PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for those in our community, and around the world, who are suffering from Covid-19 infection, as well as from related economic impacts which disproportionately affect the poor. May Christians, here & abroad, find ways to care for our neighbors during this stressful time.
- Remember Kathy G. in prayer as she settles into her new home.
- Pray for those who are living with cancer, including Jeanie's brother Don, Kyle's friend Mackenzie (beginning chemo), and Steve's nephew Jim Lxpp.
- Pray for those in need of physical, emotional &/or spiritual healing: for Kim's friend Tonya, for Mary N.'s friend Jan, for Kathy Beitxng.
- Ohio Conference invites you to be in prayer for its pastoral staff, Conference Minister Dick Barrxtt and Regional Pastors Tony Doehrmxnn and Ralph Reinfxrd. Please remember them as they serve pastors and congregations, and prepare for their particular roles at the upcoming Annual Conference Assembly on March 4-5.
- Dave and Rebekka Stutzmxn serve through Mennonite Mission Network. They invite us to join German Mennonite congregations in praying for church renewal during the month of February.

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

To those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ:

may mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. Jude 1-2

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Maker of the universe, our Beginning and our End,

you came to us in Jesus Christ and your Spirit moves among us. We come because we need you.

We come because we love you as much as we are able.

We come because we choose to trust you to lead us.

Teach us. Guide us. Heal and encourage us.

Challenge and correct us. Renew and refresh us. Help us to accept your call on our lives.

May our faithfulness mature in some small way during this hour of worship.

Come, Lord Jesus, Amen.

Hymns: In thy holy place we bow – H #2 Holy, holy, holy! – H #120

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Offering & prayer

Offertory

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Message: Called into Jubilee mission

Hymn of response: Lord, you have come to the lakeshore – H #229

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

Sending song: God of our life – H #486

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women Serving in Love. 9:30a.m. Tuesday. Bring a sack lunch. Hostesses, Nellie and Christie will provide dessert. Elaine N. has devotions. Project: Hygiene kits

Bethel Mennonite Church is seeking a person to fill the part-time (15 hrs/week) **role of Administrative Assistant**, to begin March 1. Qualifications include: strength in organization, communication and interpersonal skills; able to maintain paper & electronic files, website & social media; provide assistance to the pastor and church ministries with attention to confidentiality. For a full job description or to express interest, contact Pastor Rebecca.

Call to Prayer. One of the suggestions coming out of the Pastor-Congregation review last fall, and recent discussion by the Leadership Team and Ministry chairs, was a desire to set aside time to pray together. So, for the 4 weeks of February, everyone is encouraged to take part. The prayer time will begin at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Room & last about 20 min. We will follow a structure including readings, silence, & open prayer time, focusing on listening for God's leading, and interceding for Bethel and our neighbors.

Kathy Graber's new address is:.

"Befriending the Neighborhood: Am I a good neighbor?" Would you like to reach out to your neighbors in a deeper way but not sure how? Howard & Cathy Waglxr will offer practical tips for being a good Christian neighbor. Ohio Missional Conference, March 3-4 in Archbold. Open to anyone! Early registration deadline Feb. 11. See bulletin board for details.

W Liberty United Methodist Church is once again offering grief support through **Grief Share** - a 13 week seminar and support group designed to offer help and encouragement after losing a loved one.

Two in-person session times meet at the church. Mondays at 10 a.m. Feb. 21-May 16, or Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22- May 17.

Register for all sessions by calling 937-441-3592 or on line at griefshare.org. Walk-ins are welcome too.

Ben Ebxrly, a former pastor at Bethel (1992-'97), passed away on January 22. His family is planning a memorial service to be held this spring and will let us know when those arrangements are finalized.

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.

<u>THIS WEEK</u>

TODAY

9:00 a.m. – Call to prayer 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. – Women Serving in Love

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. – Worship Ministry (rescheduled)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. – Call to prayer

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Newcomxr

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 38 Sunday School: 19

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – February 6 Worship leader: Elaine Newcomxr Music leader: Carl Newcomxr Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn Greeters: Mary P & Mary N Sound: Andrew Bloxnt Media: Andrew Blount Prelude: Carl Newcomxr Next Week – February 13 Worship leader: Doug Steinxr Music leader: Ellen Steinxr Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn Greeters: Carl & Elaine Newcomxr Sound: Ken Shxnk Media: Andrew Bloxnt Prelude: Ellen Steinxr