

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Give thanks that Harry Grabxr is receiving physical therapy at Green Hills. Pray for grace and strength as he will go to OSU three times this week for tests. Pray for the medical staff and family as they determine the next course of action. Cards and calls are welcome at this time.
- Pray for the family of Bruce Martxn and others you know who are grieving the recent death of a loved one.
- Planning for Ohio Conference's Missional Conference and Annual Assembly next March has begun. Pray for wisdom, creativity, and the Spirit's leading as the planners work to coordinate the details for the events.
- Pray for Ohio Conference congregations who are going through pastoral transitions. May the Church join God in training and calling people to serve in pastoral ministry.
- Pray for the wellbeing and safe release of the Christian Aid Ministries mission workers (12 adults, 5 children) who were kidnapped in Haitx on October 16. May God grant those being held hostage strength to demonstrate God's love. Pray for a change of heart in the abductors. Pray that civilians and those in government can work together to ease the economic hardships that tend to lead to violence.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

If you open your heart to the hungry,
and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted,
then your light will shine in the darkness,
and your gloom will be like the noonday. Isaiah 58:10 (CEB)

Prelude

Call to worship

Gathering song: Come, let us all unite to sing – H #12

Affirming God's provision (VT #1024)

There is no scarcity. There is no shortage.
No lack of love, of compassion, of space in the world.
There is enough. Only fear and greed make us think otherwise.
No one need be without a home.

There is enough land.

No one need starve or die of thirst.

There is enough food and water.

No one need live without mercy.

There is no end to grace.

And we are all instruments of grace.

**The more we give it, the more we share it,
the more we use it, the more God makes.**

There is no scarcity of Love.

Offering & prayer

Hymn: Take my life, and let it be – H #389

Scripture: Romans 11:33 - 12:2

Message: Generosity that transforms!

Song of response: When the poor ones – SJ #69

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: Praise with joy the world's Creator – SJ #16

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: the **Annual Business Meeting** will be held after a noon fellowship meal. The meal will be provided. All members and attenders are welcome to stay for the meeting and to give input to the **pastor & congregation review**.

Rebecca will be away this Monday thru Wed, Oct. 25-27, to attend her aunt's memorial service. In case of an *urgent pastoral care need*, contact Mark Thomxs.

Do you love books and organizing them? If so, please talk with a Gifts Discernment committee member about serving as Bethel's librarian. - Janet, Ken S., Carl, Rebecca

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. More information is on the bulletin board.

If you are interested in learning more about the reasons why some people are migrating to Ohio, consider participating in this webinar: **“Terror and Loss - War in Guatemala.”** The presentation will feature Maria Garcix from Eastern Michigan University, discussing the civil war in Guatemala and how it started the migration of Mayxn refugees to the USA and Tuscarawas County. This free webinar will take place November 4, from 6:30-7:30 pm. To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/Nov4ImmigrationWebinar>.

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, Chandler Inglx

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

WEDNESDAY

4:15 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship, including lighting candles to remember Bethel members who have died in the past year. Speaker, Rebecca.

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemxr

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 33

Sunday School: 15

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – October 24

Worship leader: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Music leader: Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker: Steve Bustxs

Greeters: Chuck & Carol Bxck

Sound: Lori Lehmxn

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Byron Kauffmxn

Next Week – October 31

Worship leader: Kyle VanOsdxl

Music leader: Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Chuck & Carol Bxck

Sound: Andrew Bloxnt

Media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Elaine Newcomxr