

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” (I John 4:7). Consider marking Valentine’s Day this Friday by putting love into action, sharing God’s love with someone who may not otherwise receive such a gift.
- Thank you for your prayers for Mark Thomas’ mother whose health seems to be improving. Give thanks that Mary Kay was able to return to her home, and that Carole Barrett’s cataract surgery went well. Give thanks that Kim’s sister-in-law is doing well following surgery late last year.
- Continued prayers are welcome for Jan Lowery’s friend Kathy L. who is facing health challenge and disappointment. Pray for Ella Mae, Jeanette, Mary Ann K., and others you know. May God bring healing and show his presence according to his will.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide and inspire Bethel’s Leadership Team as they meet this week.
- Leaders of the Evangelical Mennonite, and Mennonite Brethren denominations in DR Congo request our prayers on behalf of their churches. Armed rebels have recently escalated violence in the eastern part of the country, a resource-rich area, and seized the city of Goma. Pray for those who have been injured or displaced, for a just distribution of wealth, for an end to violence, for *shalom* between neighbors.

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Renewal

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit,
the ground shall give its produce,
and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant
of this people to possess all these things. Zechariah 8:12

Prelude: (*As We Rise, O God, to Meet You – VT #39*)

Call to worship & invocation prayer:

We have come to worship you, O God;

gather us in.

Some of us come full of happiness;

gather us in.

Some of us come with sorrow, a little sore from what life brings;

gather us in.

Some of us come indifferent or confused;

gather us in.

We honor you – the One who calls us each by name.

You are our God, known yet unknown,

present here yet everywhere, now and forever.

***Gather us in to your strong love, your tender care,
your abundant grace. We ask in Jesus’ name, Amen.***

Hymns: Spirit, Working in Creation – SJ #10

God of the Fertile Fields – VT #750

Offering & prayer

Scripture: Ephesians 3:16-19; Colossians 1:9b-11a; and 2:6-7

Message

Hymn of response: In the Bulb there is a Flower – VT #670

Celebrating Communion

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

Sending song: As Rain from the Clouds – SJ #40

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women Serving in Love meets this Tuesday, beginning at 9:30. Please bring a sack lunch. A Valentine dessert will be provided. Brenda M. will offer devotions. The project is hygiene kits.

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 Messinnetto Creek
Rockingham VA 22801

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.

Ohio Conference's **Annual Conference Assembly (ACA)** will take place March 7-8, 2025, at Berlin Mennonite Church. The theme is *Foundation to Future*. All are invited! Time together includes worship (including a hymn sing at the Amish Mennonite Heritage Center), workshops, guest speakers John D. Roth and Shannon Dycus. A schedule is on the bulletin board. For registration information, see the conference website: [Home - Ohio Mennonite Conference](#).

GriefShare will begin a new 13-week seminar and support group, meeting each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., February 18 through May 13, at the West Liberty United Methodist Church. GriefShare is designed to provide practical help on your healing journey after losing a loved one.

If you have attended in the past, you are also invited to refresh your experience with this new edition of the program. **To register, call 937-441-3592, or online at griefshare.org**

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

10:30 a.m. – Worship with communion. Speaker, Anne Yoder

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. – Women Serving in Love

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. – Bible Reading

THURSDAY

3 p.m. – Leadership Team

SATURDAY

8 a.m. – Men's breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

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

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

LAST WEEK

Worship: 26

General Fund:

\$820.00

Sunday school: 8

MDS

\$100.00

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – February 9

Next Sunday – February 16

Worship leader: Tami Wenger

Worship leader: Kyle VanOsdol

Music leader: Andrew Blount

Music leader: Janet Wilkins

Speaker: Anne Yoder

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffman

Greeters: Carl & Elaine Newcomer

Greeters: Ed Holliday

Sound: Mark Kauffman

Sound: Ken Shank

Prelude: Anne Y. & Nate Y.