

## Blessings & Concerns

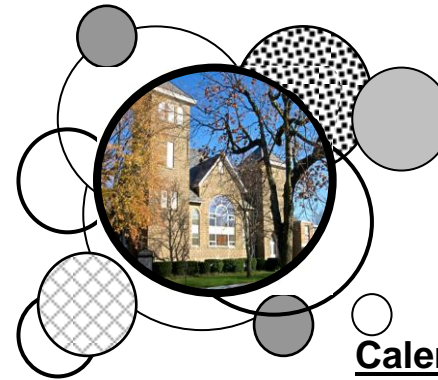
- Please pray for the family of Betty Kantner as they mourn her death. Betty passed away on June 18, 2019 at Mennonite Memorial Home.
- Please pray for Isabel Pardo whose son, Mikey, was sentenced to two years in prison as a result of a recent crime. This is an emotionally and financially stressful time for Isabel who is the daughter of Grace church member and assistant custodian, Ernesto Lored.
- Praise the Lord that Wilmer and Fatima Mauricio have received work permits! Pray for Fatima for her pregnancy, and for continuing healing and restoration for their son, Christopher
- Please pray for Marathana as she travels to Kansas to spend time with her mother this summer.
- Praise the Lord that Frank's friend, Laurie, will not have to have radiation treatment. Please keep Laurie and Frank in your prayers.
- Anne Garber Kompaoré of Mennonite Mission Network travels around the world as a Bible-translation consultant. She is based in Burkina Faso, where she and her husband, Daniel, provide leadership for congregations and schools. Pray for an end to persecution against Christians and to terrorist attacks in the country.
- Please pray for encouragement and hope for all the farmers in our county, region and world whose livelihood is being directly affected by climate change this season. Pray for all people everywhere for wisdom and courage to make the necessary changes in our relationship with God's creation so that our one planetary home in the cosmos will continue to be habitable for future generations.



## Grace Mennonite Church



Pastor, Matthew Yoder.....Tues.-Thurs., Noon - 8 pm, Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
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## Parish Notes

**Grace Mennonite Church**  
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 July 7, 2019

## Calendar

Sunday July 7	9:00 am-9:10am 9:00 am -9:30 am 9:30 am-10:15 am 10:30 am	Prayer time in prayer room Coffee & Snacks Sunday School Worship service
July 7 – 11	6:30 pm-8:45 pm	VBS at Pandora Missionary Church
Monday July 8		Office closed
Sunday July 14	9:00 am-9:10am 9:00 am-9:30 am 9:30 am-10:15 am 10:30 am	Prayer time in prayer room Coffee & Snacks Sunday School Worship service
Samaritan House items .....peanut butter, jams, jellies		
Ottawa Food Pantry.....canned or boxed soups		
<b>Noisy Offering</b> .....School & hygiene kit items..... <b>Today</b>		

## Church News

**Pastor Matthew will return to work on Tuesday.** Please reach out to one of the Shepherding Team members until then if pastoral care needs arise. Shepherding Team members are *Tim Byers, Jeanette Weaver, Rachel Friesen and Wendell Badertscher.*

**Noisy Offering today** will be for **school and hygiene kit** items. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. Keeping clean is an important part of remaining healthy, but families who have fled their homes because of disaster or war often struggle to afford these necessary supplies. Hygiene kits also are given through schools or orphanages to encourage healthy habits for children.

**Save the date!** After the church service on **August 4** there will be a fundraiser lunch to benefit an MCC project providing Immigration Detainee Care Kits. *Elizabeth Nisly*, who has been working with immigrants in Arizona this summer, will be on hand to give us information about what is happening at our southern border. Hope to see you there!

**Dear Grace Congregation,** Thank you for your very generous gift of \$531.61 to The Wheelhouse-A Christian Bicycle Cooperative through the Spring Designated Offering program. We are very grateful for your congregation! We enjoyed our time presenting and worshipping at Grace Mennonite Congregation. We hope to visit again soon. ~ *The Wheelhouse*

#### **First Fruit Offerings 6/30/2019**

MCC.....	\$250.00
MDS.....	\$250.00
Budget.....	\$2,485.00

#### **Assisting with 7-14-2019 Service**

Worship leader.....	Frank Gibbs
Scripture reader.....	Karen Byers
Pianist.....	Katie Archer
Children's time.....	Esther Birkey
Nursery.....	Cora Baumgartner, Ben Weaver
PowerPoint .....	Greta Kauffman
Ushers.....	Jeremy Amstutz, Crosby Suter
Pre-SS Greeter.....	Diane Huber
Pre-Worship.....	Anita Huber
Post Worship Greeters	Foyer.....Gene Augsburg
	North.....Pastor Matthew Yoder

## **Church Related News**

**Mennonite Central Committee Central States is now collecting Immigration detainee care kits.** When people who have been placed in immigration detention centers are released, they often have nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Kits containing clothing and hygiene products can help to rebuild their dignity as they are taken to bus stations and airports to reconnect with their families in the U.S. Please visit [mcc.org/immigrationkit](http://mcc.org/immigrationkit) for all the details of what goes into the kit and how the kits will be distributed. It is one small way we can share Christ's love with our neighbors. All kit supplies and financial donations should be sent directly to MCC Central States 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. To help MCC purchase immigration detainee care kit supplies and cover transportation costs for the kits, checks should be made out to MCC with "CS Kits" in the memo line. Questions? Please contact MCC Central States at 316.283.2720.

**MCC Great Lakes is excited to offer a unique training** opportunity for individuals to explore and engage with the legacy of colonialism and understand the intersecting history between Native people and European settlers. This training will use the framework of the Doctrine of Discovery to explore the taking of land from Indigenous people, which led to the justification of the global slave trade. Participants will be equipped with a number of educational tools which they can utilize to further educate others on the Doctrine of Discovery. Led by Michelle Armster, Erica Littlewolf, and Karin Kaufman Wall from MCC Central States, the training is open to all who are interested in the ongoing work of education and awareness-raising on these issues. It will be held August 25-27 with the Sunday evening public event, Loss of Turtle Island, at Waterford Mennonite and the following two days of training at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. The registration fee is \$50. For more information and registration, visit [mcc.org/gl-dod](http://mcc.org/gl-dod) or contact Kelly Shenk Koontz at [kellyshenckoontz@mcc.org](mailto:kellyshenckoontz@mcc.org).

**Save the date:** Make plans to join MCC for The Great Winter Warm-up! Mennonite Central Committee will kick off our centennial celebration year by hosting a comforter knotting event in Kidron, Ohio, on January 17-18, 2020. People of all ages are invited to Salem Mennonite Church (3363 Zuercher Road in Kidron) as we join people across the U.S., Canada and Europe who will be knotting comforters at events during The Great Winter Warm-up. We are also in need of comforter tops and backs (size 60"x80") for the event, so please consider making some and dropping them off at MCC Connections by December 4. For more information about the Kidron event visit [mcc.org/gww-kidron](http://mcc.org/gww-kidron). Can't make it to the Kidron event? Visit [greatwinterwarmup.org](http://greatwinterwarmup.org) for information about hosting your own event or knotting a comforter in your home. For more information contact Sarah Geiser at 330-201-4515 or [SarahGeiser@mcc.org](mailto:SarahGeiser@mcc.org). We look forward to celebrating together the work of MCC through The Great Winter Warm-up!