

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Remember the family and friends of Mary Yodxr as we grieve her death. Give thanks for Mary's life of faith and kindness.
- Please pray for healing for Stephanie Yodxr (Ruth Ann & Alvin's daughter- in-law) who is recovering after breast cancer surgery. Give thanks that so far she is doing well.
- Pray for strength and healing for Kyle Yodxr, and also for Jan Dawsxn (friend of Mary N.) as they undergo treatment for cancer.
- Continue to pray for God's mercy and healing to come to Justin Willxtts as his condition has not yet improved. Pray that doctors would gain a clearer diagnosis in order to treat him.
- Remember with prayer and acts of love those who are unable to attend worship at this time, including: Ruth Y., Sam P., Ellie K., Mary Kay K., and Hilda Y.
- Pray for the people of India, Brazil, and other countries who are particularly hard-hit by the Covid-19 pandemic and related stresses on healthcare, economic and social systems. Pray that governments worldwide would make efforts toward equitable distribution of resources.
- Pray for peace, and for those working for just and non-violent solutions to the complex conflict in Israel-Palestine. Lord, have mercy.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Finally, brothers and sisters ...

Put things in order, respond to my encouragement,

be in harmony with each other, and live in peace –

and the God of love and peace will be with you. II Cor.13:11 (CEB)

Prelude: For the beauty of the earth

Welcome

Gathering song: Come, we that love the Lord – H #14

Scripture: John 17: 1-12

Offering and prayer

Hymn: Be Thou my vision – H #545

Children's time

Scripture: John 17: 13-26

"My prayer is not for them alone.

I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,

that all of them may be one, Father,

just as you are in me and I am in you.

May they also be in us so that the world

may believe that you have sent me.

I have given them the glory that you gave me,

that they may be one as we are one—

I in them and you in me—

so that they may be brought to complete unity.

Then the world will know that you sent me

and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Message: Jesus' Great Prayer

Hymn of response: In Christ there is no East or West – H #306

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending hymn: Heart with loving heart united – H #420

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The vote regarding the revised **Bethel Church Leadership Model** closes at 11:30 am today. Place ballots in the box in the foyer. If you have not yet voted, get a ballot from Miriam. Bethel members are eligible to vote, and a 75% affirmation in ballots cast will result in the proposal being adopted.

New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers, **Baby Bottle Campaign** is taking place now until Father's Day, June 20th. They are asking you to "Spare Some Change to Help Spare a Life". Place your spare change in the large container in the foyer or pick up a baby bottle to take home to fill.

Is the Spirit calling you, or someone you know, to explore or strengthen gifts for ministry? The Journey Program pairs learners with a mentor and supports them as they explore spiritual leadership in their local church and community, and deepens understanding of Anabaptist theology. Journey is a distance-friendly, non-degree program for adults of any age, offered through a partnership of AMBS and Ohio and other conferences. See Rebecca for info or to talk.

Join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for a free webinar featuring Raymond Chang on Wed., May 26 at 1:00 p.m. EDT. Raymond Chxng, the president of the Asian American Christian Collaborative, will examine historical and present day examples of how racism impacts Asian Americans in the church. This webinar is part of MCC's yearlong study of *Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisbxy. Please register at mcc.org/webinar-raymond-chang to receive the webinar link. For more information and past webinars in the series, visit mcc.org/color-of-compromise.

Little Eden is looking for college-aged young adults to work at Little Eden Camp for the whole summer on our Summer Staff team, or for one week during Youth Camp as a counselor. It is more than just a job, it's an opportunity to serve Christ by serving others. If you or someone you know is interested, apply online at littleeden.org or contact KJ at 231-889-4294.

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, Dick Barrxtt.

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m. – Dedication Planning Committee

NEXT SUNDAY

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

10:10 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn. John 14:15-27

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomxr

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 45

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – May 16

Worship leader: Elaine Newcomxr

Music leader: Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Dick Barrxtt

Greeter: Dick & Nellie Lindemxr

Sound: Ken Shxnx

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Janet Wilkxns

Next Week – May 23

Worship leader: Donna Lehmxn

Music leader: Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Paul & Linda Hostetlrx

Sound: Lori Lehmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Elaine Newcomxr