

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for those who are experiencing health challenges, including: Ruth Yodxr, Bill Barrxtt, Janet W., Jeanie's brother Don, and Kyle Yodxr (Alvin & Ruth Ann's grandson), and others. May our healing God provide strength and restoration to each of them.
- Pray that God would surround Suzanne Hostetlrx with strength and peace as she continues to fight against cancer. She is in the James OSU in Columbus for testing after developing vision problems last weekend.
- A man named Michael requests our prayers that he would experience healing from a recent illness and hospitalization.
- Give thanks that Mary Ann Kxng has returned to her home in West Liberty.
- Pray for the young adults in our families who may be facing financial shortages or emotional stress due to Covid-19, social tensions, and other realities of our present environment. May we listen well to their concerns and be supportive of the wisdom of the next generations.
- We pray for people in the U.S. and around the world as together we face the effects of the novel coronavirus. 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.

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## We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,

in accordance with Christ Jesus. Romans 15:5 (NRSV)

Call to worship: Psalm 100 – H #821

Prelude

Gathering song

Offering prayer

## We hear God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 84

Message: How lovely is your dwelling place

## We respond to Christ's invitation

Song of response

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

Intercessory prayer

## We go to love and serve

Sending song

Benediction

## THIS WEEK

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wed., July 8, 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 in this book study, please read chapter 1 in advance. Jointly hosted by Oak Grove and Bethel, this is an opportunity to read and learn together about the reality of racism. (See June 24 email for details.)

Deb Bylrx shared that the **Kekchi Mennonite Church** has identified a need in their churches: widows and widowers (about 1500 people) are in need of food. The coronavirus has hit the rural economy particularly hard, limiting people's ability to earn money. The churches are helping as much as they can, but are also reaching out to the global church for help. If you are able to contribute above your regular giving, you can donate through Mennonite Mission Network (online, or by sending a check to MMN, PO Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515-0370). Either way, be sure to designate your gift for "LA 299 Kekchi Guatemala Outreach."

**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](http://mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series).

To view a recording of the Mennonite Church USA webinar "**Race, Church and Change**" that took place June 25, go to: <http://mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars>. A second webinar on the same theme is scheduled for July 23, 6:30 pm EDT, on Zoom or Facebook Live.

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](http://PJSN.org) to learn more.

#### TODAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

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

#### THURSDAY

**7:00 p.m.** – Elder Leadership Team Meeting at the church

#### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:00 a.m.** – Worship

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Dick Lindemxr

#### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – July 5

**Worship leader:** Elaine Newcomxr

**Music leader:** Carl Newcomxr

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeter:** Mary Newcomxr

**Sound/media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Ellen Steinxr

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – July 12

**Worship leader:** Ken Shxnk

**Music leader:** Byron Kauffmxn

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeter:** Mary Newcomxr

**Sound/media:** Mark Kauffmxn

**Prelude:** Elaine Newcomxr

**Peace Lamp:** Cindy Kauffmxn