

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for those who are experiencing health struggles, including: Ruth Yodxr, Bill Barrxtt, Jeanie's brother Don, Suzanne Hostetlrx, Joyce Woodrxff, and others. Give thanks that Kyle's friend Sherre has been able to return to work!
- Pray for the Elder Leadership Team and Ministry chairpersons as they meet this week.
- As Bethel's renovation project begins, give thanks for the skills of the workers and pray for their safety and health. We praise God for this opportunity to improve access to our building, and pray God will use it - and us - to serve our community.
- The mother-in-law of Mary Newcomxr's son Sam, died last week following injuries from a fall. Pray for Sam and Anna, and other family members in this time of loss and significant change. Pray for those you know who grieve the death of a loved one.
- Pray for local, state, national, and global leaders, that they would make wise decisions, speak the truth, and reject selfish ambition.
- Pray for healing for the citizens of Beirut, Lebanon, following the massive explosion last Tuesday that caused death and much destruction in the city.
- As another school year approaches, we pray for Ken, Cheryl, and other teachers and school staff who are facing new challenges and may feel anxious in light of so much uncertainty. We pray also for parents, guardians, and students, especially those who rely on the support and resources offered at school. May the Holy Spirit be a protector, and instill us all with wisdom and compassion.

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Reconciliation is the Center of our Work

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp – Psalm 85: 5 NRSV

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts..

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship (see insert)

Congregational song: There is a place of quiet rest - H #5

Epistle reading: II Corinthians 5:18-20

Prayer of Confession: (see insert)

Offering prayer

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Reflecting on the story:

What word, phrase, image, or emotion in the story caught your attention?

When have you wanted to see Jesus, but your "not measuring up" felt like a barrier?

How did Jesus meet you in that space?

Message: Making peace with ourselves

Words of intention and promise (see insert)

Response song: Come, ye disconsolate - H #497

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: Christ is alive - SS #89

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next **Sunday, Aug. 16**, Andy Stonxr, Community Life Pastor at Oak Grove, will be our guest speaker. He will offer insights for managing anxiety with God's help and will invite your questions and discussion. What is anxiety? Where does it come from? What are some physical, mental, and spiritual resources can we develop to respond in helpful ways? Watch for an email that will help you prepare for worship and the discussion.

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!

Renovation work began this week! The old elevator has been removed. We will try to post photos on Bethel's Facebook page periodically.

Wed., August 12, 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 6.

The **Women Serving in Love** group contributed and recently delivered the following items to Mennonite Central Committee: 45 school kits, 45 hygiene kits, 2 relief kits, 9 infant kits, and 10 comforters! Wow! Thank you for your generosity! These much needed material resources will provide hope and improve health, education and comfort to families around the world.

Jean-Paul of **Kingdom Investment International** invites our participation in a current project. For over a year now, his organization has been working to fully equip a mobile eyecare and dental clinic to ship it to Burkina Faso. Plans are to ship the vehicle the *first week of September*. In order to maximize the overall cost of shipping, they would like to fill the interior with other very useful items. They would like to fill the space with 3,500 each of relief kits, hygiene kits and school kits. They are requesting funding to purchase the items for the kits so that they can be purchased in wholesale from a single supplier. The items for the 3 kits range from \$10-25 per kit. Send your donation to Kingdom Investment International, 565 Metro Place South, Suite 300, Dublin OH 43017 or online at www.kingdominvestment.org.

Financial Planning webinar: "Faithful finances and you", hosted by Chandler Inglx, Everence® Financial Consultant, on Wednesday, August 12 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Learn about what financial planning is, what your journey could look like and how Everence can help you integrate your faith values as you develop your financial goals. For more information, or to register, please visit www.everence.com/plain-city#webinars-and-events.

Adriel will hold a benefit **Golf Scramble** on Monday, Sept. 14, at the Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance. Entry deadline is Sept. 10, and more info can be found at ...<https://www.adriel.org/how-you-can-help/adriel-golf-outings>. Proceeds support Adriel's foster care and adoption, clinical services, training, and family preservation programs. Look for more info on the bulletin board.

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 Oak Grove or by Zoom

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. – Joint Ministry Chair and Elders meeting
7:15 p.m. – Elder Leadership Team

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. – Worship. Andy Stonxr, speaker

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemxr

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance 36

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – August 9

Worship leader: Kathy Lehmxn

Music leader: Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Byron & Barb Kauffmxn

Sound: Mark Kauffmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Next Week – August 16

Worship leader: Doug Steinxr

Music leader: Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Andy Stonxr

Greeters: Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

Sound: Ken Shxnk

Media:

Prelude: Elaine Newcomxr