

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Continue to pray for God's strength to be upon those with long-term health needs, including Carole B., Chuck B., Jeanette, Ella Mae, Mary Ann, Kyle's friend Lisa, and others you know.
- Join Jeanie in thanking God for the improvement she has experienced in her foot.
- Pray for those who are grieving the death of a loved one, including Dave M. (friend Ralph), Jan L's friend Judie (husband), Jacob Shxnk's friend (4-year-old daughter), Tesa J. (her great-niece Zelda), and the family of the Urbana student who took his life. Lord, have mercy.
- VanXsdol's friend Bob expressed appreciation for our prayers as he recovers from surgery last week. He is doing well.
- Pray that much-needed MCC relief supplies will find their way to people in Myanmar who were impacted by a large earthquake. Pray that supplies would also be safely delivered to vulnerable people in Ukraine, Lebanon, Gaza, DR Congo, and other places.
- Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador asks us to join in asking God for mercy in a time of increasing violence and deepening poverty. "May seeds of peace, justice and hope grow strong to overcome all fear & despair to produce a present & future filled with hope and bread."

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### Announcements

#### Lighting the Peace Lamp:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!" Luke 19:38

#### Call to worship

Hymns: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna – VT #313

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty – VT #316

#### Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance:

***Righteous and merciful God, our lives are weighed down  
with the burden of sin, and so we confess to You.***

You are not the savior we expect. Your power does not look  
like the power we want our God to demonstrate.

***We are happy to join the crowd, shouting praises & eager for peace;  
but we shrink from following you to the foot of the cross.***

Forgive our false assumptions. Clarify our clouded vision.

***Come, transforming Spirit, reshape and renew our hearts  
so that we share Your grace & peace with the world.***

*(silent prayer)*

In your goodness, O God, you have mercy;

***with gentleness you wipe away my faults. Thanks be to God!***

#### Offering & prayer

Scripture: Luke 19:29-44

Message: Christ Collides with our Expectations

Hymn of response: O God, How We Have Wandered – SS #58

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

Sending song: Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee – VT #573 (v.1,2,4)

Benediction

“Collision Reflection”: Use these prompts during Lent to help us be aware of, and pray for, Jesus’ presence in the world.

- Where did you see the Jesus way colliding with the world’s way this week?
- When did Jesus interrupt your expectations this week?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bethel’s **Stewardship Ministry** will meet this Tuesday, April 15, at 5:00 pm, in the Fellowship Room.

**Upcoming Special Services:**

- Maundy Thursday – April 17, 6:00 pm in Bethel’s Fellowship Room. This time of worship will include a simple meal, scripture readings, prayer, and communion.
- Community Good Friday – April 18, 6:30 pm in Foundation Hall at Green Hills. Join with others from our community in worship as we recall Jesus’ suffering and death.
- Easter Sunday – April 20<sup>th</sup> at Bethel. Come for a potluck Easter breakfast beginning at 9:15, followed by celebration of Christ’s resurrection during worship at 10:30 am.

**Easter lilies in honor** of someone are welcome as part of our Easter worship display. Let Janet know if you will bring one or wish her to purchase one on your behalf.

**Scam-Proof Your Finances:** At this free presentation, learn common forms of scams & identity theft, tips to reduce risk, and where to report fraud. The same presentation will be offered **April 22** at 2:30 and 6 pm in Foundation Hall. Sponsored by South Union, Bethel & Oak Grove. Invite your neighbors. (Poster on bulletin board.)

**Sunday, April 27 at 2:30 p.m.** a **choral concert** will be held at Bluffton University’s Yoder Recital Hall featuring *Five Centuries of*

*Anabaptist Singing – a Musical Odyssey*, directed by Camille Lively, director of music at First Mennonite Church of Bluffton.

**THIS WEEK**

**TODAY – Palm Sunday**

- 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
- 5 p.m.** – Stewardship Ministry meeting

**THURSDAY**

- 6 p.m.** – Maundy Thursday Supper and Worship

**FRIDAY – 6:30 p.m.** – Community Good Friday Service

**SATURDAY – 8 a.m.** – Men’s Breakfast

**NEXT WEEK – EASTER SUNDAY**

- 9:15 a.m.** – Easter Breakfast potluck
- 10:30 a.m.** – Worship; speaker, Pastor Rebecca  
Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Mary Jean Hxrn, xxx-xxx-xxxx

**LAST WEEK**

Worship: 32	General Fund: \$
Sunday school: 11	MDS: \$

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

**OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE**

<b>This Week – April 13</b>	<b>EASTER Sunday – April 20</b>
<b>Worship leader:</b> Kyle VxnOsdol	<b>Worship leader:</b> Kim Lxhman
<b>Music leader:</b> Andrew Blxunt	<b>Music leader:</b> Janet Wxlkins
<b>Speaker:</b> Rebecca Kaxffman	<b>Speaker:</b> Rebecca Kxuffman
<b>Greeters:</b> Carl & Elaine Nxwcomer	<b>Greeter:</b> Ed Hxlliday
<b>Sound:</b> Mark Kaxffman	<b>Sound:</b> Ken Shxnk
	<b>Prelude:</b> Anne Y. & Nate Y.