

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for those who are experiencing health struggles, including: Ruth Yodxr, Bill Barrxtt, Eleanor, Jeanie's brother Don, Suzanne Hostetlrx, Joyce Woodrxf, Tobias (Mary Newcomxr's relative) and Kyle Yodxr (Alvin & Ruth Ann's grandson), and others. May our healing God provide strength and restoration to each of them.
- Pray for all those suffering from Covid-19. Pray for Kyle's friend Sherre as she anticipates a long road ahead before she can return to work, and appreciates our prayers. Pray that God would grant strength to all the medical staff who are working hard to care for patients, especially in hard-hit areas. May the Holy Spirit inspire our patience, compassion, and acts of love for one another.
- Pray for Bradley, Renee and their family as they prepare to move to Goshen, and all the transitions (saying good-bye, packing, changing jobs, school, social life) that comes with it. May God's grace surround them in this time.
- Pray for local, state, national, and global leaders, that they would make wise decisions, speak the truth, and reject selfish ambition.
- Pray for love and wisdom as we relate to people with different views.
- Venezuelan Mennonites request our prayers for Erwin Mirabxl, president of the Mennonite Church in Venezuela and pastor of the Caracas congregation. He has an acute case of Covid-19. He was turned away at 8 hospitals before finally being admitted at a private clinic. The health system in the country was severely strained even prior to the current global pandemic. Mirabxl has led Venezuelan Mennonites in efforts to respond with relief and love in a context of political and economic crisis over the past several years, as many people live in desperate conditions. Pray for Mirabxl, for the church in Venezuela, and for the country as a whole.

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp – Ephesians 2:13-14

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

Prelude

Welcome

Congregational song: Jesus, thou mighty Lord - H #115

Prayer of Confession: (from Titus 3:4-7)

In goodness and loving kindness, you save us,
not because of anything we have done,
but in mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
(*silent prayer*)

This Spirit you pour out on us richly, O God,
through Jesus Christ our Savior,

so that, having been justified by grace,
we might become heirs
according to the hope of eternal life. Amen.

Offering prayer

Scripture: Genesis 27: 1-4, 15-40

Message: Blessing enough for all

Response song: The love of God - SJ #44

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: When we walk with the Lord - H# 544

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethel's Covid-19 Response: The Elder Leadership Team decided that we should not have singing as part of our worship services at this time. We will certainly miss singing 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)! Thank you for continuing to wear masks, wash hands, keep distance, and self-quarantine as needed - these are essential actions for the health of our congregation and community!

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards while I was sick with Covid 19. I am feeling back to normal and am back to work. It is good to have the support of a church family. Carol Bxck

We anticipate that renovation work will begin this week! Please note: during the renovation process, if you have any questions or concerns about it, please direct them to Dean or Dave L. since they are serving as Bethel's contacts with the contractors.

Wed., July 29, 6:00-7:00 pm, at *Bethel 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 4. If you're interested in joining via Zoom, contact Alex Dyx or Rebecca.

Race, Church and Change, Part 1 & 2 – Mennonite Church USA held 2 panel discussions on the impact of racism on the church and meaningful solutions for dismantling it. These were recorded earlier and are available for viewing on MC USA's Facebook page.

Gift Discernment forms are due by August 2. Place them in the box in the hallway, or email them to the church office. A church body uses disciples with gifts of all sorts! Please prayerfully consider how your gifts and those of others can be used to enhance the ministries of Bethel.

Today at 6:30 p.m. – Mennonite Central Committee Centennial Celebration! The livestream will begin at 6:15 with gathering music and will feature a combination of live and pre-recorded speakers and music. Use this link to watch the event: mcc.org/gl-centennial-livestream.

Everence® Financial update: following his recent wedding, Chandler Ingle and his wife moved from Goshen, IN to Hilliard, OH so he can better serve the Western/Central Ohio region as a Financial Consultant. Chandler and the Everence team look forward to continuing to serve you as you work to integrate your faith values with your financial decisions. To learn more about Chandler and Everence in Plain City, please email him at chandler.ingle@everence.com or call 614-873-7773.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

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

WEDNESDAY

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – *Trouble I've Seen* book study.
At Bethel or by Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY

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

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance 29

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – July 26

Worship leader: Dick Lindemxr

Music leader: Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Byron & Barb Kauffmxn

Sound/media: Lori Lehmxn

Prelude: Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – August 2

Worship leader: Doug Steinxr

Music leader: Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Byron & Barb Kauffmxn

Sound/media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn