

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray God would grant strength and patience to Mary Kay K. as her shoulder and hip heal from a fall and subsequent hip surgery. Give thanks for those who are caring for her.
- Remember in prayer the family and friends of Xavier xsch as they grieve his death.
- Praise God for the gradual healing that Justin Willxtts is experiencing, and for the faith he displays. Continue to pray for God's sustaining love to touch those with health struggles including: Jan Dawsxn, Lee J., Carl Coats, Sam P., Ruth Y., Cindy K's mother, and others you know.
- Pray for members of Bethel's Gifts Discernment Committee as they meet this week (Janet W., Carl N., Ken S., Rebecca).
- Pray for an opportunity to reach out to those who feel lonely or isolated or sorrowful.
- The Mennonite Church USA convention takes place this week in Cincinnati, with some people participating in-person and others virtually. Pray for the Holy Spirit to bless and guide the planners, worship leaders, seminar speakers, youth & their leaders. Pray for Mary N. as she serves as Bethel's delegate, and Rebecca K. as she participates virtually.
- As temperatures in the western part of the continent break records for heat, we pray for mercy on the planet, its people and creatures. We pray for the collective will to turn from destructive habits so that we care well for the natural resources God has gifted to us.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

When the ways of people please the Lord,
he causes even their enemies to be at peace with them.
Better is a little with righteousness
than large income with injustice. Proverbs 16:7-8 (NRSV)

Prelude

Call to worship

Gathering hymn: All hail the power of Jesus' name – H #285

Affirmation of faith and prayer:

Some trust in governments and some in borders,
but we trust in God, who invites all people to live in peace.
For the earth belongs to God, and all creation is in God's care:
**land and waters, plants and animals, sky and soil
all declare the hospitality and goodness of God.**
The world belongs to God, and all who live in it.
**We belong to one another as siblings,
all of us children of God.**

With gratitude for the home God has made for us, we pray:

**Send your Holy Spirit to teach us to build communities
where foreigners become neighbors
and strangers become friends. Amen.**

Offering and prayer

Hymn: Jesus, help us live in peace – SJ #52

Scripture: Proverbs 3:27-30, & 25:17, 21-22; Leviticus 19:15-18

Message: How to be a neighbor

Hymn of response: I bind my heart this tide – H #411

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: Jesu, Jesu

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with you love,

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Neighbors are rich and poor.
Neighbors are black and white.
Neighbors are nearby and far away.
2. These are the ones we should serve.
These are the ones we should love.
All these are neighbors to us and you.

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca's **office hours** this week are: Tues. 9:00-12:30, Thurs. 12:00-2:00, Fri. 12:00-2:00. She will respond to emails and messages as soon as possible.

On Sunday July 11, Alvin Yodxr will be speaking. **A fellowship lunch** with Alvin & Ruth Ann will follow the worship service. Bring a salad or dessert to share. The committee will furnish the rest.

SAVE THE DATE: 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.

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.

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

As Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) continues to respond to basic human needs, 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.

Planning is underway for the **Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale** Aug. 6-7, 2021, 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. Brochures are in the foyer. For more information go to ohiomccreliefsale.org

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

TUESDAY

2:00 p.m. – Gifts Discernment committee

TUESDAY – SATURDAY

MennoCon 21 – MC USA convention in Cincinnati

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Alvin Yodxr.

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 35

Sunday School: 16

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – July 4

Worship leader: Elaine Newcomxr

Music leader: Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeter: Mary N. & Mary P.

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Carl Newcomxr

Next Week – July 11

Worship leader: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Music leader: Ellen Steinrx

Speaker: Alvin Yodxr

Greeters: Barb & Byron Kauffmxn

Sound: Mark Kauffmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr