

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- On this Mother's Day we give thanks for the women who have blessed our lives as our mother, aunt, grandmother, sister, friend, teacher. We praise God for the many ways women across the generations have served in, led, challenged, and helped the church to grow around the world. And with the women who founded "Mother's Day" we continue to pray for peace in homes, communities, and all places, so that mothers, and fathers, no longer have to send their children to war, or see them harmed by violence.
- Pray that the peace and love of God would continue to surround Mary Yodxr each day.
- 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., Hilda Y., and Mary Y.
- Pray for God's healing touch and encouraging presence to be with Kim L., Lee J., and Alejandr A. Pray for Kyle Yodxr who is still getting clinical trial treatments.
- Pray for Bethel's Elder Leadership Team as they meet this week. May we all open ourselves so that the Spirit of God can be present and guide our conversation and discernment.
- Give thanks for the fellowship and support we experience by being part of the Ohio Mennonite Conference. Pray for conference minister Dick Barrxtt, and moderator Terry Shux, for grace and wisdom as they provide leadership.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

To those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe by Jesus Christ: may you have more and more mercy, peace, and love. Jude 1-2

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering song: Come, let us all unite to sing – H #12

Call to Praise: Hosea 6:1-3

"Come, let us return to the Lord;  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

**After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.**

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;

**he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth."**

Offering and prayer

Hymn: The love of God – SJ #44

Children's time

Scripture: John 15:9-17

Message: Friendship with Jesus

Song of response: Beloved, God's chosen – SJ #38

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending hymn: Dear Lord and Father of mankind – H #523

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A vote regarding the revised **Bethel Church Leadership Model** will take place from today (at the close of worship), and voting closes at 11:30 am May 16. Place ballots in the box in the foyer. 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.

Tuesday, **Women Serving in Love**. 9:00 a.m. The menu is stone soup. Each person please bring a cup of prepared vegetables. No kits in May.

New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers, a Christian, pro-life ministry, will be holding its annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** between Mother's Day, May 9th and 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.

**Mennonite Mission Network** exists to equip and empower the church as we partner in God's mission around the globe. We praise God that our training programs in church-planting and discipleship are going strong, in both English and Spanish. **Thank you**, Bethel MC, for your gift of \$6,115.34 in 2020! Your prayers and generous financial gifts enables us to bring innovation and support to the church across the street and around the world.

**SWAP summer staff needed!** MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is in need of Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators to support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia or Harlan, Kentucky. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but these paid roles are not limited to young adults. For more information and to apply, visit [mcc.org/swap-summer-staff](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-staff) or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or [AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org).

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

### TUESDAY

**9:00 a.m.** – Women Serving in Love

### THURSDAY

**7:00 p.m.** – Elder Eldership Team

### NEXT SUNDAY

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

**10:10 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Dick Barrxtt. John 17

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Dick Lindemxr

## 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 9

**Worship leader:** Kyle VanOsdxl

**Music leader:** Ellen Steinxr

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeter:** Joe & Donna Lehmrxn

**Sound:** Mark Kauffmxn

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Kathy Grabxr

Next Week – May 16

**Worship leader:** Elaine Newcomxr

**Music leader:** Janet Wilkxns

**Speaker:** Dick Barrxtt

**Greeters:** Dick & Nellie Lindemxr

**Sound:** Ken Shxnx

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Janet Wilkxns