

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Remember in prayer those with health concerns, including: Mary Y., Ellie K., Ruth Y., Harry G., Lee J., Alejandro Aburtx, George and Annabelle Thomxs, Darlene Stoltzfxs, Kyle Yodxr; as well as others you know.
- Pray for healing for Wendell Landxs (son of Jerry & Barb) as he recovers from a heart attack at the end of Feb. Give thanks that he is home and his prognosis is good.
- Bethel's renovation project continued this past week, including more work on the elevator, exterior, and installing the cross window. Give thanks for those who are laboring on our behalf.
- Pray for the Constituency Leaders Council as they meet (virtually) on March 12-13. The CLC serves as an advisory group to Mennonite Church USA's Executive Board and staff. Dick Barrxtt, Lynn Millxr, and Paula Snyder Belousxk represent Ohio Conference. Pray for open conversation and wise discernment that will strengthen our denomination's collective work and witness.
- Pray for the congregations and people affected by power and water outages, especially those already facing economic hardship from the pandemic. Pray that aid and policies would address the needs of those with limited access to resources.
- Ask God to protect the members of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkinx Fasx, and their communities, from attacks by security forces, armed religious fundamentalist groups, and ethnic militias. May God's Spirit show the ways to peace.
- Jesus, walk with us on this Lenten journey and guide us deeper into wisdom. Give us eyes to see the wise path. Give us ears to hear the truth you speak to us. Give us the wisdom to store our treasure with you, so that our hearts may abide in your perfect peace. Amen.

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Lent 3 – Deep Calls to Deep: Called to deep wisdom

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp: James 3:17-18 (NLT)

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure.

It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others.

It is full of mercy and good fruits. It shows no favoritism or hypocrisy.

And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

Welcome and call to worship – Psalm 19:1-3, 7-9

Gathering song: Morning has broken – HWB #648

Old Testament reading: Job 28:12-15, 20-21, 23, 28

Children's time

Offering and prayer

Song: Come and seek the ways of wisdom

New Testament reading: I Corinthians 1:18-19, 21, 24-25

Message: Wisdom begins with reverence for God

Prayer of confession, and words of assurance

L: God of covenant and love, we call to you from the depths
of our hearts. Deep calls to deep.

P: We are often tempted to follow the easy, smooth answers that Folly offers, instead of the upside-down Wisdom of the cross.

L: We confess that we neglect to ask in faith for wisdom;
or when we ask, we then fail to pay attention to God's answer.

P: Forgive us when we pretend to know it all even though our understanding is limited.

(silent prayer; name what keeps you from deep wisdom)

L: Deep calls to deep.

God responds to us from the depth of divine love.

P: We come to you, Most Wise God, as you call us to deep wisdom.

Amen.

Response song: Be Thou my vision – HWB #545

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

Sending song: Let there be light, Lord God – HWB #371

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, March 7, Rebecca will provide a devotional for the **Green Hills** worship service at 2:30 p.m. These are now being streamed to TV's in the residents' rooms instead of in-person.

Wednesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. EST

Andrew and Katie Geddxrt, former MCC Representatives for Ukraine, will share stories from MCC's work in Ukraine followed by time for questions and discussion. More information and Zoom registration at: mcc.org/gl-ukraine-webinar.

On **Thurs., March 11**, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Pastor Ramon Lianxz from Central Mennonite Church will present **Being Andrew: Sharing the Savior and Redeemer of the World**. Participants in this workshop will rediscover what biblical evangelism is, what it is not, and how they can share the Gospel message to those around them in a simple manner. Come and rediscover simple yet powerful evangelism for a post-Christian society. Please register at <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEvents> by Monday, March 8.

We plan to start a study of the book, **The Bible Unwrapped** in the sanctuary before worship beginning March 14 at 9:30 am. This is the book which we had started a year ago. *Revised study guides* are on the table in the foyer. Pick one up today. If you would like a copy of the book or have additional questions, please contact Ellen. Traditional Sunday School classes will not be meeting at this time.

Greeters are needed in 2021! Be a welcoming presence as people arrive for our Sunday worship services. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 14.
Set your clocks forward an hour.

When we gather on **Sunday mornings**, 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

10:10 a.m. – Worship. Cheryl Shxnk, speaker.

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. – Elder Leadership Team meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – The Bible Unwrapped, book study

10:10 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn. Eph. 2:1-10

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemxr (937-539-8460)

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – March 7

Worship leader: Ken Shxnk

Music leader: Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Cheryl Shxnk

Greeter: Dick & Nellie Lindemxr

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude:

Next Week – March 14

Worship leader: Doug Steinxr

Music leader: Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Mary N & Kyle VanOsdxl

Sound: Mark Kauffmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: