

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Continue to pray for Carole Barrett as she remains in hospital following a stroke. Give thanks that there are no signs of further seizures and she is breathing on her own more. Pray that God's peace would uphold Bill, Jim, and the whole family.
- Thank you for your prayers for Jan Lowery's friend Kathy L. who was able to return home from hospital. Continued prayers are welcome for Ella Mae, Mary Kay, Jeanette, Mary Ann K., and others you know.
- Give thanks for warm shelter. Give thanks for organizations that work to provide shelter to those who are living without a home, whether it be due to lack of resources, war, or natural disaster. May God soften our hearts to be compassionate to those in need, across the street and around the world.
- Praise God for the 70 years the Fellowship of Mennonite Churches in Taiwan have been engaged in ministry. Pray for the continuing outreach of the church's agencies, which include Mennonite Christian Hospital; the New Dawn Educare Center which serves people with special needs; and the Good Shepherd Center for abused women and children from dysfunctional families.

Lutheran Community Services **2024 Annual Report** is posted on the bulletin board. It includes an overview of the work of **Our Daily Bread**, which supplied 71,000 meals last year. Also noted was a 5% increase in thrift store sales, as well as concerns about the need to, for the first time, purchase vegetables for the food pantry.

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Renewal

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Therefore, since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ...
and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2

Prelude

Call to worship

Hymns: Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing – VT #7
The Lord is My Light – VT #437

Confession & Assurance: (W4W2, #72 adapted)

Holy Spirit, source of power and light,
hear your children's confession and grant us mercy.

**For fearing change when you call us to new patterns of living,
forgive us.**

For failing to see your vision of transforming love, forgive us.

For working out of our own power;

For pursuing our own agenda rather than yours, forgive us.

We confess that our source of energy, identity and unity is Jesus Christ,
not our wealth or status; not political affiliation; not our family ties.
(*silent prayer*)

God, who sees our vulnerability, will gather up what is broken,
torn, jagged, and bring mendings, beauty, and new paths.

Offering & prayer

Scripture: II Corinthians 4:1, 5-18

Message: Renewed, Day By Day

Hymn of response: Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart – VT #554

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

Sending song: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory – VT #504

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Rebecca will be attending a conference at AMBS this week, February 16-20. In case of a pastoral care need, please contact Mark Thomas or Cheryl Shank. Prayer chain requests can be directed to Twila Wilkins by phone or email to 540-383-4904, or secretary@bethelchurchwl.org. Feel free to alert Twila with a text if it is an urgent matter.

Happy Birthday! Cheryl and Chuck invite you to consider sending their brother Rodney a birthday card for his 60th on February 27. It's a *surprise* card shower.

Rodney Graber's address is:
3332 Messinetta Creek
Rockingham VA 22801

New/Updated Addresses: (the house number is new)

Byron and Barbara Kauffman
3113 Mallard Lane
Goshen, IN 46526
New email: kauffmanbe@gmail.com

Calendar Information – Please feel free to check the Bethel Calendar online for current schedule information. To access the calendar, go to www.bethelchurchwl.org, click on Resources, then click on Calendar.

The **MCC Thrift Store needs** several volunteers on February 22 at 4:30, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m., and March 1 at 9 a.m. to help move displays for new flooring in the main part of the sales floor. Please consider helping us as there are several heavier items to move. Let Michelle Neer know if you can help by calling 937-465-3077.

An MCC Comforter Bash will be held at Fairlawn Mennonite Church Community Center in Apple Creek, Ohio Friday, February 28 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, March 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The address is 8520 Emerson Road, Apple Creek, Ohio and is open to anyone interested in participating. For more information, check the website: <https://mcc.org/events/ohio-mcc-comforter-bash>

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

10:30 a.m. – Worship; speaker, Pastor Rebecca

TUESDAY

10 a.m. and **6 p.m.** – Women's Bible Study at South Union

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

10:30 a.m. – Worship; speaker, Brenda Montgomery

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thomas, 937-441-0172

LAST WEEK

Worship: 27
Sunday school: 7

General Fund: \$2,047.00
MCC: \$100.00

Your generosity empowers our collective work for God's kingdom purposes. Thank you!

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – February 16

Worship leader: Cheryl Shank

Music leader: Janet Wilkins

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffman

Greeter: Ed Holliday

Sound: Ken Shank

Prelude: Anne Y. & Nate Y.

Next Sunday – February 23

Worship leader: Kim Lehman

Music leader: Janet Wilkins

Speaker: Brenda Montgomery

Greeter:

Sound: Lori Lehman