

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for safety and good interactions for those who are traveling to visit family, including Bill & Carole, Carl & Elaine, Dean & Mary Jean, and Rebecca & Andrew.
- Remember those who are grieving, including the several Logan County families who lost loved ones in recent weeks; and for Rebecca's extended family as her aunt (her dad's sister) died on Thursday morning following a brief illness.
- Continue to hold Harry Grabxr, along with Kathy, Cheryl and Chuck in prayer. Harry is still at OSU James hospital. There are many unknowns as he continues the journey toward healing and further treatment. Pray for God's grace to uphold the whole family.
- Pray for Ohio Conference staff as they lead several regional delegate cluster meetings during the next two weeks.
- Mennonite Mission worker Bekah Yxrk requests prayer for the people of Columbia, who are suffering from Covid-19 illness and death, along with police and state-sponsored violence, and a dire economic situation. Praise God for the strong peace witness of the Columbia Mennonite Church and the Mennonite Biblical Seminary of Columbia in speaking against violence and injustice. Pray for their ongoing efforts to promote peace and community building.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Speak the truth to one another, render in your courts
judgments that are true and make for peace,
do not devise evil in your hearts against one another,
and do not love to swear falsely. Zechariah 8:16-17

Prelude

Call to worship

Gathering song: When the morning stars together – H #34

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi – H #733

Offering & prayer

Hymn: We are people of God's peace – H #407

Stories, lessons & prayers of peace from around the world

Scripture: I Peter 3:8-16a

Readers' theatre: “Defending hope”

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-3

Lessons from Columbia

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21

Story from South Sudan

Song of response: We shall walk through the valley – H #412

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

Sending song: We, your people, sing your praises – VT #849

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plan to attend: next Sunday the **Annual Business Meeting** will be held after a noon fellowship meal. The meal will be provided. Also that afternoon you will be asked to meet in small groups to give input to the **pastor & congregation review**. Please reflect ahead of time on the questions (see yellow sheet in mailboxes last week) and come ready to tell your stories.

Next Sunday, Oct. 24, during the **Sunday School** time (9:30-10:20), everyone is invited to hear a presentation on “Estate planning and How to make a difference with your charitable giving.” Chandler Inglix Everence will lead, including time for Q&A on any of your faith and finances questions.

Update from Gifts Discernment Committee: GDC is recommending Ken Shxnk to serve as a member of the Leadership Team, for a 3-year term. If you have any concerns, please contact Janet, Carl or Rebecca by 5:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 21.

Rebecca will be taking **vacation** time this Mon - Wed., Oct. 18-20. In case of an urgent pastoral care need, contact Mark Thomxs.

Join author Sara Wenger Shxnk on Tuesday, October 19, at 7 p.m. ET as she talks about her new book, ***Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking about Faith***. Shxnk investigates the reasons that people who claim the name of Christ are so reluctant to talk about him and offers up ideas for recovering an authentic vocabulary of faith. Go to this link to register for the Zoom meeting. <https://www.mennomedia.org/commonread/>

Beginning Wed, Oct. 27, Everence Financial will host a free five-part webinar series: **Planning your finances to make a positive impact**. This series is designed for people of all ages and includes information to help you fulfill your life mission, ways to support causes close to your heart, aligning your investments with your faith values and focusing on financial health versus financial wealth. To register, or for more information, visit www.everence.com/national. *

Green Hills is seeking volunteers. Possible roles include: opening the door & assisting visitors after hours; taking water to residents; visiting with or reading to residents; leading a show-&-tell with a small group, or nearly anything else according to your interest. Volunteers must be vaccinated; men & women welcome, times are flexible. This would be a blessing to both staff and residents. Talk to Rebecca for more info.

Knowing Your Narrative: Unpacking Our Stories of Masculinity and Equity. Oct. 26, Nov. 6, and Nov. 16, 2021. This three-part series of events seeks to unpack narratives around masculinity, faith, and equity.

Sponsored by AMBS and Mennonite Men. For more information and to register, visit ambs.edu/narrative. Early registration ends October 19.*

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. Speaker, Rebecca.

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. – Conference Cluster meeting in the fellowship room

FRIDAY

2:00 a.m. – Pastoral Care Team

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Steve Bustxs.

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemxr

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 43

Sunday School: 23

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – October 17

Worship leader: Doug Steinxr

Music leader: Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Joe & Donna Lehmxx

Sound: Ken Shxnk

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Janet Wilkxns

Next Week – October 24

Worship leader: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Music leader: Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker: Steve Bustxs

Greeters: Chuck & Carol Bxck

Sound: Lori Lehmxx

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Byron Kauffmxn