

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for Mary Newcomer's grand-nephew, Nick Weavxr whose cancer has returned. Remember in prayer others you know who have health concerns, including: Harry Grabxr, Dr. Evan Dixxn, Chad Jordxn, Mary Kay K.
- Eleanor's sister, Annabelle, died this past Tuesday. Hold Eleanor in prayer as she grieves this significant loss. May the words and Spirit of God bring comfort to all who are grieving.
- Pray for the ministry of West Liberty Cares Food Pantry which helps families in our community who face food insecurity. May it be a place of encouragement and dignity. Give thanks for the volunteers from Bethel and other churches who sustain it year-round.
- Join Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Kidron as they praise God and celebrate their 200th anniversary next weekend. May they (& we) continue to draw near to the heart of Christ, following the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- Give thanks for the ministry of Mennonite Disaster Service. Praise God for many local volunteers who respond to floods, tornados and other storms in their local communities. Pray for God's provision and healing to bless those affected by disaster.
- Pray for people who are serving the Lord through the SOOP program of Mennonite Mission Network, including Barbara Johnsn who will be a teacher's aide for 3 months at Peace Academic Center on the Hopi Reservation in Arizona. Pray that she will build good relationships with the students and their families.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God. - Matthew 5:8-9

Prelude

Call to worship

Gathering song: O worship the King – H #66

Psalm of joy – Psalm 66:1-4, 16, 18-20

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

Come and hear ... and I will tell what God has done for me.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened;

he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

***Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.***

Offering & prayer

Hymn: Lord, I am fondly, earnestly longing – H #514

Scripture: Philippians 3:1-16

Message: Joy Presses On

Hymn of response: For me to live is Christ – SS #111

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: Guide my feet – H #546

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca plans to be out of town this Sun-Mon, Sept. 20-21. In case of an **urgent pastoral care need**, contact Cheryl S. or Barb K.

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

Do you love books and organizing them? If so, please talk with a Gifts Discernment Committee member about serving as Bethel's librarian. (That role was inadvertently left off of the volunteer nomination list sent earlier.) - Ken S., Janet, Carl, Rebecca

Recommendations from the Gifts Discernment Committee for people to serve in ministry positions for the upcoming year(s) are in your mailboxes today. Please prayerfully consider these recommendations, note your affirmation &/or concerns, and return the form to the box in the hallway by October 3. Thank you!

The September edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: A Virginia family now has a way home thanks to MDS Volunteers. Canadian farmers work together to battle drought conditions. Also, clean up continues in the wake of Hurricane Ida. Click on this link to read more:

<https://conta.cc/3EjIO0M>

A reminder: When you would like to **reserve rooms** of the church for personal use, or **borrow tables and chairs** from the church, contact Miriam in the church office. In addition to clearing it with her, please write the items you are borrowing in the small black book that is on the shelf beside the microwave. Then note in the book when the borrowed items have been returned.

If you would like to **borrow kitchen equipment**, contact Linda Hostetler and also write the items in the black book before and after use.

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.

WEDNESDAY

12-2:00 p.m. – West Liberty Cares Food Pantry

4:15 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

5:00 p.m. – Stewardship Ministry meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffman.

Philippians 4:1-9

2:30 p.m. – Green Hills worship, led by Rebecca via zoom

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemxr

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 34

Sunday School: 20

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – September 19

Worship leader: Donna Lehmxn

Music leader: Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffman

Greeters: Ken & Jeanette Hostetler

Sound: Ken Shxnk

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Janet Wilkxns

Next Week – September 26

Worship leader: Dick Lindemxr

Music leader: Byron Kauffmaxn

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Ken & Jeanette Hostetlrx

Sound: Lori Lehmxn

Media: Andrew Blouxnt

Prelude: Byron Kauffmxn