

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Give thanks for Janet's successful surgery and pray for strength as she recovers. Pray also for Ruth Yodxr's nephew Matt, as he recovers from a surgery. Continue to remember Carole and Bill as they respond to health needs.
- Thanks to those who have committed to pray for Homework Help students. Join in praying for the students as they face daily challenges at school and home.
- The Green Hills Administration requests our prayers for them, for their staff, residents and families as they seek to keep people healthy. Pray for safety, strength and wisdom for staff as they care for residents as well as their own families.
- As many people are seeking refuge in the USA, Mennonite Central Committee invites our prayers. Pray for Spirit-led wisdom and courage for migrants, border patrol agents, MCC partners, elected officials and all who are involved in responding to this crisis.
- We pray for people in the U.S. and around the world as together we face the effects of the C-19 virus. Pray for healing for the sick, and for those who have been quarantined and feel lonely. Pray that our public officials be guided by wisdom and compassion. Pray for those without access to healthcare. We pray that God's peace will guard our hearts and minds so that we are not overcome by fear, and so that we continue to nurture kindness and community even in the midst of uncertainties.

Bethel Mennonite Church

"Serving Jesus, Loving Others"

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp –

You have heard people say,

“Love your neighbors and hate your enemies.”

But I tell you to love your enemies and

pray for anyone who mistreats you.

Then you will be acting like children of your Father in heaven. Matt. 5:43-45a

Welcome

Prelude

We offer our praise and confession

Congregational singing

Confession and assurance of pardon:

Remember your mercy, O Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember my sins; in your love remember me.

(Silent prayer)

You relieve the troubles of my heart,

and bring me out of my distress.

You consider my affliction and my trouble,

and forgive all my sins. Amen.

Epistle reading: Romans 5:6-11

Offering & offertory

We hear God's Word

Scripture: John 4:5-42

Children's Time

Message: Come, See, Drink

We respond to Christ's invitation

Communion (see insert)

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

Intercessory prayer

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We go to love and serve

Sending song

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **birthday potluck** planned for today has been canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

For next week read chapters 8,9,10, & Storytime for the *The Bible Unwrapped* book study. Groups meet during Sunday School and on Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the kitchen.

Everence's "Webinar Wednesdays" continue in March. *The ABCs and 123s of Donor Advised Funds* on March 18 at 2 p.m. and 8p.m. Visit www.everence.com/national to register. Let Linda Hostetlrx know if you participate in a webinar.*

Fellowship meal and Congregational meeting next Sunday, March 22. Plan to stay following morning worship for lunch and a meeting to review West Entrance building plans. The meal will be provided by the Sunday noon committee.

Save the Date: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. April 5, 5:00 p.m.

~~MCC and Great Lakes BIC for a workshop on Justice, Peace and Racial Reconciliation within the Church.~~ CANCELED

Karl Smxth will have Adirondack maple syrup available for sale again this year from his cousins. He is unsure of when it will be delivered. The price is \$40.00 @ gallon. People should put a note in his box with how many gallons they want.....more later.

A fact sheet on the bulletin board shows how **gifts of money and detainee kits** are being utilized by MCC partners in Texas and Arizona. MCC is no longer asking for kits, but encourages our support in the following ways: A) financial donations help asylum seekers get legal help. B) Learn about the realities on the U.S./Mexico border by joining an MCC Borderlands learning tour, May 17-23, 2020. C) contact elected officials; urge them to focus on policy solutions that meet humanitarian needs and address the root causes of migration. D) Pray.*

Thank you for your cards, thoughts and prayers. I have felt the peace of God through the week. Thank you, Janet.

* More information on the bulletin board in the foyer

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

~~Noon – Birthday Potluck~~ CANCELED to be rescheduled

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m. – Homework Help

WEDNESDAY

9am – noon – Pastor-Peer group meeting Bethel Fellowship room

THURSDAY

3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m – Homework Help

FRIDAY

11:00 a.m. – Book study, *The Bible Unwrapped*

SATURDAY

8:00a.m. – Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40 a.m. – Worship. Reflections on John 9

Noon – Fellowship meal & Congregational meeting

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Kauffmxn

LAST WEEK

Sunday School 33

Worship Attendance 53

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – March 15

Worship leader: Kathy Lehmxn

Musicians: Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeter: Chuck & Carol Bxck

Sound/media: Ken Shxnk

Prelude: Bill Barrxtt

Offertory: Bill Barrxtt

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – March 22

Worship leader: Michelle Lxnk

Musicians: Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Paul & Linda Hostetlrx

Sound/media: Lori Lehmxn

Prelude: Bill Barrxtt

Offertory: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Preparation: (Isaiah 55:6-7)

L: Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

**P: let us forsake wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts;
let us return to the Lord so we may receive mercy,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

(silence)

Invitation:

L: God of all who thirst,
our hearts are parched from wandering in deserts
far from your life-giving springs.
Call us to your well.

***All: Fill our cups with the water of your grace.
Let your love overflow in our hearts,
and make us fully alive. Amen.***

L: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

All: Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.