

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Harry Grabxr expresses his appreciation to all who came to his birthday party last Sunday and for your kindness. He continues to have some pain and is awaiting test results. May he and Kathy feel God's strength and grace in this time.
- Pray for those with health concerns, including: Dr. Evan Dixxn, Chad Jordxn (Lee's nephew), Mary Kay K., and others you know.
- Remember in prayer the family and friends of Dawn Wengxr as they mourn her death. May the words and Spirit of God bring comfort to all who are grieving.
- Pray for Ohio Conference's Leadership Team as they meet this Thursday. May God grant wisdom and good working relationships as they lead together.
- Pray for hospital staff in places where Covid-19 cases are high (in this country & around the world) as they seek to continue to give compassionate care even while facing supply shortages. May God grant them spiritual and emotional strength as they frequently witness death, grief and misunderstanding.
- Praise God that Mennonite Central Committee was recently able to deliver canned meat and relief kits to Saint-Jean-de-Sud, a municipality in Haiti that was hard-hit by the earthquake. About half the recipients were members of Mennonite churches in the area. Pray for the witness of the church as they work toward long-term recovery and sustainability.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful,
to those who turn to him in their hearts. Psalm 85:8 (NRSV)

Prelude

Call to worship

Gathering song: Come unto me – SS #48

Psalm of praise – Psalm 145:13b-18, 21

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

**The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all look to you, and you give their food in due season.

**You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

**The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

***My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.***

Offering & prayer

Hymn: Jesus, be the center – SS #31

Scripture: Matthew 27:45-56 and Psalm 22:1-5

Message: Trust Jesus, love others

Hymn of response: 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus – H #340

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: For me to live is Christ – SS #111

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Women Serving in Love. Hostesses Kyle, Mary P., Christie, and Donna will provide lunch. Devotions by Mary Psolx. Project: School kits

On September 22 two people are needed to host the West Liberty Cares Food Pantry (at South Union church). Sign up on the bulletin board. Thanks!

The **pillowcase dresses** for Guatemalx that women are making need to be completed and returned to Brenda Montgomy by Sunday, **September 26th**. Anyone who is interested in sending a handwritten note of encouragement to Deb Bylrx can also put the note in Brenda's mailbox to be included with the dresses for Deb.

Deb Bylrx, mission worker in Guatemalx, will share about her work in a Zoom conversation on Tuesday, September 28, at 7 pm. In addition, the Mission Support Team for her work will share about the kinds of support needed for the last year of her work with Kekchx women in Guatemalx. Please mark your calendars and a Zoom link will be shared closer to the date.

As the number of **Covid-19 cases** in our area continues to rise and community spread is very high, please take appropriate precautions (using masks and distance) given your own health factors and the vulnerability of those you come into contact with.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Jon Carlsxn
(recorded at MC USA Convention)

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. – Women Serving in Love

THURSDAY

12:30 p.m. – Peace & Justice Meeting

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn.
Philippians 3:1-16

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomxs

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 33 Sunday School: 17

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – September 12

Worship leader: Kyle VanOsdxl

Music leader: Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Jon Carlsxn

Greeters: Barb & Byron Kauffmxn

Sound: Mark Kauffmxn

Media: Miriam Lxpp

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Next Week – September 19

Worship leader: Donna Lehmxn

Music leader: Janet Wilxns

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Ken & Jeanette Hostetlrx

Sound: Ken Shxnk

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr