

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for Chad Jordxn (Lee's nephew) as he recovers from an accident with his horse. He came through surgery and is in the Intensive Care Unit.
- Praise God for Miles Hostetlrx's recent decision to be baptized as a testimony of committing his life to the way of Christ! May all of us be willing to respond as the Holy Spirit calls us.
- 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.
- Pray for the administrators and staff of Green Hills, that the Spirit would grant them wisdom and strength. Praise God for their dedication and compassion in fulfilling their roles.
- 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.
- Pray for the people of Afghanistan, including vulnerable women and children, and the many local partners with whom Mennonite Central Committee works. Pray that hope would not be extinguished during this season of uncertainty and fear.

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# Bethel Mennonite Church

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12

Prelude: To God be the glory – H #102

Call to worship

Gathering song: All people that on earth do dwell – H #42

Psalm of joy: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness;**

**come into God's presence with a song.**

Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;

**we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

**give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,

**whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Offering & prayer

Song: You can shine

Scripture: Philippians 2:12-30

Message: Joy shines

Hymn of response: You are salt for the earth – H #226

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: Go, my children – H #433

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.

Rebecca will be on **vacation** parts of this week, Sept 7-8, 10-11. In case of an urgent pastoral care need, contact Cheryl S or Barb K.

Adriel will hold a benefit **golf scramble** 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.

A couple more **volunteers** are needed to host the West Liberty Cares Food Pantry (at South Union church) on Wednesdays this month. Sign up on the bulletin board. Thanks!

This Saturday, Sept. 11 @ 6 p.m. at South Union Menno Church, Dr. John Byrxn from Ashland Theological Seminary will present "**From the Scroll to the Book**" on how modern Bibles came to be. Some ancient scroll fragments (including one from the Dead Sea Scrolls ~40 BC) and rare Bibles will be on display. An opportunity to donate to Ashland Theological Seminary will be available.

The **pillowcase dresses** for Guatemala that women are making need to be completed and returned to Brenda Montgomxry by October 1.

There is an opportunity to participate with **Mennonite Disaster Service** in Dayton in mid-September. Contact Ken Shxnk if interested.

**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 Guatemala. 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, Rebecca Kauffmxn.

**2-5:00 p.m.** – Open House for Harry's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at Ken & Cheryl's

### WEDNESDAY

**4:30-6:30 p.m.** – West Liberty Cares food pantry

### FRIDAY

**9:00 a.m.** – Gifts Discernment meeting

### SATURDAY

**6:00 p.m.** – "From the Scroll to the Book." South Union

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Jon Carlsxn

(recorded at MC USA Convention)

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Barb Kauffmxn

## LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 44

Sunday School: 22

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

### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – September 5

**Worship leader:** Doug Steinrx

**Music leader:** Carl Newcomxr

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

**Sound:** Andrew Blxunt

**Media:** Andrew Blxunt

**Prelude:** Carl Newcomxr

Next Week – September 12

**Worship leader:** Kyle VanOsdxl

**Music leader:** Ellen Steinrx

**Speaker:** Jon Carlsxn

**Greeters:** Barb & Byron Kauffmxn

**Sound:** Mark Kauffmxn

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Kathy Grabrx