

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Continue to pray for God's sustaining love to touch those with health struggles including: Hilda Y., Mary Kay K., Lee J., Sam P., Jim Lxpp (Steve's nephew), Jan Dawsxn, Justin Willxtts, and others you know.
- Pray for the family and friends of Ruth Yodxr as they process her sudden death. Remember in prayer those who carry grief.
- Pray for safety for those who are traveling these days. Praise God for the privilege and blessing of interacting with family and friends, and the joy seeing God's creation.
- Pray for God's blessing on the Community Ice Cream social this Saturday, that it would be a good time of sharing love, laughter and hope with the Walker family and with one another.
- This month, Anne Garber Kompaorx, a linguist who serves with Mennonite Mission Network, is proof-reading the Old Testament book of Ezekiel in two of Burkina Faso's languages. Pray that God's word will come alive as she works with translators and as people read the Bible in their heart language.
- Think of a time when an encounter with a stranger led to a surprise blessing or joy, showing you the face of Jesus. Praise God for speaking to us through many different people and situations.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Lord, you will establish peace for us;
all that we have accomplished
you have done for us. -Isaiah 26:12 (NIV)

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering song: Let's walk together – VT #6

Prayer of confession:

Jesus our companion, we need your presence on the long road.

The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.

The road that moves us from being strangers to friends.
Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!

**Help us let go of selfishness, stereotypes and false divisions
so that we might see you, and one another, in new ways.**
Surprise us with your presence as you walk with us today.
(silent prayer)

Words of Assurance and passing the peace

Offering and prayer

Hymn: God of Wonders (see below)

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Message: Hospitality heart burn

Song of response: On the journey to Emmaus – SS #98

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

Sending hymn: Move in our midst – H #418

Benediction

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

God of Wonders - VT #178

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.

The heavens are your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

CHORUS:

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth. (2x)

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.

When I stumble in the darkness I will call your name by night.

CHORUS: *(followed by)*

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. (3x)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin announcements are due by Thursday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. this week. Rebecca and Miriam will be on vacation on Friday. Rebecca is taking some time off July 23-26. Contact Carl (23-24) or Mark T. (25-26) in case of an urgent need.

Our guest speaker next Sunday will be **Mike Sherrxll**, executive director of **Mennonite Mission Network**. Mike was raised in the Catholic and Mennonite traditions. He and his wife Teresa lived and served the church in Japan from 1991-'94, and 2000-'17. In addition to global ministry, Mike has also worked as a university professor and chaplain in Tokyo, and in mission administration.

If you have **flowers** from your garden you would like to share as a visual aid for our Sunday morning worship, or to mark a special anniversary, contact Janet Wilkins by Friday or Saturday of that week to let her know.

The annual **Community Ice Cream Social** to benefit Mary Walkxr, will be held July 24th 4:00-7:30 p.m. See volunteer sign up sheet.

PLAN TO ATTEND: Dedication of the West Entry and elevator will be held August 1 at 4:00 p.m. An Open House of the church building will follow until 6:00 p.m. Feel free to invite anyone you think may be interested.

PRACTICE HOSPITALITY: Volunteers needed.

On July 23 or 24, Linda Hostetlrx and Mary Newcomxr will be walking through the Bethel neighborhood placing door hangers on houses inviting people to come to the Dedication and Open House on August 1. They would like 2-3 people to help them.

On August 1, 4-5 people will be needed to greet those who tour the building at the Open House. These greeters will be in various places in the church to answer questions and be a welcoming face for Bethel. Offer your help on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

THURSDAY

2:00 p.m. – Pastoral Care Team

SATURDAY

4:00-7:30 p.m. – Community Ice Cream Social, United Methodist Church

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Mike Sherrxll, Luke 10:1-12

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomxr

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 45

Sunday School: 28

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – July 18

Worship leader: Donna Lehmxn

Music leader: Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Chuck Grabxr & Chxryl S

Sound: Ken Shxnx

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Elaine Newcomxr

Next Week – July 25

Worship leader: Ken Shxnx

Music leader: Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker: Mike Sherrxll

Greeters: Joe & Donna Lehmxn

Sound: Lori Lehmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr