

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Lee and Tesa Jordxn request our prayers as Lee is scheduled to have surgery this Tuesday 13th that will remove part of his esophagus. Pray for the doctor who will lead the lengthy surgery, and that both Lee and Tesa would feel the calming peace of the Spirit's presence in the days before and after the procedure.
- Pray for Linda Rxth, that God would provide strength and grace during this time of transition as she prepares to move to Columbus.
- Praise God for the healing Mary Kay K. has experienced so far! Pray for continued healing and strength as she is now at home. Praise God that Ellie K. has regained enough strength to make outings possible again.
- Remember in prayer those with health concerns, including: Evan Dixxn, Mary Y., Ellie K., Ruth Y., Lee J., Alejandr A., Kyle Yodxr; as well as others you know. May God strengthen and encourage their hearts day by day.
- Give thanks for the ministry of our local MCC Thrift Store as it makes clothing and household goods available to many people in our community and beyond! Give thanks and pray for the staff and volunteers who work diligently to make the store an inviting space to shop.
- During the past year of quarantine in Guatemala, Deb Bylrx, along with Kekchx Mennonite women, added titles to a curriculum for women in church leadership. Pray for Deb and her colleagues as they continue to write and edit these booklets, and for protection for them as they begin to travel through the church regions again.

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### Announcements

#### Lighting the Peace Lamp:

On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the disciples were together,  
with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders,  
Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"  
- John 20:19 (NIV)

### Prelude

### Welcome

Gathering song: Jesus Stand Among Us & Hear Thou Our Prayer  
H #25 & 23

### Affirmation of Faith:

**All: I believe in God, who is love**

L: and who has given the earth to all people.

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us,**

L: and to free us from all forms of oppression.

**All: I believe in the Spirit of God**

L: who works in and through all who have turned towards the truth.

**All: I believe in the community of faith**

L: which is called to be at the service of all people.

**All: I believe in God's promise**

**to finally destroy the power of sin in us all,  
and to establish the kingdom of justice and peace to all  
humankind.**

### Offering and prayer

### Children's time

Hymn: I know that my redeemer lives – H #277

Scripture presentation: John 20:19-31

Message: Believing with Hope and Resilience

Student testimony: Lisa Heinrxchs, Canada

Song of Response: We walk by faith – H #570

Student testimony: Andios Santosx, Indonesia

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

Lord's prayer in Greek, English, Amharic

Benediction

Sending song: Lift Your Glad Voices – H #275

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rebecca and Andrew will be on vacation from April 10-14. Contact Cheryl Shxnk or Dick Lindxmer for pastoral care needs or in case of a care emergency.

**Women Serving in Love** is planning to meet on Tues, April 13 starting at 9:00 a.m., but as usual come as it fits your schedule. Sack lunches are the order of the day with dessert provided. Masks are recommended, not required. There is no project for this month. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

A **congregational meeting** is being planned for Sun., April 25. In the coming week, you'll receive information about proposed revisions to Bethel's Leadership structure; the meeting will be an opportunity to hear more about that, ask questions and give input. The meeting will take place following the worship service with an optional fellowship meal afterwards.

On **Thurs., April 15**, Alan Kauffmxn will lead the free online workshop "Rooted and Grounded: Faith, Land and Creation." You are invited to come and consider what gives us roots and be reminded of the awesomeness of God's Creation with examples from scripture, life and science. Participants will gain a renewed appreciation for the importance of stewarding what God has put in our care. Please register at <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEvents> by **Monday, April 12**.

Spring cleaning is going on in the church kitchen. There are **items on the island** that are no longer needed. Help yourself to them. Anything remaining will be donated to MCC Thrift Shop.

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**

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

**10:10 a.m.** – Worship.

David Boshxrt, President Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

### **TUESDAY**

**9:00 a.m.** – Women Serving in Love

### **FRIDAY**

**2:00 p.m.** – Pastoral Care Team

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**10:10 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn.

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Dick Lindxmer

## **LAST WEEK**

Worship attendance: 63

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

### **OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE**

**This Week – April 11**

**Worship leader:** Ken Shxnk

**Music leader:** Ellen Steinxr

**Speaker:** David Boshxrt

**Greeter:** Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

**Sound:** Mark Kauffmxn

**Media:** Miriam Lxpp

**Prelude:** Ellen Steinxr

**Next Week – April 18**

**Worship leader:** Dick Lindemxr

**Music leader:** Janet Wilkxns

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

**Sound:** Ken Shxnk

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Delaney