

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Praise God for beautiful weather and a good time of celebration with our neighbors and friends last Sunday afternoon! Praise for the way many people contributed to prepare our church building for the open house.
- Give thanks that Stan Thomxn's condition has stabilized. Pray that he would experience full healing, and also for his wife, Geneva, and family during this time.
- Praise: Hilda Yodxr is grateful that she has returned to her apartment.
- Pray that God's Spirit would provide comfort and peace to Mary Kay's heart.
- 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 for God's provision for people in our community and around the world who face food scarcity and economic instability due to the pandemic, climate change, or displacement.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

May the grace and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. -Philippians 1:2 (CEB)

Prelude

Call to worship

Invocation:

Leader: Holy Spirit, open our ears

People: to hear your word.

L: Open our eyes

P: to see your presence.

L: Open our arms

P: to the embrace of community.

L: Open our minds

P: to the beauty of truth.

L: Open our hearts

P: to the joy of new life in Jesus.

Gathering song: Open my eyes, that I may see – H #517

Psalm of joy: Psalm 96:1-3, 9-13 – H #820

Offering & prayer

Hymn: O Worship the Lord – H #124

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-26

Message: Joy ride

Hymn of response: Joys are flowing like a river – H # 301

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending hymn: May the grace of Christ our Savior – H #423

Benediction: based on Philippians 1:9-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women Serving in Love. Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Bring your sack lunch. Jan Smuckxr and Mary Psollx, hostesses will provide dessert. Upcoming projects: Items for hygiene, layette, relief or school kits.

Oak Grove Mennonite Church in Smithville will host “**Songs and Stories of Peace, Hope, and Justice,**” an interactive concert featuring Anthony Brxwn on Saturday, Aug 14, at 7 p.m.

August 21 is Barb & Jerry Landxs’ **50th wedding anniversary.** Help them celebrate by sending a card or email

West Liberty United Methodist Church is once again offering grief support through **GriefShare** - a 13 week seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild life after losing a loved one. See the info in the foyer for the exact times.

Adriel will hold a benefit **golf scramble** Monday, Sept. 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Golf Club in Defiance. Proceeds benefit children in Northwest Ohio and throughout the state through Adriel’s foster care and adoption, clinical services, training, and family preservation programs. For more information, see <https://www.adriel.org/adriel-golf-outings>

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

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. – Gifts Discernment Committee

THURSDAY

6:00 P.M. – Ministry chairs and Elder Team

7:15 p.m. – Elder Leadership Team

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – August 8

Worship leader: Kyle Van Osdxl

Music leader: Carl Newcomxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Dick & Nellie Lindemxr

Sound: Mark Kauffmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr

Next Week – August 15

Worship leader:

Music leader: Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

Sound:

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr