

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- On this Easter Sunday, we praise God for divine mercy and forgiveness that reaches out to humanity again and again. May our gratitude for what Christ has done for us move us to love and forgive others, and to join in making the Shalom of God more visible and real in our community and world.
- John Lxpp, brother of Steve, of Manheim, PA died on March 29 at age 84. Hold Steve and Miriam in prayer as they gather this weekend with family and travel home on Sunday.
- Pray for fruitful conversation among the Elders and ministry chairs as they meet this week. May all our ministries be led by the Holy Spirit as we explore ideas and make plans for the coming year.
- Pray for grace, encouragement and strength for Mary Kay K. as she goes through rehab.
- Remember in prayer those with health concerns, including: Evan Dixxn, Mary Y., Ellie K., Ruth Y., Lee J., Alejandr Aburtx, Kyle Yodxr; as well as others you know. May God strengthen and encourage their hearts day by day.
- In the land of Israel/Palestine, where Jesus lived, many people still suffer from fear due to stereotypes and past trauma, lack of economic opportunity and lack of access to healthcare. Nazareth Hospitxl is seeking volunteer chaplains to provide holistic care for patients from diverse religious backgrounds. Pray that God would provide for that need.

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Easter Sunday – Deep Calls to Deep: Called to deep living

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was
and who is to come, ... and from Jesus Christ – the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings
of the earth. Revelation 1:4b-5a (NRSV)

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering song: Low in the grave he lay – H #273

Affirmation of Faith:

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

P: Once weeping, we now proclaim: “I have seen the Lord!”

L: Once divided and lost, we now declare:
“Jesus Christ is Lord of all!”

**P: The cross has not defeated you;
the grave has not kept you silent.**

L: God has responded to us from the depth of divine love.

**P: We come to you, God of life,
as you call us to deep and abundant life!**

Offering and prayer

Children’s time

Song: Christ who left his home in glory – H #283

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Message: Easter Witness

Response song: Thine is the glory – H #269

Communion

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

Sending song: The Holy City – Lowell Kauffmxn

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

If you would like to send a note of encouragement to **Mary Kay**, you can continue to use the address & phone number listed in the directory and that will reach her.

Tuesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. **Bible School Ad Hoc** Group.

On **Thursday, April 8**, Matthew Petersxn will lead the workshop "Creating a Culture of Ordinary Goodness." During World War II, the French town of Le Chambxn, a small, conservative, agricultural town in rural France, played a central role in the rescue operation of as many as 5,000 refugees, including 3,500 Jews. André Trxcmé, who was a pacifist and the pastor at the French Reformed Church in Le Chambxn during this time, played a critical role in inspiring these rescue efforts. This workshop will examine what Mennonite pastors and congregations, particularly in rural areas, can learn from Trxcmé and the villagers of Le Chambxn. Please register at <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEvents> by **Monday, April 5**.

Ohio Conference is again planning to hold an intergenerational missional festival at Bluffton University June 24-26, 2022. We are looking for volunteers to help plan this event. Do you have a heart for living missionally? Do you have a passion for youth? for adults or kids? Are you creative? Or are you interested in simply being involved? Whatever your interest or ability, we could use you as we work at shaping a weekend long event for ALL AGES.

Please contact Alys Shxrt at alysashort@gmail.com or 419.572.1348 if you have questions, want more information or are willing to help.

It's **maple syrup** season! If anyone wants New York maple syrup, send an email to or call Karl Smxth. Same price as usual - \$40.00 a gallon.

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. *Communion*.

Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn. John 20:1-18

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. – Bible School Ad Hoc group meeting

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. – Joint Ministry Chairs & Elder Leadership Team meeting

7:00 p.m. – Elder Leadership Team

NEXT SUNDAY

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

10:10 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, David Boshxrt, via video

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomxr

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 51

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – April 4

Worship leader: Elaine Newcomxr

Music leader: Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeter: Mary N. & Mary P.

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr

Next Week – April 11

Worship leader: Ken Shxnx

Music leader: Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: David Boshxrt

Greeters: Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

Sound: Mark Kauffmxn

Media: Miriam Lxpp

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr