

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Continue to pray for Cxrole Bxrrett as she remains in hospital following a stroke. Give thanks that there are no signs of further seizures and she is breathing on her own. Pray that God's peace would uphold Bill, Jim, and the whole family.
- Thank you for your prayers for Jxn Lxwery's friend Kathy L. who was able to return home from hospital. Continued prayers are welcome for Ella Mae, Mary Kay, Jeanette, Mary Ann K., and others you know.
- Give thanks for warm shelter. Give thanks for organizations that work to provide shelter to those who are living without a home, whether it be due to lack of resources, war, or natural disaster. May God soften our hearts to be compassionate to those in need, across the street and around the world.
- Praise God for the 70 years the Fellowship of Mennonite Churches in Taiwan have been engage in ministry. Pray for the continuing outreach of the church's agencies, which include Mxnnonite Chrxtian Hxspital; the Nxw Dxwn Edxcare Cxnter which serves people with special needs; and the Good Shxpherd Cxnter for abused women and children from dysfunctional families.

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Renewal

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes.

He is close to those who trust in him. ...

Look! A messenger is coming over the mountains with good news!

He is bringing a message of peace. Nahum 1:7, 15a (NLT)

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship – *Sing the Story* #199

Hymns: Come, Christians, Join to Sing – VT #28

We Sing to You, O God – VT #80

Offering & prayer

Scripture: I Corinthians 3:5-11

“For no one can lay any foundation other than
the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

Message: Our Heritage

Hymn of response: Blessed Assurance – VT #435

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

Intercessory prayer

Sending song: Teach Me Thy Truth – VT #776

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday! Cheryl and Chuck invite you to consider sending their brother Rodney a birthday card for his 60th on February 27. It's a *surprise* card shower.

Rxdney Grxber's address is:
3332 Messinnetto Creek
Rockingham VA 22801

New/Updated Addresses: (the house number is new)
Bxron and Bxrbara Kauffman
3113 Mallard Lane
Goshen, IN 46526
New email: kauffmanbe@gmail.com

Calendar Information – Please feel free to check the Bethel Calendar online for current schedule information. To access the calendar, go to www.bethelchurchwl.org, click on Resources, then click on Calendar.

The **MCC Thrift Store needs** several volunteers on Wed, February 26 at 5 p.m., and Sat, March 1 at 9 a.m. to help move displays for new flooring in the main part of the sales floor. Please consider helping us as there are several heavier items to move. Let Mxchelle Nxer know if you can help by calling 937-465-3077.

An MCC Comforter Bash will be held at Fairlawn Mennonite Church Community Center in Apple Creek, Ohio Friday, February 28 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, March 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The address is 8520 Emerson Road, Apple Creek, Ohio and is open to anyone interested in participating. For more information, check the website: <https://mcc.org/events/ohio-mcc-comforter-bash>

Save the date: Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. A worship service is being planned for Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 pm, at Bethel. Join in prayer, song, and reflection as a way to enter this season of confession and renewal.

Lutheran Community Services **2024 Annual Report** is posted on the bulletin board. It includes an overview of the work of **Our Daily Bread**, which supplied 71,000 meals last year. Also noted was a 5%

increase in thrift store sales, as well as concerns about the need to, for the first time, purchase vegetables for the food pantry.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school
10:30 a.m. – Worship; speaker, Brxnda Montgxmery

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. – Bible Reading
4:15 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

SATURDAY

8 a.m. – Men's breakfast at Liberty Gathering Place

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday school
10:30 a.m. – Worship; speaker, Pastor Rebecca

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Mxrk Thxmas, 937-441-0172

LAST WEEK (February 9)

Worship: 27

General Fund:

Sunday school: 7

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

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – February 23

Worship leader: Kxm Lxhman

Music leader: Cxrl Nxwcomer

Speaker: Brxnda Mxntgomery

Greeter: Dxck & Nxllie Lxndemer

Sound: Lxri Lxhman

Next Sunday – March 2

Worship leader: Elxine Nxwcomer

Music leader: Jxnet Wxlkins

Speaker: Rxbecca Kaxffman

Greeters: Kxm Lxhman & Ed H.

Sound: Andrxw Blxunt

Prelude: Anne Y. & Nate Y.