

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Remember Jeannette K. Hostetler and her family in prayer as they mourn the death of her husband James on Sept. 25.
- Continue to hold Harry Graber, along with Kathy and their family in prayer. Harry had surgery to relieve nerve pain in his back caused by cancer; the doctor is encouraged by his progress. There are still many unknowns as he continues the journey toward healing and further treatment. Pray for God's grace to uphold the whole family.
- Pray for others you know who are struggling with cancer, including Mary N's grand-nephew Nick; Evan Dixon, Kyle Yoder, Rebecca's aunt, and Steve's nephew, Jim Lipp. May God grant them strength to endure and peace that guards their hearts and minds.
- Pray for Dick Barrett and the Ohio Conference Leadership Team as they meet on Monday. May they have wisdom and the right words to lead and guide the conference at this time.
- Deb Byler has had a refreshing and relaxing few weeks here in the States. Pray for God's guidance in the Kekchi churches as they continue to work at leadership issues for the women's groups. Pray for courage and confidence for the women leaders as they learn and grow in their new roles.
- Jaden H serves with Quitman Mennonite Church in Ecuador to welcome refugees arriving from Colombia and Venezuela. He started a ceramic studio, and requests prayer that through creating art, refugee participants will find a space of healing and a place to build community.

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## Announcements

### Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Those who live according to the Spirit  
set their minds on the things of the Spirit.  
To set the mind on the flesh is death,  
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:5b-6

## Prelude

Welcome and call to worship

We gather as people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

***We gather to share Word and sacrament,  
to discern the ways of faithful service.***

Where in the world shall we serve our God?

***At home and school and business place –  
in this community and throughout every land.***

How in the world shall we serve our God?

***By working toward justice where there is oppression,  
by offering comfort where there is pain,  
by sharing love where there is hatred.***

Why in the world shall we serve our God?

***Because we are grateful for Christ's redeeming love;  
because the Spirit beckons us to enact our faith.  
Come, let us worship the One who calls us into life!***

Gathering song: To God be the Glory – H #102

Confession & assurance; passing the peace (see insert)

Offering & prayer

Hymn: I know not why God's wondrous grace – H #338

Scripture: II Timothy 1:6-12 and Acts 2:43-47

Message: Things that make us anxious

Celebrating communion

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: I come with joy to meet my Lord – H #459

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today is World Communion Sunday.** We celebrate God's grace in our own life and the blessing of being joined by Christ into a worldwide fellowship, a foretaste of heaven! As you receive communion, let it be an opportunity to renew your baptismal commitments.

Welcome to **Tony Doehrmxnn**, who serves Bethel and other Ohio Conference churches as West Regional Conference Minister.

**Due today!** Please turn in your responses to the recommendations from the Gifts Discernment Committee for people to serve in ministry positions for the upcoming year(s). Note your affirmation &/or concerns, and return the form to the box in the hallway. Thank you!

*Save the Date:* October 24 the **Annual Business Meeting** will be held after a noon fellowship meal. Also that afternoon you will be asked to meet in small groups to give input to the pastor & congregation review (details to come).

**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

*As the number of Covid-19 cases and community spread in our area continues to be 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 & communion. Speaker, Tony Doehrmxnn.

### WEDNESDAY

**6:30 p.m.** – Worship Ministry meeting.

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca. Philippians 4:10-23

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Mark Thomxs

## LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 34      Sunday School: 18

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

### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – October 3

**Worship leader:** Elaine Newcomxr

**Music leader:** Carl Newcomxr

**Speaker:** Tony Doehrmxnn

**Greeters:** Kim Lehmxn & Mary N.

**Sound:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Carl Newcomxr

Next Week – October 10

**Worship leader:**

**Music leader:** Ellen Steinxr

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Barb & Byron Kauffmxn

**Sound:** Mark Kauffmxn

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Ellen Steinxr