

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- God who sees and leads, may You use the challenges we are facing as a local and global community to strengthen our faith in You. Keep us rooted in hope and deepen our connections to each other. Amen.
- Continue to pray for God's sustaining love to touch those with health struggles including: Hilda Y. and Mary Kay K. as they receive physical therapy; Lee J., Sam P., Jan Dawsoxn, Justin Willxtts, and others you know.
- Praise God for his faithfulness and provision for Bethel during our renovation process! Pray for the Dedication committee and others as final preparations are made for the Open House next Sunday. Pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts for celebration and interaction with all who come to the event.
- Pray for God's wisdom to guide Deb Bylrx and five Kekchx women leaders as they lead a Trauma Healing Workshop this week (July 27-28). Pray that each woman who participates will experience divine grace and healing so that they are empowered to live with confidence in God's deep love for them.
- Praise God for the partnerships and Christian witness facilitated by Mennonite Mission Network and it's workers in the USA and around the world.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Whenever you enter a house, first say, "May peace be on this house.
If anyone there shares God's peace,
then your peace will rest on that person.
If not, your blessing will return to you. -Luke 10:5-6 (CEB)

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering hymn: The God of Abraham praise – H #162

Prayer for faithfulness in mission:

God, we praise you because you are always gathering and sending.

**You gather us in to your heart of love,
then send us as servants to proclaim your peace and power.**

Teach us how to rely on you, in the power of Your Spirit,
and not on ourselves, to bring the harvest of the Kingdom.

**Teach us to speak of faith without shame,
yet humbly and with compassion.**

Give us courage to be vulnerable,
and a willingness to receive the gifts and service of others.

**Let us not become overwhelmed by the work,
but find joy in sharing what we have.**

Let us seek no other reward
than the blessing of knowing you and being known by you.

In the name of Jesus, who goes with us, Amen.

Offering & prayer

Hymn: Take my life – H #389

Scripture: Luke 10:1-12

Message: Transformative Vulnerability

Hymn of response: Will you let me be your servant – H #307

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

Sending hymn: One is the body – SJ #72

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our guest speaker today is **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.

Next Sunday, August 1 at 4:00 p.m. **Dedication** of the West Entry and elevator will be held. An **Open House** of the church building will follow until 6:00 p.m.

Be a welcoming presence for those who are attending. Feel free to invite anyone you think may be interested.

Please prayerfully consider and fill out the **Gift Discernment forms** that were in your mailbox last Sunday. Return them to the box in the hall by next Sunday, August 1.

Aug. 6-7, 2021, **Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale** at the Wayne County Fairground, Wooster. The in-person event will be under one roof in an air conditioned building. Online bidding will be offered again for the auction items.

From New Path Pregnancy Center: It is with a humble and joyful heart that we thank you for your generous support of the **Baby Bottle Campaign**. The members of your church family contributed \$564.40 towards this total. Our heart-felt thanks to you!

The Covid advisory group met this week to reassess Bethel's current health safety measures. Input was gathered from song leaders since any change to current singing practice would affect their responsibilities. Factors considered included: exposure/infection rates in our area are on the rise; the Delta variant is becoming more common and is four times more contagious; only 45.9% of Logan Co residents are fully vaccinated; group singing indoors is discouraged by health experts. In light of this data, and our commitment to care for the

least of these, we decided, for now, to continue using recorded and special music rather than congregational singing. We acknowledge that all of us are very tired of the pandemic and long for the pleasure of singing together. May God grant us patience in our relationships, comfort in the variety of losses we have faced, and faith that God will see us through.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Mike Sherrxll

TUESDAY

5:15 p.m. – Dedication Planning Committee

WEDNESDAY

4:15 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn, Luke 7:36-50

4:00 p.m. – Dedication of elevator and new entry

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Open House

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Kauffmxn

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 40 Sunday School: 26

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – July 25

Worship leader: Ken Shxnxk

Music leader: Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker: Mike Sherrxll

Greeters: Joe & Donna Lehmxn

Sound: Lori Lehmxn

Media: Lori Lehmxn

Prelude: Byron Kauffmxn

Next Week – August 1

Worship leader: Doug Steinxr

Music leader: Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Dick & Nellie Lindemxr

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr