

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Continue to pray for God's strength and mercy to be upon Carole Bxrrett and Bill too. Give thanks that their son Billy was able to come for a visit this past week.
- Pray for Chuck & Carol Bxck as they navigate changes to Chuck's health & decreasing mobility.
- Dave & Brenda's friend Ralph died at the end of March. Pray for those who are grieving the death of a loved one, whether that be recently or longer ago.
- Pray for God's mercy upon Kyle's friend Lisa who is hoping for another path of treatment following ineffective chemotherapy. Also pray for VxnOsdol's friend Bob who is anticipating surgery in Florida on April 9.
- Praise God for the work of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) and similar organizations. Pray a blessing on the Church Contact People from across western Ohio who will gather this Saturday at Bethel to learn and encourage one another.
- Pray that relief supplies will find their way to people in need. In the wake of the magnitude 7.7 earthquake that struck Myanmar, Mennonite Central Committee will be responding with local partners to provide cash assistance for immediate medical needs, food and water. The situation is made even more challenging by ongoing civil war. Donations can be directed to MCC at: mcc.org/Myanmar

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Lent: Christ Collides

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Those who live in accordance with the Spirit
have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.
The mind governed by the flesh is death,
but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:5a-6

Prelude

Call to worship

Hymns: Holy, Holy, Holy (Heilig) – VT #137

I Know Not Why God's Wondrous – VT #590

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.***

We doubt the depth of Your love for us.

We do not love our neighbors as ourselves.

We fail to honor You with our thoughts, words, and actions.

We walk blindly through our days, unable to see properly.

Restore our vision. We need your help to understand your message.

***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 18:31-43

Message: Christ Collides with Our Blinders

Hymn of response: Open My Eyes That I May See – VT #738

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

Sending song: Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us – VT #718

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 blinders (lack of “sight”) this week?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women Serving in Love will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8. Judy Cxnrad and Jxanie Swartz will host. Each person is asked to bring a sack lunch. Twila Wxlkins will give devotions on Lydia. The project will be infant kits, in addition to quilting, knotting and sewing.

Green Hills Community has become “Otterbein Senior Life: Green Hills.” **All are invited to a Dedication Ceremony** on Thursday, April 10, with donuts and fellowship at 9:30 am, and the ceremony at 10:00, in Foundation Hall.

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 20th 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.

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.)

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

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

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. – Women Serving in Love

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. – Bible Reading

11 a.m. – Worship Ministry meeting

THURSDAY

10 a.m. – Leadership Team meeting

NEXT WEEK - PALM SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

10:00 a.m. – Worship; speaker, Pastor Rebecca

Scripture: Luke 19:29-48

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mark Thxmas, xxx-xxx-xxxx

LAST WEEK

Worship (March 23): 29

General Fund: \$

Sunday school (March 23): 14

MCC: \$

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – April 6

Worship leader: Elaine Nxwcomer

Music leader: Carl Nxwcomer

Speaker: Rebecca Kxuffman

Greeter: Janet Wxlkins

Sound: Andrew Blxunt

Prelude:

Next Sunday – April 13

Worship leader: Kyle VanXsdol

Music leader: Andrew Blxunt

Speaker: Rebecca Kxuffman

Greeters: Carl & Elaine Nxwcomer

Sound: Mark Kaxffman