

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for God's comfort to be with those who are grieving the death of a loved one: Ruth Yodxr's sister, Rhoda Peifxr, died on Wednesday. Kim's cousin, Stormy, also died this past week.
- Since Sunday, Rebecca's father has experienced steady healing from pancreatitis. Praise God for this good news and pray for continued recovery. Pray for Mary Ann Kxng's brother Claire Hostetlrx as he is still in the hospital following a fall. Remember in prayer those you know who are experiencing health struggles.
- Continue to be in prayer for Bethel's renovation project and workers. Pray also that final details for the guest house will come together. Pray for God's guidance as we look ahead to using these gifts to serve our congregation and community.
- Pray for local, state, national, and global leaders, that they would make wise decisions, speak the truth, and reject selfish ambition.
- Pray for the many people affected by California's forest fires, as well as those affected by Hurricane Laura.
- Praise God for a collaborative response by 12 Anabaptist mission and service agencies to mitigate the suffering caused by Covid-19 in countries with limited resources. Pray that God's love will shine through this sharing.
- Give thanks for the mercy and forgiveness extended to us by God that allows us to be reconciled to our Maker. May that divine Love transform us so that we may serve as ambassadors of reconciliation, working to bring justice and healing to broken relationships.

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Reconciliation is the Center of our Work

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp – Psalm 85:10-11 (NKJV)

Mercy and truth have met together;

Righteousness and peace have kissed.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,

And righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to worship

Leader: Hear, O people. Our powerful, holy, merciful,
and sovereign God is one.

People: And we will love our God with all our heart, soul,
mind, and strength and our neighbors as ourselves.

Leader: Do this and you will live.

Congregational song: Holy Spirit, come with power – H #26

Prayer of confession (see insert)

Offering prayer

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:11-21

Message: Entrusted with the message of reconciliation

Response song: Jesus, help us live in peace – SJ #52

Words of intention and promise (see insert)

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: O Spirit of the living God – H #361

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wed., September 2, 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 9.

Note: The Ministry of Missions decided not to hold the Vendor Breakfast this year due to health and safety concerns.

September is our month to staff the **West Liberty Cares Food Pantry**. Volunteers are needed to carry out this ministry! Check out the sign-up sheet in the foyer for the exact times on various Wednesdays.*

There are just three weeks left until this year's **Adriel Benefit Golf Scramble**, September 14. Submit your team registration and hole sponsorships before it's too late! See the information in foyer.*

Bethel's Covid-19 Response: 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!

Save the Date! Sunday, Sept. 13, 4:00 pm - Plans are being made to hold an open house and blessing, time for us to tour Bethel's new guest house. Details to come.

Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people in need of food and other assistance in Beirut, Lebanon. A massive explosion on Aug. 4 destroyed the country's main port, silos filled with grain, many homes, and worsened an existing economic crisis. You can donate online at mcc.org/beirut-response, by calling (888) 563-4676, or by sending a check earmarked for "Beirut response" to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., Akron PA 17501.

Join MCC and Great Lakes BIC for a free webinar: Police, Fairness & Security. Framed with a time of biblical reflection, Bishop Lynn Thrxsh will facilitate a panel discussion with people who have interacted with the police at varying levels including Ohio State Senator Cecil Thomxs who served as a police officer in Cincinnati, OH. The free webinar will take place on Thursday, Sept. 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (EST). Participants will come away with a better understanding

of the narrative of racial difference and how this is related to policing. Please register by August 31 at mcc.org/gl-webinar-police to receive the webinar link.

*Look for more info on the bulletin board.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

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

WEDNESDAY

12:00-2:00 p.m. – West Liberty Cares Food Pantry

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

At *Bethel* or by Zoom

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – **Men's Breakfast** (if you're comfortable meeting again)

NEXT SUNDAY

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

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance 40

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – August 30

Worship leader: Kim Lehmxn

Music leader: Carl Newcomxr

Speakers: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Next Week – September 6

Worship leader: Donna Lehmxn

Music leader: Bill Barrxtt

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Carole & Bill Barrxtt

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Bill Barrxtt