

## Blessings & Concerns

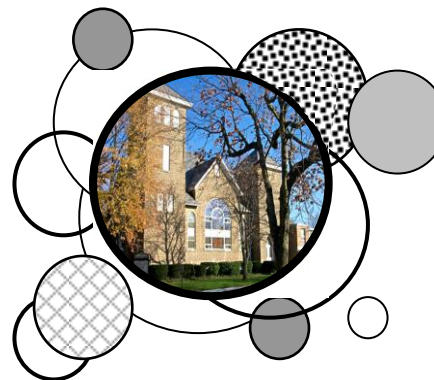
- Please pray for Isabel Pardo whose son, Mikey, was sentenced to two years in prison as a result of a recent crime. This is an emotionally and financially stressful time for Isabel who is the daughter of Grace church member and assistant custodian, Ernesto Loreda.
- Praise the Lord that Wilmer and Fatima Mauricio have received work permits! Pray for Fatima for her pregnancy, and for continuing healing and restoration for their son, Christopher
- Please pray for Brett Prothro whose friend, Mike Rowland, passed away suddenly this week. Pray also for Mike's wife, Diane, and their two sons as they grieve his loss.
- Pray for hope, healing and encouragement for Jon Hilty's colleague, Mike, as he recovers from open heart surgery.
- Please pray for physical and emotional healing for the young man from Arlington who sustained an eye injury from a BB gun last week.
- Please pray for Rick Clements who had surgery on Wednesday to repair fractures in his back after a severe workplace injury earlier in the week. Rick is the father-in-law of Jon and Jill Hilty's daughter, Andrea.
- Please pray for Guy and Barb Verhoff as Guy deals with health concerns related to his hospital visit in Arkansas last weekend.
- Please pray for Betty Kantner and her family. Betty had a significant seizure on Monday morning, June 10. She is no longer able to speak very well but remains alert and otherwise in good health. Pray for her comfort in the midst of the frustrations of not being able to communicate and in not knowing what each new day might bring.
- Please pray for Mary Jane Furches, that she will be able to manage the side effects of her chemotherapy and maintain her quality of life as long as possible. Mary is the mother of Marathana Prothro.
- Please pray for wisdom for Marathana as she discerns how often and for how long to travel to Kansas to be with her mother.
- Praise the Lord that Frank's friend, Laurie, will not have to have radiation treatment. Please keep Laurie and Frank in your prayers as Laurie begins chemotherapy on the 18th.
- 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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June 16, 2019

## Calendar

Sunday June 16	8:30 am 9:00 am – 9:10am 9:00 am – 9:30 am 9:30 am – 10:15 am 10:30 am	Membership Class – Fellowship Hall Prayer time in prayer room Coffee & Snacks Sunday School Worship service
Tuesday June 18	6:00 pm	Hilty Home Chapel – Carolyn McDaniel
Sunday June 23	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 .....shampoo and bar soap		
Ottawa Food Pantry.....jelly and jam		
<b>Noisy Offering</b> .....School & hygiene kit items..... July 7		

## Church News

We raised **\$120.59 for My Coins Count**, and a number of people donated baked goods to the Black Swamp Benefit. Thank you all for your generous support of **Mennonite Central Committee and Sunshine Community**. – Rachel Friesen.

**Pastor Matthew will be out of town June 20 – July 7.** Please contact one of the Shepherding Team members if and when pastoral care needs arise. Shepherding Team members are Tim Byers, Jeanette Weaver, Rachel Friesen and Wendell Badertscher.

**Justin and Elya Kantner** will be sharing with us about their past three years in Paraguay which we have supported financially as well as prayer support. They are home for the summer and will be returning to Paraguay later this summer. They are part of the SIM mission, an international mission organization. If you wish to financially support their mission next week June 23 you can designate that offering in our regular offering time.

**You are invited to an all-church brunch on June 30, 9:15 - 10:15.** Baked goods, fruit, juice, coffee and tea will be served. If you would like to contribute something for the brunch, please talk with Joyce Schumacher. You can call or text Joyce at 567-204-5284, or email [joyce.schumacher@hotmail.com](mailto:joyce.schumacher@hotmail.com) or talk with Joyce at church. Table service will be available, or you can bring your own. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a sunny day so we could eat outside!

**Don & Ruby Basinger's** new address is Hilty Memorial Home, Apt. 303, Pandora, OH 45877. They no longer have a post office box. Make sure to update in your directory.

**Our annual Mudhens outing is coming up August 11!** The game is at 4:05 PM, and tickets are \$13. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Money for tickets can be given to Judy Smucker. This event is always a fun time of fellowship and fun. Hope to see you there!

**We will hold worship at Frank's farm on Sunday, August 18.** Worship at Frank's is a special opportunity to enjoy a time of church "retreat" where we worship and fellowship together in a beautiful natural setting. Worship at Frank's has also been a time of receiving new members through baptism. This year's retreat will be extra special as we will be receiving Greta Kauffman, Madelyn Renner and Sophia Smucker into full membership through baptism! Lunch will be provided by Community Connections.

#### **First Fruit Offerings 6/9/2019**

Sunday school.....	\$9.60
Budget.....	\$2,539.00

#### **Assisting with 6-23-2019 Service**

Guest speaker  
Worship leader  
Scripture reader  
Organist  
Children's time  
Nursery  
PowerPoint  
Ushers  
Pre-SS Greeter  
Pre-Worship  
Post Worship Greeters

Foyer  
North

Justin Kantner  
Jon Hilty  
Jenny Fish  
Jenny Fish  
Elya Kantner  
Jeanette Weaver  
Sophia Kauffman  
Brad Spangler, Gene Augsburg  
Marybeth Hartzler  
Meg Schroeder  
Robin Timpe  
Justin Kantner

#### **Church Related News**

**Experience God through the beauty around us** with a session in visio divina, which invites viewers into a slow, careful interaction with the divine through images and other visual forms, from SaeJin Lee on the Menno Snapshots blog: [mennoniteusa.org/language-of-the-soul](http://mennoniteusa.org/language-of-the-soul).

**The public is invited to bring a hot and cold dish** and take part in the best old style potluck around on Swiss Day! 12:30 p.m., June 23 at Ebenezer Mennonite Church, 8905 Columbus Grove Rd. The program "Swiss Roots and Beaver Branches - A Bluffton Family Tree" will be presented by Carrie Phillips of Bluffton University.

**MCC Appalachia** seeking program coordinator: MCC Great Lakes is looking for an Appalachia Program Coordinator to provide overall direction and supervision of MCC's work in the Appalachian region in eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia. Specifically, this Program Coordinator will help with the primary program Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP), a home repair ministry that provides service and learning opportunities at three locations. The Program Coordinator reports to the Executive Director for MCC Great Lakes in Goshen. Apply online for this opening by July 1 at [mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/appalachia-program-coordinator](http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/appalachia-program-coordinator). For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

*Happy Father's Day!*