

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray that God would provide protection and liberation to those caught in abusive situations. Ask God to show you how to use your power in restorative, life-giving ways.
- Together we grieve the death of Rita Robxrts and also thank God for her life and friendship. Pray for Mike, Kristen and the extended family, that they would feel the comfort and strength of the Holy Spirit.
- Continue to pray for God's sustaining love to touch those with health struggles including: Lee J., Justin Willxxts, Sam P., Bill B., Ruth Y. and others you know. Pray for God's grace to uphold their families and those who are caring for them.
- Lift in prayer those you know who carry emotional or relational injuries. May we as a church and in the community learn to create safe and supportive spaces for all who need healing and hope.
- Pray for your neighbors and co-workers this week.
- Pray for God's provision for people in our community and around the world who face food scarcity and economic instability due to the pandemic, climate change, or displacement.

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## Announcements

### Lighting the Peace Lamp:

The words of the reckless pierce like swords,  
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.  
Deceit is in the hearts of those who plot evil,  
but those who promote peace have joy. Proverbs 12:18, 20 (NIV)

### Prelude

### Welcome

Gathering song: I owe my Lord a morning song – SJ #112

### Psalm 40:1-4, 13, 16-17

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

**He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet on a rock, giving me a firm place to stand.**

God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise.

**Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

Blessed is the one ... who does not look to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.

**O Lord, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!**

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

**may those who long for your saving help always say,  
“Great is the Lord!”**

As for me, I am poor and needy; but the Lord takes thought for me.

**You are my help and my deliverer;  
you are my God, do not delay.**

### Offering and prayer

Hymn: God of the Bible – SJ #27

### Children's time

Scripture: Genesis 39:1-23

Message: Grace when you're in trouble

Song of response: The Lord is my light – SJ # 97

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

Sending hymn: View the present – SS #108

Benediction

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday school classes** meet from 9:30 - 10:00 am. You are welcome to participate in any of the following: A Bible study class meets in the Fellowship Room. A men's class meets in Room 25-26; a women's class meets in Room 24. A Care & Share / sermon discussion class meets in the kitchen.

This Thursday 17th, Rebecca plans to take a silent retreat day, from 9:00 - 4:30. Feel free to leave a message and she'll get back with you as soon as possible.

**The Pastoral Care Team** extends its sincere thanks to Michelle Lxnk for her compassionate service on the Team over the recent years. She has stepped down from that role now. We welcome Mary Jean Hxrn as a new member of the Team and appreciate the caring she will offer to those in our congregation.

New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers, **Baby Bottle Campaign** is taking place now until Father's Day, June 20th. Place your spare change in the large container in the foyer or in a baby bottle.

**Our Daily Bread** will serve meals inside the building again starting in June. **June 23**, Kim will need at least 6 people to help her. Sign up to volunteer on the paper on the bulletin board. FYI: Those coming to eat will not be required to wear masks.

Thursday, June 17, at 2 p.m. EDT. Anabaptist Disabilities Network and Church of the Brethren Discipleship Ministries are co-sponsoring a webinar with the theme "**Providing Mutual Support When People Experience Mental Illness**", led by Janelle Bitikofxr. Participants will become more aware of the prevalence of mental illnesses in our congregations and communities, their causes and symptoms, and some keys to providing mutual support. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/MISupportWebinar>.

Thank you for your donation to Mennonite Central Committee which will be used to help those who are suffering around the world.

Items donated Jan-April 2021: 17 **Hygiene Kits** and 9 **Relief Kits**

This was a donation by "Women Serving in Love", Bethel/Oak Grove women.  
-Sarah Geisxr, MCC Great Lakes

The number of Covid-19 cases in our area is still relatively high. 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. -Carol B., Ken S., Rebecca K.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **TODAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:10 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca. Genesis 41.

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Carl Newcomxr

## **LAST WEEK**

Worship attendance: 38

Sunday School: 23

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

### **OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE**

**This Week – June 13**

**Worship leader:** Doug Steinxr

**Music leader:** Ellen Steinxr

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeter:** Joe & Donna Lehmxx

**Sound:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Kathy Grabxr

**Next Week – June 20**

**Worship leader:** Kyle Van Osdxl

**Music leader:** Janet Wilkxns

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

**Sound:** Ken Shxnx

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Carl Newcomxr