissa Shxrt at 574-533-9515 x 3392, or melissa.short@everence.com. Let Linda know if you participate in a webinar.*
*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 Serving in Love

3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m. – Homework Help

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. – Elder Leadership meeting

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship and communion. Doug Steinxr, speaker.

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemxr

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 34

Worship Attendance 53

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – February 9

Worship leader: Harry Grabxr

Musicians: Janet Wilkxns,
Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Mark & Polly Thomxs

Sound/media: Mark Kauffmxn

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr

Offertory:

Peace Lamp:

Next Week – February 16

Worship leader: Kathy Lehmxn

Musicians: Janet Wilkxns,
Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Doug Steinxr

Greeters: Joe & Donna Lehmxn

Sound/media: Ken Shxnk

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn