

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Jan Lowery had knee replacement surgery last Friday. Pray for God's strength and healing touch to be upon her as she recuperates.
- Remember Barb Evans (and Larry) in prayer as she anticipates undergoing heart surgery this Wednesday.
- Give thanks that Tami W. seems to have recovered from kidney stones. Ask God to provide Nate Y. with wisdom and a path toward fuller health as he faces choices about options for his health care.
- 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.
- In the month of May, Ken Hxstetler, Shirley Kxng, and Paul Hxstetler would have had birthdays. Remember Jeanette, Linda, and each of these families as they mark this first year without their loved ones.
- Pray for young adults who are graduating from college in this season and stepping out into new roles and experiences. Pray for Linda Roth's granddaughter Eliana who will support a missionary in France. Pray for Rebecca's niece Emily who leaves this Wednesday for a month of study in India.

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Christ Collides

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said,
"Peace be with you!" John 20:19 (NIV)

Musical interlude

Call to Worship and Invocation Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and You shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit may we be truly wise
and ever enjoy Your consolations. Amen.

Praising: We Sing to You, O God – VT #80
Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing – VT #359

Offering & prayer

Telling the Story

Song: On the Journey to Emmaus – SS #98

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Sharing Emmaus Road stories

Hymn of response: The Bread We Break is Telling – VT #466

Communion

Leader: Jesus, when he was resurrected from the dead,
revealed himself to his disciples
in the breaking of bread around a table.
May we see the face of God today and be fed by his Spirit.

All: What do we remember and celebrate today?

Right: We remember Jesus' birth & his presence as "God with us."

Left: We celebrate Jesus' life – his example and love.

Right: We remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross.

Left: We celebrate the resurrection and promise of life.

All: We remember that we are waiting in hope to see Jesus again and for his good kingdom to come fully.

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

Sending song: May the Face of God Shine on You – VT #844

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This afternoon you are invited to share in ministry as Bethel leads worship at Green Hills, Foundation Hall.

Today, 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 has moved. Her new address is:
101 Willow Ridge Drive, Room 8
Bluffton, OH 45817. Phone: 419-905-8356.

Bethel's Spring-Cleaning Day will be held on Saturday, May 10. Many hands make light work; plan to help. More details to come.

Celebrate the dedication of the **new MCC Material Resources Center** in Kidron, OH. An open house will happen on Sunday, May 4, from 2 – 4 pm, with self-guided tours, activities, light refreshments

and ribbon-cutting (at 3:00). Give thanks for all who supported this project, and for the many kits & comforters that will pass through these doors, spreading relief and hope around the world.

New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers, a locally organized pro-life ministry, begins its annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** on May 11. Kim will have bottles to sign out that you can fill with change. Stay tuned!

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

10:30 a.m. – Worship with communion; several people will share about their "Emmaus Road" experience.

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

SATURDAY

8 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

NEXT WEEK

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

10:30 a.m. – Worship; speaker: Anne Yxder

Scripture: Luke 24:32-49

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Carl Nxwcomer, xxx-xxx-xxxx

LAST WEEK

Worship: 44

General Fund: \$

Sunday school: n/a

MDS: \$

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – April 27

Next Sunday – May 4

Worship leader: Brenda Mxntgomery

Worship leader: Tami Wxnger

Music leaders: Janet Wxlkins

Music leader: Carl Nxwcomer

Speaker: "Emmaus Walk" participants

Speaker: Anne Yxder

Greeter: Mary Nxwcomer

Greeter:

Sound: Lori Lxhman

Sound: Andrew Blxunt

Prelude: Anne Y. & Nate Y.