

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for students and teachers (including Ken & Cheryl) as another school year begins this week and they return to physical classrooms. Pray that a spirit of excitement for learning, kindness and encouragement would be stronger than the anxiety that is also present. Pray for parents and teachers as they pay attention to the social and emotional well-being of their students as well as themselves.
- Remember in prayer those you know who are experiencing health struggles. Give thanks that Rebecca's father was discharged from the hospital last Sunday and seems to be doing well.
- 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 affected by California's forest fires, as well as those affected by Hurricane Laura.
- Pray for the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA as they meet virtually this Fri.-Sat., Sept. 11-12.
- Continue to pray for Mennonite leaders and congregations around the world as they walk with their communities through the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Pray that God would protect them and supply their needs as they distribute food to the needy, carry out health awareness campaigns, and attend to spiritual needs.

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God's Power and Purpose

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp – II Peter 1:2-3 (VOICE)

I wish you a full measure of grace and peace as you grow
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has given us everything we need to experience life and
to reflect God's true nature through the knowledge of the One
who called us by His glory and virtue.

Prelude

Welcome

Congregational song

Affirmation of Faith: Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

who has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

God has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

*The Lord has shown strength with his arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,*

casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

*God has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.*

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,

*The promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.*

Offering prayer

Scripture: I Kings 17:1-16

Message: The power of enough

Response song

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: As rain from the clouds – SJ #40

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women Serving in Love will not meet this month.

On Wednesday morning Rebecca will be attending the Ohio Conference pastor-peer meeting in Plain City. Text or leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

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.*

Adriel Benefit Golf Scramble, September 14. Submit your team registration and hole sponsorships before Sept 10! 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.

October 18, 2020 **Annual Business Meeting**. Time to be announced.

Ohio Conference's **Immigration Resource Team** recommends a new, must read book: [The House that Love Built by Sarah Jacksxn](#). This book is the gripping story of a young Christian woman in Denver who was moved with compassion for immigrants and opened her apartment to out-of-town families who were visiting loved ones in the local detention center. Her actions have developed into a ministry that has grown to more than a thousand volunteers and its own hospitality house, Casa de Paz. The book is available from Amazon in paperback, ebook and audiobook.

MDS is accepting financial donations for **Hurricane Laura** recovery efforts. You can [give online](#) or by check made payable to: Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Designate "Hurricane Laura" on the memo line.

*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

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. – Elder Leadership Team

NEXT SUNDAY

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

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

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Kauffmxn

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 6

Worship leader: Donna Lehmxn

Music leader: Bill Barrxtt

Speakers: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Carole & Bill Barrxtt

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Bill Barrxtt

Next Week – September 13

Worship leader: Ellen Steinxr

Music leader: Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Ken & Jeanette Hostetlrx

Sound: Mark Kauffmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr