

May 22, 2020

## **PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES**

- Continue to pray for those you know who are living with health struggles, including: Ken Hostetler, Bill Barrtt, Sam Plank, Mary Ann King, and others.
- Pray for those in our congregation, community and country who are feeling isolated or lonely. May they find comfort in God's promises and presence, and may we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit to reach out as we are able.
- Our former Regional Pastor, Cliff Brubaker's father, Dean Brubaker passed away in Goshen recently. Keep Cliff and his family in your prayers as they grieve.
- Meseret Kristos College provides biblical training to prepare leaders for the Anabaptist churches in Ethiopia. Pray that the faculty, staff and students will shine with God's light in their communities as the college has had to send students home in response to restrictions created by Covid-19.
- Pray for a recently formed working group in Ohio Mennonite Conference who are giving special attention to developing pastors and congregational leaders for our future. Pray for Rebecca as she begins to work with this group. Pray that people would respond to the nudge of the Holy Spirit towards pastoral ministry to serve the needs in the conference. May we as congregations do our part to create supportive environments in which pastors and others can lead.
- Pray for Governor DeWine, Dr. Amy Acton, lawmakers, Green Hills administrators, and other public officials and community leaders. May they be guided by wisdom and compassion. May a spirit of collaboration and creativity grow.
- On this Memorial Day weekend we pray with and for those who are grieving the death of a loved one, whether that death was a long time ago or recently. We lament untimely deaths, and those brought by acts of violence. We give thanks for those whose lives and faith enriched our own. We contemplate our own mortality, remembering that Christ suffered death for our sake, and proclaiming by faith God's power to give abundant and eternal life.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This Sunday we look forward to having **Karla Kauffman** bring the sermon for our worship service. Karla is a member of Jubilee Mennonite Church in Bellefontaine. A worship guide will be emailed as usual, with a link to view the pre-recorded service.

Sundays at 11:00 am - **Sharing and prayer time**. This is an opportunity to connect with each other as a group for 40-50 minutes. The format offers time to share news from your life, comment on the worship materials or other reflections, to share joys, struggles, and prayer requests. We conclude with a simple time of guided prayer. There is no obligation to talk; your listening presence is welcome. We use GoToMeeting, and you can join online or by simply

calling in. *Directions and the link were sent in a previous email; let Rebecca know if you need assistance or have questions.*

**Our Daily Bread**, Kim will be serving the carry out meals. No one else is needed to serve meals. Cookies are needed. Please bring to the church by noon on Wednesday, May 27. Thanks!

Last call ..... out of 60 gals I have 2 gallons of **maple syrup** left ..... give me a call. . Karl Smxth

**Green Hills Community** appreciates our prayers for the residents and staff. They still welcome people to write cards of encouragement for the residents (including more general cards that could be given to any resident).

Mennonite Disaster Service has launched On the Level, a monthly online newsletter to inform and inspire you! In our current issue, you'll read how MDS volunteers helped a victim of multiple disasters return home even after closing down the project. You can also learn how special funds are helping Mennonite churches in the U.S. and Canada keep their doors open. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/2LGvidw>.

**MCC invites you to a free webinar series on immigration and border realities.** Join Mennonite Central Committee staff and partners in the field who will provide insight into the current reality of the U.S. immigration and border crisis. For more information and to register, visit [mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series](http://mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series). The next webinar session, "Church efforts to address immigration" is June 2 at 2:00 pm EST.



**Birthdays this week:**

Tuesday, May 26	Mary Jean Hxrn
Thursday, May 28	Mary Kay Kxng
Friday, May 29	Hilda Yodxr

**Anniversaries:**

May 27, 2000	Roger & Christy Headxngs
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**Pastoral Care Person** this week: Barb Kauffmxn

*Enjoy the beauty of spring!!*



*Photos by Mark Kauffmxn (bird)  
and Carl Newcomxr (nest).*



