

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for those who are recovering from recent surgeries: Jan Lowery, Carl Newcomer, Barb Evans. May God grant them strength, healing, and peace.
- 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.
- Rebecca's niece, Emily, is studying ecology in India for the next three weeks. Pray that she and the other students would have safe travels and a good learning experience.
- Pray for our congregation, asking God to provide all the resources necessary for fruitful ministry, and that we might faithfully respond to Christ's call. May the Holy Spirit guide the Leadership Team as they meet this week.
- At its annual meeting in March, Ohio Mennonite Conference acknowledged 4 new pastors: Steve Good (Huber), Seth Miller (Oak Grove, Smithville), Kathryn Gritter & Nathan Hand (First Mennonite Canton). Praise God for their willingness to respond to the call to formal ministry.

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Easter Season

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ...

Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself."

Luke 24:36, 39a (NRSV)

Call to Worship & Prayer:

We come to worship you, three-in-one God:

eternal Creator, risen Christ, holy Fire.

Stay with us, Lord, for evening draws near and daylight is fading.

Open the scriptures to us

and open our eyes to recognize you.

Renew your life in us, living Savior;

grant us courage to live all the days of our lives

as people empowered by the resurrection.

To You be glory and honor and praise! Amen.

Praising: God of Our Strength – VT #47

Holy Spirit, Come with Power – VT #57 (v.1-2)

Offering & prayer

Invocation song: God, Be the Love – VT #43

Scripture: Luke 24:31-48

Message: The Living Christ

Hymn of response: Now the Green Blade Rises – VT #353

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

Sending song: The Lord Lift You Up – VT #832

Benediction – VT #1050

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethel's Spring Work Day will be held this Saturday, May 10, starting at 8:30 a.m. until noon. We will be working on the landscape around the church as well as cleaning at the Hospitality House, washing windows and moving furniture to sweep around and underneath. There will be coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Room. Please come and enjoy a morning of cheerful work.

New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers, a locally organized pro-life ministry, begins its annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** fundraiser on May 11 (Mother's Day). Bottles that you can fill with change will be available to sign out next Sunday.

Extra handouts from the “**Scam Proof Your Finances**” presentation are available on the table across from the mailboxes. Help yourself or pass on to a friend.

Celebrate the dedication of the **new MCC Material Resources Center** in Kidron, OH. An open house will be held this afternoon. Give thanks for all who supported this project, and for the many kits and comforters that will pass through these doors, spreading relief and hope around the world.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

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

TUESDAY

10 a.m. and 6 p.m. – Women's Bible Study at South Union

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. – Bible Reading

THURSDAY

3 p.m. – Leadership Team Meeting

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. – **Spring Clean-up Day** (see announcement)

NEXT WEEK

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

10:30 a.m. – Worship; speaker: Pastor Rebecca
Scripture: John 4:1-15

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

LAST WEEK

Worship: 28

General Fund: \$

Sunday school: 8

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – May 4

Worship leader: Tami Wxnger

Music leader: Janet Wxlkins

Speaker: Anne Yxder

Greeter: Mary Nxwcomer

Sound: Andrew Blxunt

Prelude:

Next Sunday – May 11

Worship leader: Elaine Nxwcomer

Music leader: Andrew Blxunt

Speaker: Rebecca Kxuffman

Greeter: Dick & Nellie Lxndemer

Sound: Mark Kxuffman