

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for those who are experiencing health struggles, including: Carol Bxck, Ruth Yodxr, Bill Barrxtt, Jeanie's brother Don, and Kyle Yodxr (Alvin & Ruth Ann's grandson), Suzanne Hostetlrx, and others. May our healing God provide strength and restoration to each of them.
- Continue to pray for Kyle's friend Sherre who has Covid-19. She was sent home from the hospital on Tuesday with oxygen. Give thanks that she is able to be treated in this way.
- We pray for those who have medical conditions or disabilities that put them at higher risk of serious illness from Covid-19. God, help us to recognize how our decisions can impact them, and guide us to prioritize their safety. Protect and comfort them when they are ill, afraid, lonely or unable to be with their loved ones. May we care and live in a way that supports their well-being.
- A man named Michael requests our prayers that he would experience healing from a recent illness and hospitalization.
- Pray for the preparation process of our renovation project, as we await approval from the County for our plans. Pending approval, the project may begin the week of July 20. Pray also for Dave L. and Dean H. as they give leadership.
- "May you find a deep breath when the air around you is thin. May you grow in compassion in these days. May you love well, not in spite of these anxious times but because of them."
-Sarah Bessxy

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you,
live at peace with everyone. ...

If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty give him something to drink. Romans 12:18, 20a

Prelude: You raise me up

Welcome

"Room at the table" by Carrie Newcomxr

Prayer of Confession: (Colossians 3:12-14)

O God, clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, patience.

Enfold us in love, which binds everything together in harmony.

(silent prayer)

You have forgiven us; may we also forgive.

And may Christ's peace rule in our hearts. Amen.

Congregational song: Your will be done – SJ #57

Offering prayer

We hear God's Word

Scripture: Genesis 24:1-4, 10-27

Message: Getting across a wilderness

We respond to Christ's invitation

Song of response: You've got a place at the welcome table – SJ #4

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

Intercessory prayer

We go to love and serve

Sending song: When peace like a river – HWB #336

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covid-19 Update: Upon further consideration, the Elder Leadership Team decided that we should not have singing as part of our worship services at this time. Evidence indicates that singing puts higher levels and smaller particles of aerosol into the air, and that homemade masks are not a sufficient barrier. We all love to sing and will certainly miss doing so together, yet it just isn't worth the risk. As we listen to music during worship, we trust that we can praise God and receive the gift of music using our ears, eyes, hearts, hands (for clapping), and feet (for tapping)!

Canceled – Tuesday. **Women Serving in Love.** If there is someone you know who may not see this, please let them know the meeting is canceled. Thanks.

Wed., July 15, 6:00-7:00 pm, at Oak Grove church. **A book study and discussion group** using Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism by Drew Hxrt. If you are participating, we'll be discussing chapter 2. Jointly hosted by Oak Grove and Bethel, this is an opportunity to read and learn together about the reality of racism.

Friday **Pastoral Care Team** meeting - July 17, 1:00 pm, via GoToMeeting.

Thank you, Nellie for the fine masks that you have made available in the foyer for the taking! Your attention to everyone's good health is much appreciated.

Join MCC Great Lakes for a **virtual Pipeline to Prison learning** tour. Explore the complex dynamics of the U.S. criminal justice system from different perspectives and learn about practical opportunities for engagement and advocacy efforts in your local context. Through five online sessions, participants will explore the connections between broad systemic issues of racism and incarceration down through the local level, all through the lens of Anabaptist faith.

This free virtual learning tour will take place *each Monday in August* from 2-3:30 p.m. (EST). Registration is limited to 25 participants. The goal is for all participants to commit to attending each virtual session to get the full learning experience. For more information and to register visit mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison-virtual or call 574.534.4133.

Check out the Peace and Justice Support Network, a Mission Network partner that works to provide the tools and encouragement that congregations need to embrace their calling to seek peace. Visit PJSN.org to learn more.

MCC invites you to a free webinar series on immigration and border realities. The next webinar session, "Immigration Advocacy" is July 14 at 2:00 pm EST. For more information and to register, visit mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:00 a.m. – Worship. Rebecca Kauffmxn, speaker.

WEDNESDAY

6:00-7:00 p.m. – ***Trouble I've Seen*** book study. Oak Grove

FRIDAY

1:00 p.m. – Pastoral Care Team via GoTo Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. – Worship. Rebecca Kauffmxn, speaker

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomxr

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance 35

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – July 12

Worship leader: Ken Shxnk

Music leader: Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffman

Greeter: Mary Newcomxr

Sound/media: Mark Kauffmxn

Prelude: Elaine Newcomxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – July 19

Worship leader: Donna Lehmxn

Music leader: Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters:

Sound/media: Ken Shxnk

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn