

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Remember Carol Bxck and her extended family as they grieve the death of her brother, Ron Millxr last Thursday. May Jesus, who walks and weeps with us, be near to all who mourn today.
- Pray a blessing on Becky Wilkxns and Mytchell Hollenbachxr as they join their lives in marriage this Saturday.
- Pray for students and teachers as they wrap up a school year that was filled with a variety of challenges. Pray a blessing on students, that they would reap the benefits of their hard work. Give thanks for the dedication and creativity of teachers as they faced adaptations.
- Remember in prayer those seeking physical healing, including: Lee Jordxn, Justin Willxtts, Jan Dawsxn (friend of Mary N.), and others you know. Pray also for those seeking mental and emotional wellness in the midst of anxiety or trauma.
- Mennonites in Burkina Fasx are collaborating with their Muslim neighbors in purchasing a hearse to lighten the burden of grief. Pray for their witness of peace and faith.
- 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:

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives:

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering hymn: Summoned by the God who made us – VT #1

Scripture: Acts 1:1-9 and 2: 1-4

Offering and prayer

Hymn: O breathe on me – SJ #46

Children’s time

Scripture: John 14:15-27

Message: Another Helper

Affirmation of faith (based on Shared Convictions of MWC, #5)

As a church, we are a community of those whom God’s Spirit calls.

The Spirit of Jesus empowers us

to trust God in all areas of life,

so we become peacemakers who renounce violence,

love our enemies,

seek justice,

and share our possessions with those in need.

Come, Holy Spirit, abide among us, send us, use us,

that God may be glorified and our joy be made full.

Amen.

Special music: If Ye Love Me

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

Sending hymn: Come gracious Spirit – H #303

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The revised **Bethel Church Leadership Model** was affirmed by the congregation, with 35 affirming and no one objecting. Thank you for participating in this process, and pray for God's guidance as persons are selected to assume a role on the new Leadership Team in October.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: **Dedication of the West Entry** will be held August 1 at 4:00 p.m. An Open House of the church building will follow.

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. Apply online at littleeden.org or contact KJ at 231-889-4294.

Join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for a free webinar featuring Raymond Chang on Wed., May 26 at 1:00 p.m. EDT. Raymond Chang, 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 Tisby. 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.

Thank you so much for the beautiful and unique throw blanket. I will use it often and will remember all of you. You have been my family since 1967! Thanks for the support you have given me and my family through both the happy and the difficult times. You all have a special place in my heart. Love and God's blessings, Linda Rxth

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

WEDNESDAY

4:15 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

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PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Kauffmxn

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 47

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – May 23

Worship leader: Donna Lehmxn

Music leader: Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeter: Paul & Linda Hostetlrx

Sound: Ken Shxnx

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Elaine Newcomxr

Next Week – May 30

Worship leader: Ken Shxnx

Music leader: Ellen Steinrx

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Dick & Nellie Lindemxr

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinrx