

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Remember Mary Ann Kxng as she will be staying with her daughter in Lima for the time being in order to be closer to her doctors.
- Continue to remember Stan Thomxn in prayer that he would experience full healing.
- Remember in prayer those who are unable to attend worship, including Mary Kay K., Ellie K., Sam P., and Hilda Y.
- Pray for the Spirit's leading in the Gifts Discernment Committee (and in all of us) as they carry out the work of matching the gifts and interests of Bethel folks with the ministries of our congregation.
- Pray this week for teachers (including Cheryl S. & Heidi Swxrtz) as they prepare for a new school year. May God grant them creativity, patience and insight as they engage the variety of needs and perspectives the students bring. Pray also for wisdom for school board members and administrators, that they would make decisions that promote the wellbeing, safety and learning of all students and staff.
- Pray for the people of Haiti. Pray for rescue teams, medical staff, local leaders and churches as they seek to respond to the devastation.
- A prayer for Afghanistan (MCC Washington staff, adapted):
  - God of protection, envelop those in danger.
  - God of safe passage, open the way.
  - God of hospitality, prepare rooms to receive.
  - God of peace, remove the seed and tools of violence.
  - God of miracles, change what we are powerless to change.
  - Creator of all people, may all people turn to you for peace.

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## Announcements

### Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy,  
love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.  
Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse;  
but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. 1 Peter 3:8-9a (NRSV)

## Prelude

### Call to worship & prayer

Gathering song: Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah – H #50

Psalm of joy: Psalm 30: 4-5, 11-12

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints  
and give thanks to His Holy Name.

**For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.**

**Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.**

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing,  
you have loosened my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
**that my heart may sing your praise and not be silent.**

**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

## Offering & prayer

Hymn: What wondrous love is this – H #530

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

Message: Joy in imitating Christ

Song of response: Humble King

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

Sending hymn: Forth in Thy name – H #415

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning in **September**, Sunday School will be from 9:30-10:20 a.m. and worship will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Order forms have been given to Sunday school classes to sign up for quarterlies for the fall. If you are interested in joining a class this fall and have questions please speak with Ellen Steinxr.

Sunday, September 5, come celebrate **Harry's 90th birthday!** Drop in anytime from 2-5 p.m. at Ken and Cheryl's house to congratulate Harry and enjoy a dish of homemade ice cream.

West Liberty United Methodist Church is once again offering grief support through **GriefShare**. Sessions begin the week of August 23. See the foyer for the details of the various types of meetings.

**You can provide relief in Haiti:** Families who have already suffered so much have been hit once again. The southwest region was hit by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake followed by a tropical storm, causing buildings to collapse, flooding and mudslides. At least 1400 people are dead, with more injured. There is an urgent need for first aid, food, and temporary shelter. With your help, we can reach the people most affected by this tragic event. Your gifts will provide emergency support. Donate today at: [mcc.org/haiti-earthquake](http://mcc.org/haiti-earthquake).

Adriel will hold a benefit **golf scramble** on Monday, Sept. 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance. For more information, see <https://www.adriel.org/adriel-golf-outings> Register by Sept 8.

September is Bethel's turn to host the **West Liberty Cares Food Pantry** (at South Union church). Sign up on the bulletin board to assist with this important ministry in our community.

We are planning to host the **Vendors' Breakfast** again on Friday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in helping talk to Rebecca or Andrew. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

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

### WEDNESDAY

**2:00 p.m.** – Gifts Discernment Committee

**4:15 p.m.** – Our Daily Bread

### THURSDAY

**6:30 p.m.** – Worship Ministry

### SATURDAY

**11:00 a.m.** – Ruth Yoder's memorial service

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:10 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Meghan L. Goxd

(recorded at MC USA Convention)

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Carl Newcomxr

## LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 38

Sunday School: 21

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

### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – August 22

**Worship leader:** Barb Kauffmxn

**Music leader:** Byron Kauffmxn

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Carol & Chuck Bxck

**Sound:** Lori Lehmxn

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Ellen Steinxr

Next Week – August 29

**Worship leader:** Dick Lindemxr

**Music leader:** Janet Wilkxns

**Speaker:** Meghan Goxd

**Greeters:** Carol & Chuck Bxck

**Sound:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Elaine Newcomxr