

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for Shirley K as she recuperates from a dislocated shoulder & regains her strength. She is grateful for a good roommate, helpful staff, and caring family & friends.
- Pray for those undergoing treatment for cancer, including: Brenda & Dave's friend Mike Roudabxsh, Elaine's brother-in-law Tim D., and Kathy G's son-in-law Max.
- Pray that God's love and healing would become real for Kim's friend Tonya. Pray for her adult sons and others who are seeking to support her.
- Pray for God's comfort to uphold Jan S., Jeanie S, and the family of Jim Lxpp as they grieve the recent deaths of loved ones. Pray for safe travels this week as Miriam and Steve attend Jim's funeral in Texas.
- In early February, 21 Kekchx Mennonite women in Guatemala participated in a Sister Care seminar led by Carolyn Heggxn and Rhoda Keenx. Join Deb Bylrx in praying that the Kekchi women would experience healing and wholeness as a result of what they learned, and then be equipped to reach out to other women to aid them in finding wholeness in Christ.

As we worship together, please wear a mask especially while singing. The number of Covid-19 cases and community spread in our area continues to be quite high; please take appropriate precautions (using masks and distance) given your own health factors and the vulnerability of those you come into contact with.

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# Bethel Mennonite Church

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## Announcements

### Lighting the Peace Lamp:

But the wisdom that comes from above is first holy, then peaceful, gentle, willing to yield, filled with mercy and good fruits, unbiased, sincere. James 3:17

### Prelude

### Call to worship

Hymns: There's a wideness in God's mercy – H #145

Where charity and love prevail – H #305

### Prayer of confession

Only when we admit we are lost can we be led.

**We are lost. Come Jesus and lead us.**

Only when we acknowledge our weakness can we be given strength.

**We are weak. Come Jesus, to bless and multiply the resources we have.**

Only when we are empty can we be filled.

**We are empty. Come Jesus, fill us with your love and joy.**

Only when the log is removed from our eyes can we see rightly.

**We are blind. Come Jesus, heal our hypocrisy and restore our vision**

**so that we can follow, grow, see and love anew.**

God's mercy and forgiveness is new every morning.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Offering & prayer

### Offertory

Scripture: Luke 6:37-42

Message: Logs and specks

Hymn of response: Spirit of the living God – H #349

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

Sending song: You walk along our shoreline – SJ #99

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Morning Prayer.** Sunday mornings in Feb. from 9:00-9:20, in the Fellowship Room. We follow a printed prayer guide including readings, silence, & open prayer time, focusing on listening for God’s leading, and interceding for Bethel and our neighbors. Participate with your presence or voice.

**Change to office hours: Rebecca** will attend the Pastors & Leaders event at AMBS in Elkhart this Mon-Thurs (Feb. 21-24). She will be in the office on Fri. 25th. Also, **Miriam will not be in the office** this week as she and Steve travel and attend the funeral for Steve’s nephew, Jim Lxpp. In case of an urgent pastoral care need, contact Cheryl Shxnk.

If you know someone who may be interested in applying to fill Bethel’s part-time (15 hrs/week) **role of Administrative Assistant**, ask them to contact Rebecca as soon as possible.

**Giving / Service Project:** Friendship House and Shepherd’s Circle are two organizations in the Archbold area that provide shelter to people in crisis. As part of the Ohio Annual Conference Assembly meeting in Archbold, we are invited to contribute laundry detergent and 4-packs of toilet paper as a tangible expression of care. Place items in the box by the elevator by March 2. See bulletin board to read the stories.

**Ash Wednesday service,** March 2, at 6:30 pm at Bethel. Plan to begin the season of Lent with this contemplative service of scripture, reflection, music and receiving ashes. Jointly planned by Oak Grove, Jubilee and Bethel.

**Thank you** for supporting Mennonite Central Committee through generous gifts of kits, time volunteering at the Thrift Store, and \$1,650 given through Bethel in 2021! MCC is working with 385 partners on 508 projects in 47 countries around the world. Projects include improving child health in Burkina Fasx, tree planting and agroforestry in Haitx, and education for Sudanex refugees in Egxpt. Thank you for offering love & compassion in the name of Christ to vulnerable people through MCC. (see stories on bulletin board) -Sarah Doerksxn, MCC Great Lakes

Herald Press books is celebrating **Black History month** by offering **40% off** recent books by Black authors. Order through 2-28-22 at mennomedia.org with code “Black History”. Titles include:  
*Reawakened: Activate your congregation to spark lasting change* - by Glen Guytxn  
*Been in the Struggle: Pursuing an antiracist spirituality* - by Regina Shands Stoltzfxs & Tobin Miller Shearxr  
*Might from the Margins* - by Dennis R. Edwxrds  
*Dear White Peacemakers* - by Osheta Moorx

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:00 a.m.** – Call to prayer

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School.

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

### WEDNESDAY

**4:15 p.m.** – Our Daily Bread

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:00 a.m.** – Call to prayer

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker: Lynn A. Millxr, Luke 9:28-36

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK Mark Thomxs

## LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 41

Sunday School: 17

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

### OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – February 20

**Worship leader:** Dick Lindemxr

**Music leader:** Janet Wilkxns

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Dick & Nellie Lindemxr

**Sound:** Ken Shxnk

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Ellen Steinxr

Next Week – February 27

**Worship leader:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Music leader:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Speaker:** Lynn A. Millxr

**Greeters:** Dick & Nellie Lindemxr

**Sound:** Lori Lehmxa

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Elaine Newcomxr