

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray that the peace and love of God would continue to surround Mary Yodxr each day. Remember with prayer and acts of love others who are unable to attend worship at this time.
- Pray that Kim Lehmxxn would experience healing in her shoulder.
- Give thanks that Lee J. is recovering at home now, and tests indicate the surgery was successful in removing all the cancer. Pray for continued healing.
- Praise God that Alejandrxx A. (a neighbor to Mark & Polly) is doing well following his significant surgery last week. Pray for God's healing and sustaining power to cover him during the coming weeks so that he would be restored to health.
- Pray for those for whom grief is still very real, including Greg Blakxxr and his family, Jan S., Kim L., Sam P., KJ Schrxck, and others you know.
- Praise God for students graduating from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (IN) and Eastern Mennonite Seminary (VA), and for their formative experiences at seminary. Give thanks for God's call on their lives. Pray that God would open doors for each to serve in congregations or other settings.
- Mennonite World Conference invites us to pray for church leaders and members who have become infected with Covid-19. Pray for God's hand of protection on those who are vulnerable, and that vaccines will become more available to poorer countries.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Run away from youthful cravings.

Instead, pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

II Timothy 2:22

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering hymn: Teach me thy truth – H #548

Prayer for illumination:

Leader: Jesus, the true vine, help us to abide in you.

Right: Abide in our intellect, that our thoughts may be directed to you.

Left: Abide in our intuition, that we may delight in your glory.

Right: Abide in our speech, that we may honor you.

Left: Abide in our decisions, that we may be just and merciful.

All: Abide in our actions, that we may participate

in your mission among us and beyond us. Amen.

Offering and prayer

Hymn: O master, let me walk with thee – H #357

Children's time

Scripture: John 15:1-8

Message: Abide in the true vine

Hymn of response: Thou true vine – H #373

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: Jesus, be the center – SS #31

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A vote regarding the revised **Bethel Church Leadership Model** will take place May 9-16. Ballots will be distributed following worship on May 9, and voting closes at 11:30 a.m. May 16. Those not present can request a ballot by emailing or calling the church office. Bethel members are eligible to vote, and a 75% affirmation in ballots cast will result in the proposal being adopted.

Today is the last day to sign up for a **Sunday school quarterly** for this summer. Remember if you do not write your name on the list you will not receive one. Any questions please contact Ellen Steinxr.

It is almost time for **Adriel's Virtual Benefit Auction!** We have such a wide variety of items including unique experiences, handmade decor, gourmet treats, and so much more! We wanted to share a sneak peek of a few of the fantastic items that will be available. Then join us at <https://www.biddingforgood.com/AdrielBenefit> on Saturday, May 1st to see a full preview of items. Bidding will begin on May 6th and proceeds support Adriel's mission to provide quality care for children in the spirit of Christian love.

Saturday, May 8. Church Workday. 8:00 a.m. Help get the church building cleaned up for spring! Mulching, weeding, washing windows. Bring gloves, wash buckets and ladders.

MennoCon21. July 6-10. Registration is now open for MennoCon21- the Mennonite Church USA biannual convention in Cincinnati. Learn more about online and in-person registration options for the first-ever hybrid convention here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/in-person-mennocon21>

Planning is underway for the **Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale** Aug. 6-7, 2021 at the Wayne County Fairground, Wooster. The in-person event will be under one roof in an air-conditioned building. Online bidding will be offered again for the auction items.

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. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn

THURSDAY

4:00 p.m. – Dedication planning committee

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Workday at the church

NEXT SUNDAY

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

10:10 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn. John 15:9-17

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 48

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – May 2

Worship leader: Doug Steinxr

Music leader: Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeter: Joe & Donna Lehmxn

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Next Week – May 9

Worship leader: Kyle VanOsdxl

Music leader: Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Joe & Donna Lehmxn

Sound: Mark Kauffmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr