

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Praise God for the gradual healing experienced by those who are recovering from recent surgeries. Join Mary N. in giving thanks for God's protection and that she was not badly injured in a fall last week.
- Praise God for Mary Kay's life as she marks her 101st birthday this week!
- Pray for Bethel members who are not able to worship with us in person: Bill & Carole, Chuck B., Ella Mae, Hilda, Jeanette, Mary Kay, Mary Ann. May they sense God's presence near them through the Spirit and our visits, cards, and prayers.
- Hold Kyle's friend Lisa in prayer these days in her struggle with cancer. May God strengthen her and her two daughters and grant them his peace.
- Praise God for the ministry of Lutheran Community Services which runs Our Daily Bread meal program, as well as a thrift store and food pantry. Pray that the interactions between volunteers and those who utilize these services would open doors of understanding and spiritual growth for everyone.
- The Brethren in Christ Church in the United Kingdom is experiencing growth due to an influx in members who have been immigrating from Zimbabwe. Pray for this church as it recovers its Anabaptist heritage, gains new vitality through the faithfulness of immigrants, and learns how to become a multicultural people of God.

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The Three E's of Worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." John 20:21

Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-2 – VT #14

Hearing God's Invitation:

Oh, Have You Not Heard – VT #668 (v.1-3)

Come and See – VT #282

Accepting God's Invitation:

Renewing God, you know when we are spiritually dehydrated.

Like rain that waters the earth,

let your Word and Spirit water our lives.

We have heard the invitation to "come and see."

And so, we come to worship because we need you.

We come to love you as much as we are able.

We come, choosing to trust you to lead us on our life journey.

Correct us. Heal us. Teach us. Empower us.

May our faithfulness mature in some small way

as we worship You today, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offering & prayer

Scripture: John 4:25-30, 39-42

Message: Empowered to Leave Your Water Jar

Hymn of response: Sent Forth by God's Blessing – VT #812

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

Sending song: This Little Light of Mine – VT #762

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What is an Anabaptist Christian? Come explore this question together in a new discipleship class. Whether you are new to Bethel, or have been attending for a long time, you are invited! This study option will take place during the Sunday school hour, in the Fellowship Room, beginning June 1.

Bethel's Congregational Review in January revealed our desire to "grow spiritually in ministry and mission" through "more intentional prayer life." The Leadership Team is acting on this by **committing to pray** for specific people assigned to them from the congregation.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Series: West Liberty United Church of Christ is hosting a 5-part series of educational sessions providing practical information presented by Alzheimer's Association staff and local care providers. Dates and topics are as follows:

May 29 – Healthy Living for Mind and Body

June 5 – Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's & Understanding Dementia

June 12 – Building Foundations for Caregiving & Supporting Independence

June 19 – Communicating Effectively & Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors

June 26 – Exploring Care and Support Services

Attend any session that interests you; **Thursdays at 6 p.m.** at the UCC church. (See poster on bulletin board for more information.)

Marmon Valley Day Camp is available for children ages 6-11. Weekly camps are held Monday through Friday, beginning June 16 and run through August 4-8. The cost per week is \$325. More information is available at www.marmonvalley.com or by calling 937-593-8000.

The annual **Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale and Auction** will be held July 11-12 at the Mt. Hope Event Center, Millersburg, Ohio. This marks the 60th year for Relief Sales that benefit Mennonite Central Committee's work around the world.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

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

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. – Bible Reading in Bethel's library

4:15 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

NEXT WEEK

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school

10:30 a.m. – Worship; speaker: Pastor Rebecca
Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

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

LAST WEEK

Worship: 26

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 – May 25

Worship leader: Brenda Mxntgomery

Music leader: Andrew Blxunt

Speaker: Rebecca Kxuffman

Greeters: Ed Hxlliday & Kathy G.

Sound: Lori Lxhman

Instrumentalists:

Next Sunday – June 1

Worship leader: Janet Wxlkins

Music leader: Anne Yxder

Speaker: Rebecca Kxuffman

Greeter:

Sound: Andrew Blxunt