

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- God of forgiveness and new beginnings, set me free from a past that I cannot change; open me to a future in which I will be changed; and grant me grace to grow more and more into the likeness of your son, Jesus Christ, the reconciler of the world. Amen.
- Cindy K. requests our prayers for her mother who is dealing with a health concern.
- Continue to pray for God's sustaining love to touch those with health struggles including: Lee J., Carl Cox, Justin Will, Sam P., Bill B., Ruth Y. and others you know.
- Pray for an opportunity to reach out to those who feel lonely or isolated or sorrowful.
- Give thanks to God for the gifts of those who serve Bethel in a variety of visible and behind-the-scenes ways.
- Pray for those involved in planning and leading the Mennonite Church USA convention that will be held both virtually and in-person in Cincinnati from July 6-10.
- Pray that the new coalition government in Israel would work towards peace and just solutions in Israel-Palestine. Ask God how you can stand in solidarity with all those whose lives are threatened by physical violence, loss of land, homes, and loved ones, and economic insecurity.

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# Bethel Mennonite Church

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

May mercy, peace and love be multiplied to you. - Jude 2

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering song: O Worship Our God – insert

Psalm of praise: Psalm 24 (paraphrase)

Let us never forget that this world

and everything in it belongs to God.

But not all the world's citizens give allegiance to their Creator.

Who are they who truly love and serve God?

**It is they who discover God's purposes and live within them.**

**It is they whose hearts and hands are dedicated to His will.**

**It is they who turn away from self-centered concerns  
to live for others.**

They can count on God's blessings and are assured of their salvation.

**They are free to focus their efforts on communicating**

**God's eternal love to their neighbors.**

Let us look up and live! Let's celebrate!

**Our loving Lord is here with us and will show Himself through us.**

We are God's vehicles and vessels;

we represent Him in all His saving power.

**We are God's beloved & empowered servants  
in this world that God created.**

Offering and prayer

Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace – SJ #56

Scripture: Genesis 44:18, 30-34 & 45:1-15

Message: The long road to forgiveness

Song of response: Forgive our sins as we forgive – H #137

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

Sending hymn: If you believe and I believe – SJ #32

Benediction

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please return the **baby bottles** for New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers to the foyer.

The **Men's breakfast group** invites men to meet with them on the first and third Saturdays of the month at Liberty Gathering Place at 8:00 a.m.

**Thank you** for the many birthday cards I received from Bethel friends this week. I really appreciated them. ~Sam Plxnk

The annual **Community Ice Cream Social** to benefit Mary Wxlker, will be held July 24th 4:00-7:30 p.m. The many volunteers working together build community spirit and make this project a successful fundraiser. Check the bulletin board for ways you may volunteer or contribute. Questions? Speak with Kim Lehmkn.

Karla Kauffmxn has been leading an **art camp** for local elementary children focused on endangered species. The students have made plywood art pieces of their chosen Endangered Species with help from artist, Sam Bartlett. You're invited to a community party to see the art on Friday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Jubilee Mennonite Church. **Come meet the artists** and hear the stories of their species! (see bulletin board)

As Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) continues to respond to basic human needs and work for peace and justice around the world, you are invited to participate in a **"COVID-19 Giving" project**.

Monetary donations are needed. Personal Protective Equipment cost \$10.00; Hygiene \$20.00; and Food \$40.00. (The display in the foyer shows what items will be purchased in the country of distribution, for the COVID-19 hygiene kit). This project will extend through July 18. Designate "COVID-19" on your check or with a cash gift. Thanks for partnering with MCC during this global pandemic.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **TODAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

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

**2:30 p.m.** – Green Hills worship service (virtual)

### **THURSDAY**

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

### **SATURDAY**

**8:00 a.m.** – Men's Breakfast, Liberty Gathering Place

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

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

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Barb Kauffmxn

## **LAST WEEK**

Worship attendance: 41

Sunday School: 21

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

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

**This Week – June 27**

**Worship leader:** Barb Kauffmxn

**Music leader:** Byron Kauffmxn

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeter:** Janet Wilkxns

**Sound:** Lori Lehmkn

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Byron Kauffmxn

**Next Week – July 4**

**Worship leader:** Elaine Newcomxr

**Music leader:** Carl Newcomxr

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Mary Newcomxr

**Sound:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Carl Newcomxr