

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- We praise you, Savior of heaven and earth, because death and the powers of evil could not defeat you. Honor and glory are yours, now and forever! We rejoice in your redeeming grace and offer ourselves to you.
- 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 K., Kyle's friend Lisa, and others you know. May God also uphold their families and caregivers.
- 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), the family of Doug Schrock (friend of Kirk Newcomer), Tesa J. (her great-niece Zelda), and the family of the Urbana student who took his life. Lord, have mercy.
- 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.
- This year the Bolivia Mennonite Church is celebrating 50 years of faithfully witnessing to God's salvation and love. Pray for church members as they learn from their past and plan for future ministries.

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Resurrection Day: Christ Collides

Prelude

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was
and who is to come, ... and from Jesus Christ – the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Revelation 1:4b-5a (NRSV)

Call to worship:

We celebrate You today, Jesus,
Because You have made it clear that death
does not have the last word;

Because You have filled us again with hope and faith;

Because You have given us a vision of new possibilities,
new realities, and new ways of being.

Open our minds to believe what we cannot explain.

Open our hearts to hope for what we cannot see.

Open our lives to live and love in the midst of death and despair.

Let resurrection happen again in us today.

Hymns: This Joyful Eastertide – VT #352

Low in the Grave He Lay – VT #333

Offering & prayer

Hymn: Thine is the Glory – VT #355

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Message: Christ Collides with Death

Affirmation of Faith:

The stone is rolled away!

Why look for the living among the dead?

Christ collides with death, reshaping the universe.

Christ collides with death, reshaping each of us.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn of response: Lift Your Glad Voices – VT #340

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

Sending song: Christ Who Left His Home in Glory – VT #361 (v.1,3)

Benediction

“Collision Reflection”: Where did you see the Jesus way of resurrection colliding with the world’s way of death this week?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday morning’s worship service will include celebrating communion. In the afternoon, you are invited to share in ministry as Bethel leads worship at Green Hills, Foundation Hall.

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.

Mary Ann Kxng moved this weekend. Her new address is:
101 Willow Ridge Drive, Room 8
Bluffton, OH 45817. Phone: 419-905-8356.

Save the Date! Saturday, May 10 is set for Bethel’s Spring Cleaning day. Many hands make light work. More details to come.

THIS WEEK

TODAY – EASTER

9:15 a.m. – Easter Breakfast potluck (no Sunday school)

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

TUESDAY

2:30 p.m. and **6 p.m.** – Scam-Proof your Finances (see Announcements for details)

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. – Bible Reading

4:15 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

NEXT WEEK

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

10:30 a.m. – Worship with communion; several people will share about their “Emmaus Road” experience.
Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

2:30 p.m. – Bethel leads worship at Green Hills

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

LAST WEEK

Worship: 32

General Fund: \$

Sunday school: 10

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – April 20

Worship leader: Kim Lxhman

Music leaders: Janet W. & Anne Y.

Speaker: Rebecca Kaxffman

Greeter: Ed Hxlliday

Sound: Ken Shxnx

Prelude: Anne Y. & Nate Y.

Next Sunday – April 27

Worship leader: Brenda M.

Music leader: Janet Wxlkins

Speakers: Dave M, Carol B, Linda H.

Greeter:

Sound: Lori Lxhman