

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Join in prayer for healing for Linda H.'s nephew Ken, that the blood clot in his lung would dissolve. Pray also for her sister Beverly, that God would grant her peace of mind as she helps to care for Ken.
- Pray for Justin Willxtts, that God's Spirit would touch him with healing and encouragement, and that an opening at a care facility in Lima would become available soon. Pray also for his family as they are present with him.
- Continue to pray for Lee Jordxn, that he would be able to eat enough to keep his weight up as his esophagus heals.
- Give thanks that Deb Bylxx was able to come to the USA this month to get her Covid-19 vaccination. Pray for God's guidance as she completes a writing project and continues to meet virtually with six women who provide leadership in their region.
- God who sees and leads, may You use the challenges we are facing as a local and global community to strengthen our faith in You. Keep us rooted in hope and deepen our connections to each other. Amen.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Observe those who have integrity
and watch those whose heart is right
because the future belongs to persons of peace. Psalm 37:37 (CEB)

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering song: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – H #37

Call to praise: based on Psalm 10:12-18

Arise, O Lord, lift up your hand! O God, do not forget the poor!

**Why should the wicked spurn the Lord
and think in their hearts: "God will not punish"?**

But you do see! You note trouble and sorrow
that you may take it into your hands.

**The helpless entrust themselves to you,
for you are the helper of the orphan.**

Break the power of the wicked and the sinner!

Lord, you strengthen the hearts of the meek;
you turn your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed
so that those from the earth may strike terror no more.

Offering and prayer

Hymn: Make me a captive, Lord – H #539

Children's time

Scripture: I Samuel 17:1a, 4, 8-11, 32-50

Message: Tools for success when facing giants

Song of response: Be still – SJ #75

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

Sending hymn: Go, my friends, in grace – SS #57

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, June 6, **adult Sunday school** classes begin. All quarterlies have been placed in mailboxes. Two classes will be doing Bible study from the "Salt & Light" quarterly. A men's class will meet in Room 25-26; the other will meet in the Fellowship Room. A Care & Share / sermon discussion class will meet in the kitchen. You are welcome to participate in any of these classes.

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.

Beginning June 2, the Ohio State Health department is lifting the restrictions put in place to help contain the Covid-19 pandemic. We are grateful that vaccinations provide a helpful degree of protection from serious illness. The number of covid-19 cases in Logan Co had been going down, however, this past week they went up again. Champaign Co currently has the 2nd highest number of cases per capita in the state. In light of this data, we encourage the **continued use of the health measures** we've been using when we gather on Sunday mornings, at least for the time being. These include spacing our seating out, wearing masks, using recorded music, and remaining at home when you feel ill or have been exposed. We will review the situation regularly and will update as needed. We acknowledge the fatigue we all feel from the changes, stress, and losses (including the deaths of loved ones) of the past year. We recognize that among our church family we have different perspectives and levels of comfort. And yet in the midst of that we have practiced patience, mutual respect and love. By God's grace, let's keep that up! If you have questions, you are welcome to contact one of us. -Carol Bxck, Ken Shxnk, Rebecca Kauffmxn

Responding to the destruction in Gaza: help provide emergency relief today through MCC. The recent violence has made poor humanitarian conditions in Gaza even worse, at a time when hospitals were already overwhelmed with COVID-19. Hundreds of homes have been destroyed and damaged with thousands displaced. Your gifts will help MCC partners provide emergency relief, like food, hygiene supplies, household items, housing reconstruction and trauma healing. Thank you for supporting vulnerable families, your compassion and care will be felt across borders and walls. You can donate online at mcc.org/gaza-relief, by phone at (888) 563-4676, or by mail at MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. – Ministry of Worship meeting

THURSDAY

12:30 p.m. – Peace & Justice Lunch

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School classes

10:10 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn. Genesis 37.

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

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 – May 30

Worship leader: Ken Shxnk

Music leader: Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeter: Dick & Nellie Lindemxr

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Next Week – June 6

Worship leader: Dick Lindemxr

Music leader: Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Byron & Barb Kauffmxn

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Delaney