

June 19, 2020

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Remember Janet W. in prayer as she receives radiation over the next couple weeks. Pray for Suzanne Hostetlrx, Jan's neighbor, who is undergoing chemo treatments; and also for Jeanie's brother Don as he recovers from surgery and anticipates further cancer treatment. May our healing God provide strength and restoration to each of them.
- Pray for a smooth transition for Bill and Carole as they sell remaining inventory in their building (which is now sold), and sort, clean, and store other items.
- Ruth Yodxr expressed thanks to everyone who remembered her birthday recently. May was a sad month for her with two unexpected deaths in her family, and she grieves these losses. She requests our prayers as she lives with some health challenges. She sends her love to her Bethel family.
- Kyle Yodxr, Alvin and Ruth Ann's grandson, has learned the discouraging news that the last 3 months of chemo haven't been effective on the tumor. The next plan is to try radiation as soon as possible. Pray for Kyle and the family as the struggle for Kyle's health continues.
- Continue to pray for the Green Hills administration and staff as they seek to comply with guidelines from various agencies, and maintain a healthy environment for all. Pray for residents who may be feeling lonely. Consider writing a note of encouragement that can be addressed generally to staff or residents.
- Covid-19 has had a tremendous effect on Mennonite schools and colleges in the United States and in other countries. Give thanks to God for the creativity and resilience of these teachers, and pray for them as they face the uncertainty and challenges ahead.
- On this Father's Day, pray for fathers around the world, especially those who struggle to provide life's necessities for their children. Give thanks for men who model Christian discipleship, justice, caring and peace.
- We pray for courage to use our words, our presence and power to promote shalom for all people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. *Let Rebecca know if you need assistance or have questions.*

Thursday 7:00 p.m. **Worship Ministry** at the church.

Our Daily Bread. Wednesday Kim will be serving the carry out meals. No one else is needed to serve meals. Cookies are needed. Please bring them to the church by noon on Wednesday, June 24. Thanks!

Green Hills is working to set up a system where residents (in the Care Center, the Inn, and independent living) could access the Sunday afternoon worship services via Zoom in their rooms or home. If it is ready by then, Bethel would be asked to lead the service on June 28. If you would like help installing Zoom on your device you can call the church.

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees designated June 20 as **World Refugee Day**. So on this weekend we join in remembering the plight of millions of people who have fled their home countries (and those displaced within their own country). We remember God's call to love and act justly towards "the alien" (Lev. 19:33-34; Deut. 10:17-19), and that many of our ancestors were once refugees.

The Elder Leadership Team is in the process of making plans to gather for worship beginning July 5. Stay tuned for details!

An invitation to give: We received this note from Regional Pastor Ralph Reinfxrd: Canton Mennonite church has invested in its local community through its Lighthouse Ministries since 1996. Lighthouse strives to walk alongside the youth in the southeast Canton community by offering safe, high-quality, and holistic opportunities to assist them in understanding their God-given giftedness and potential for impacting the world around them. Many of their families live on the margins and can use additional help during this time of Coronavirus unemployment. You are welcome to contribute from now until Sept. 1 to our neighbors in Canton. Checks can be written to First Mennonite Church (1935 Third St. SE, Canton OH 44707) or give online at cantonfirstmennonite.org/give, earmarked "Stimulus Jubilee." Check out this vibrant ministry at <https://cantonlighthouse.org>

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. The next webinar session, "Church based immigration legal services" is June 30 at 2:00 pm EST.



Birthdays this week June 21 Sam Plxnk

Pastoral Care Person this week: Mark Thomxs