

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for those in our congregation who are involved in health care, including: Carol Buck, Kathy L., Mary Jean H., Deanna K., Carole Barrett, Kim L.. Give thanks for the skills and care they demonstrate as they serve our community. Pray for health and positive working relationships.
- Remember in prayer those you know who are experiencing health struggles. Pray for Mary Ann's brother, Claire.
- Pray for the ministry of the West Liberty Cares Food Pantry, and for those families who utilize its resources. Pray that as a society we can work towards a more just economy and responses to poverty. Give thanks for the compassion and time of those who provide leadership, as well as volunteers.
- 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 resources 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 and animals affected by the fires on the west coast. Remember those who are trying to recover following hurricanes. Pray for the earth, and for human willingness to make choices that lead to healing of the earth.
- Give thanks for the bounty of gardens, the beauty of seasons, the joy of sharing.

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God's Power and Purpose

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp – Isaiah 54:10 (NIV)

“Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed,”
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Prelude – Joys are flowing like a river – H #301

Welcome

Call to worship

O God, we look for you;
yet you come to us not in the chaos of the whirlwind,
not in the tumble of the earthquake,
not in the crackling heat of the fire,
but in the sound of sheer silence.
Still our bodies as we enter this hour of worship.
Whisper your hopes for our community and your larger world.
Help us to hear your guiding voice
as we wait in anticipation of your presence.

Congregational song – What is this place – H #1

Offering prayer (unison)

God of mercy and grace we bring our offerings to you.
Even when we feel empty, you supply our needs
so that we can share.
We dedicate not only our offering, but our feet, our hands,
our work, and our hearts to your purposes.
In your name we pray, Amen

Scripture: I Kings 19:1-16

Message: Strength for the journey

Response song

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending song – Come, walk with us – SJ #2

Benediction

Blessing of the guest house

Congregational response: Peace be to this house and to all who enter it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open House & blessing for Bethel's new guest house! - At the close of our worship service today, we plan to walk (or drive) over to the house, gathering around to bless the house and our ministry of hospitality through it. Then in the afternoon between 4:00 - 6:00 pm, you are invited to come walk through and see the newly renovated space. The open house will be "come and go."

We are exploring the idea of beginning **in-person Sunday School** again. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested in participating. Details regarding when and how are to be determined.

September is our month to staff the **West Liberty Cares Food Pantry**

Annual reports are due in the church office by Monday, Sept. 21. Thank you. Miriam

Gifts Discernment nominations are in your mailboxes. Return forms by the morning of September 27.

Annual Business Meeting. Sunday, October 18 following worship at 10:20 a.m.

Mennonite Disaster Service: Due to COVID-19, MDS was not active from March until now. Now accepting volunteers for Dayton (Now), and for Florida and N. Carolina in October and November from the tornadoes and hurricanes. MDS now accepting financial donations for Hurricane Laura. Give to " MDS Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543." Designate *Hurricane Laura* on the memo line. See bulletin board for details of dates and [places.to](#) volunteer, or talk to Carl Newcomxr.

Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Quilts are now available to preview before the Online Auction (September 26 to October 3). See at <https://www.ohiomccreliefsale.org/> to look at the quilts and see other auction options.

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!

THIS WEEK

TODAY

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

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Open house for guest house

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. – Ministry of Worship meeting

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

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

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemxr

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance 42

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – September 13

Worship leader: Ellen Steinxr

Music leader: Ellen Steinxr

Speakers: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Ken & Jeanette Hostetlrx

Sound: Mark Kauffmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Next Week – September 20

Worship leader: Ken Shxnx

Music leader: Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Carol & Chuck Bxck

Sound:

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr