

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Give thanks to God for his faithfulness, and for the many dedicated people who, over the past 100 years, have carried out Mennonite Central Committee's work of relief, development and peacebuilding in the name of Christ. We praise God for the spiritual growth God has brought to the Mennonite Church through our interactions with "the least of these". We pray God's blessing on Ann Graber Hershberg as she assumes the role of MCC U.S. Executive Director.
- Pray for those who are living with a cancer diagnosis, including: Mary Lou Plxnk, Dr. Evan Dixxn, Ray Swishxr, Tom Smxth, and Elaine's brother-in-law Tim.
- Remember in prayer those who are experiencing health struggles, including: Ruth Yodxr, Kim Lehmxn's sister Kelly, Jim and Tiffany Barrxtt, Kyle Yodxr, and Ron Denlingxr, as well as others you know.
- Pray for Kathy L.'s uncle Eddy as he has experienced multiple family deaths in recent weeks. May God's comfort be upon those who are grieving the death of a loved one.
- Pray for the administrators and staff of Green Hills that God would encourage them day by day as they care for others. Pray for the physical and mental health of residents for whom the disruptions of this time are especially difficult.
- We continue to pray for a peaceful and just election process in this country, and that all those who hold office will govern with fairness, integrity, and for the good of all. May God grant us patience, wisdom and love as we interact with those of different political persuasions.
- Pray for God's provision for people around the world who face food scarcity and economic instability due to the pandemic, climate change, or displacement.
- Remember the many people in Central America who are affected by Hurricane Eta.
- Pray for teachers and students, for parents and guardians, for farmers and those who work in trades; for police officers, lawyers and victim advocates; for healthcare workers, for scientists and researchers, for those who cook, clean and serve, for those who govern and lead. May God grant strength & wisdom to do our work well, and may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and our actions be pleasing in God's sight.

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MCC Centennial Celebration

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp: Isaiah 58:10 (NLT)

Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble.

Then your light will shine out from the darkness,
and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

Prelude

Welcome and Call to worship

Praise the One who hears the cry of the poor,
who lifts up the weak and gives them strength.

Praise the One who feeds the hungry
and satisfies the longing of those in need.

Praise the One who holds with tenderness the orphan and widow
and gives the stranger a land and a home.

Lord Jesus, as we worship this day, inspire our hearts
to follow your example of listening to the poor,
feeding the hungry, and welcoming the stranger.
Lead us by your Word to walk in your ways. Amen.

Congregational song: Praise the One who breaks the darkness – SS #1

MCC History timeline

Offering prayer

Children's time

Stories of sharing God's love and compassion

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-6, and Hebrews 12:1-3

Message: "Can these bones live?"

Response song: O healing river – H #372

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

Sending song: With Kindness
Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cindy's new address is:

Cindy and John could use a twin bed and a couch; if you or someone you know have something to offer, let her know.

Women Serving in Love meets this Tuesday. The meeting will be from 1:00-4:00 p.m. If you would like to come when there are fewer women here, the leaders will have things set up by 9:00 am. Come and go as you feel comfortable. Social distancing will be practiced and masks are highly recommended. We won't serve a lunch. The project this month is collecting items for MCC Hygiene and Relief kits. A list of the items that go in those kits is on the bulletin board. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Our **Mission Month** special offerings over the next three weeks will be designated to support the ministries of: Our Daily Bread's Christmas fund, the West Liberty Cares emergency fund, and Camp Luz.

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – November 8

Worship leader: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Music leader: Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Leonard Dxw

Greeters: Paul & Linda Hostetlrx

Sound: Mark Kauffmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Next Week – November 15

Worship leader: Kim Lehmxn

Music leader: Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Barrett Wxlls

Greeters: Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

Sound: Ken Shxnx

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Bethel's Covid-19 Response: Thank you for continuing to wear masks in public, wash hands, keep distance, and self-quarantine when you or someone in your household may be ill - these are essential actions for the health of our congregation and community!

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:00 a.m. –Worship. MCC Centennial Celebration

TUESDAY

1:00-4:00 p.m. – Women Serving in Love (9 a.m.-1:00 p.m. also)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. – Elder Leadership Team

FRIDAY

2:00 p.m. – Pastoral Care Team (via GoToMeeting)

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. –Worship. Barrett Wxlls, Gideons.

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Kauffmxn

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance 49

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

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