

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for your relationships within your family. What do you need from God in order to relate in healthier ways to persons who irritate you or whom you have a hard time understanding? What do you need to confess? What praises can you offer for experiences of joy, connection or forgiveness that you have seen or been part of?
- Continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to touch those in need of physical healing, including: Rita Robxrts, Lee Jordxn, Justin Willxtts, Mary Jean's cousin Ronnie Brennmxn, and others you know. Give thanks that Linda H.'s nephew Ken is feeling better. 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 the Elder Leadership Team as it meets this week, that we would be attentive to the Holy Spirit and to one another.
- Give thanks for the skills of the workers who are working on the final parts of Bethel's renovation project. Last week progress was made on the masonry and spouting.
- Pray for Deb Bylxx as she returns to Guatemalx this week (Thursday) and for safety on the roads as she begins to travel out to the villages again for visits.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Pursue the goal of peace with everyone – and holiness as well, because no one will see the Lord without it. Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God; that no root of bitterness grows up that might cause trouble and pollute many people. Hebrews 12:14-15

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering song: Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah – H #582

Psalm of praise: Psalm 105: 3-6, 16-22

Prayer of confession:

O God, clothe us with compassion,  
kindness, humility, patience.

**Enfold us in love,  
which binds everything together in harmony.**

*(silent prayers of confession)*

You have forgiven us; may we also forgive.

**And may Christ's peace rule in our hearts. Amen**

Hymn: Take Thou my hand, O Father – H #581

Offering and prayer

Scripture: Genesis 37:3-14, 18-36

Message: When the fabric is torn

Song of response: Together – VT #389

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending hymn: We shall walk through the valley – H #412

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adult Sunday school** classes begin today. 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.

**Women Serving in Love.** Tuesday, June 8. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers, **Baby Bottle Campaign** is taking place now until Father's Day, June 20<sup>th</sup>

**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 and 3 people each baking 4 dozen cookies. Sign up to volunteer or supply cookies on the paper on the bulletin board. FYI: Those coming to eat will not be required to wear masks.

**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](http://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.

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 Bitikofx. 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>.

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 Bxck, Ken Shxnk, Rebecca Kauffmxn

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

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

### TUESDAY

**9:00 a.m.** – Women Serving in Love

### THURSDAY

**12:30 p.m.** – Peace & Justice Lunch

**7:00 p.m.** – Elder Leadership Team

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:10 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn. Genesis 39.

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Dick Lindemxr

## LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 44

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

### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – June 6

Worship leader: Dick Lindemxr

Music leader: Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeter: Byron & Barb Kauffmxn

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Carl Newcomxr

Next Week – June 13

Worship leader: Doug Steinxr

Music leader: Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Joe & Donna Lehmxx

Sound: Mark Kauffmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr