

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- As we begin this Lenten season, acknowledge in prayer your struggle to resist the devil's enticements of selfish choices, apathy, idolatry. Pray for faith to live Jesus' way, wholeheartedly loving God and neighbor.
- Remember with love and prayers those who are not able to be present for worship, including: Mary Kay, Ellie, Hilda, and for Shirley as she continues with rehabilitation.
- Give thanks to God for Miriam's dedication and grace-filled service as Administrative Assistant over the past 4.5 years. Pray God would supply a new person to fill this important role.
- Thad, the student we prayed for last week, succumbed to illness. Pray for his family and friends in their time of grief.
- Join in praying for God's protection over Kristyn, that God would put compassionate people in her path, and that she would be able to receive the care she needs.
- Pray for the peace of Ukrajne: for courage for Ukrainxns, Russians and others protesting the invasion and seeking ways of peace. For a change of heart of those advancing war. For those seeking refuge and for the countries who will receive them. Lord, have mercy.

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# Bethel Mennonite Church

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Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

Great peace have those who love your law;  
nothing can make them stumble. Psalm 119:165

Prelude

Call to worship

Hymns: For the beauty of the earth – H #89

I to the hills will lift my eyes – H #169

Lenten prayer (based on Isaiah 55:6-9)

L: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

We call upon You while you are near.

***P: God, have mercy on us,***

***for our thoughts are not your thoughts***

***and our ways are not your ways.***

***As we walk with Jesus on this Lenten journey,***

***help us listen to you, forsake wicked ways,***

***and choose to follow your way more faithfully. Amen.***

Offering & prayer

Offertory

Scripture: Psalm 105:2-5a; Matthew 4:1-11

Message: Lent: Seeking and Making Space

Hymn of response: O God, in restless living – H #557

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

Sending song: Come, come ye saints – H #425

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday at 9:30 A.M.- **Women Serving in Love.** Hostesses Barb S. & Susie K. If the initial of your last name begins with M - Y, bring a salad to share. Project: Infant Kits - no onesies needed.

**A Small Group survey** is in your mailbox. Leading &/or participating in a small group can be a great way to grow spiritually and also to reach out to others.

If you know someone who may be interested in applying to fill Bethel's part-time (15 hrs/week) **role of Administrative Assistant**, ask them to contact Rebecca as soon as possible.



Next Sunday, March 13 **Daylight Savings Time** begins! Set clocks 1 hour forward.

### **Save the date:**

March 20 – Fellowship meal and congregational meeting following.

**Update from Jubilee Mennonite Church:** “Jubilee is in contract with Logansville Community Church for the sale of our building, with closing set for March 31. This will enable financial options including the possibility for a part time pastor. We are exploring future meeting space in Bellefontaine. It is understandably a time of some sadness but also wonder at some unexpected opportunities as a result of our decision to sell.”

As we worship together, please wear a mask especially while singing. Please take appropriate precautions given your own health factors and the vulnerability of those you come into contact with.

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School.

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Cheryl Shxnk

### TUESDAY

**9:30 a.m.** – Women Serving in Love

### THURSDAY

**7:00 p.m.** – Leadership Team meeting

### NEXT SUNDAY

*DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS*

**9:30 a.m.** – Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Carl Newcomxr

## LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 38      Sunday School: 20

*Your generosity empowers our collective work for God's kingdom purposes. Thanks.*

### **OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE**

**This Week – March 6**

**Worship leader:** Ken Shxnk

**Music leader:** Carl Newcomxr

**Speaker:** Cheryl Shxnk

**Greeters:** Chuck & Carol Bxck

**Sound:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Jennifer Remindxr

**Next Week – March 13**

**Worship leader:** Kyle VanOsdxl

**Music leader:** Ellen Steinxr

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Chuck & Carol Bxck

**Sound:** Mark Kauffmxn

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Ellen Steinxr