20 Prayer Requests during the COVID-19 Pandemic
(from Christianity Today)

1. For the sick and infected.
2. For our vulnerable populations.
3. For the young and the strong.
4. For our local, state, and federal governments.
5. For our scientific community, leading the charge to understand the disease and communicate its gravity.
6. For the media, committed to providing up-to-date information.
7. For consumers of media, looking to be well-informed.
8. For those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless.
9. For the homeless, unable to practice the protocols of social distancing in the shelter system.
10. For international travelers stuck in foreign countries.
11. For Christian missionaries throughout the world, especially in areas with high rates of infection.
12. For workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship.
13. For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future.
14. For parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children.
15. For those in need of regular therapies and treatments.
16. For business leaders making difficult decisions that affect the lives of their employees.
17. For pastors and church leaders faced with the challenges of social distancing.
18. For college and university students, whose courses of study are changing, whose placements are canceled, whose graduation is uncertain.
19. For Christians in every neighborhood, community, and city.
20. For frontline health care workers, we thank you for their vocational call to serve us.
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**All are invited to join** the Zoom meeting of the Living Faith Adult Bible Fellowship class. You do not have to belong to this class to join. This meeting has had good attendance and adding persons every week. Come join us for prayer and study in Ephesians.

**Topic:** Living Faith Class On Line

**Time:** May 3, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Join Zoom Meeting**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85051352263?pwd=S3QvNDBXaklaUGHdkYXZibBkNEcwdzd0

**Meeting ID:** 850 5135 2263

**Password:** 590521

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**The Allen County Community**
Observance of the National Day of Prayer takes place on Thursday, May 7, from noon - 1 p.m. Though no public gathering is possible this year, WTOL TV-44 will livestream the event and WTGN 97.7 FM will broadcast live. We invite you to join a diverse assembly of Lima and Allen County pastors and community leaders as they lead the area in prayer. Scriptures, songs, and quotes from founding fathers and presidents mingle with the prayers as we stand together and ask God’s direction and protection. WTOL TV-44 and WTGN Radio 97.7 FM will broadcast the event live. Celebrate your freedom to pray along with millions of others from coast to coast-virtually! Additional information is available at Facebook: National Day of Prayer Lima, as well as by e-mailing: prayerforcelima@live.com.

**Theresa Lee, Allen County Coordinator**

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**~ GIVING ~**

(During church closure due to COVID-19)

**Giving for April 20-26:**

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**Kerry Wright, Children’s Director** has been attaching a file and worksheet for our children each Wednesday via a Facebook post on ‘Ebenezer Families in Christ.’ Parents, some sheets may require your help and involvement.

**Pastor David Glick** is leading a ‘Youth Group at Home’ series for junior high and high school students. He sends discussion questions via email and text message.

**Miracle Camp news:** Please go to our website at www.ebenezermennonite.org or contact Diane Sharrock, our summer camp coordinator, at 419-302-8438 for the Miracle Camp information page and sign-up form. These forms will enable you to register your child/children for camp along with details on how to submit the form. Hopefully, these forms have all the information you need to answer your questions regarding summer camp, including refunds in case camp has to be canceled.

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**~ CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS ~**

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. - Ephesians 6:18

**Family of Rachel Boley** who passed away April 23, mother of Melody (Aaron) Schmutz.

**Family of Herman Hull** who passed away April 28, father of Don (Tami Geiger) Hull.

**Elders located in area nursing homes**, isolated in their rooms without visitors. Special prayer for Mennonite Memorial Home.

**Persons diagnosed** with and fighting the coronavirus.

**Missionaries**, local and around the world.

**Hand soap needed:** Willow Ridge of Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio is so thankful for the items we have been adding to the collection tub located on the porch of the Betty House (first house on the right on Willow Ridge Drive - across from Maple Crest). They have a need for hand soap because their supplier is currently out of stock. If you have any extra pump hand soaps at your house, please drop them in the tub. The Willow Ridge staff will disinfect them for use.

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**Financial health of the church:** You may mail donations to the church at 8905 Columbus Grove Road, Bluffton, OH 45817. The mail is daily retrieved and processed at the church in a secure manner. You may also use our online giving tool, EasyTithe by clicking the link under Online Giving on the church webpage to get started: http://ebenezermennonite.org/giving. If you have any questions or would like assistance, please contact Kathy Braun at 419-234-7808. Thank you for your continued love and support of your church during this difficult time.

**Wild Game Night,** which had been postponed to May 9, has now been canceled. The committee will schedule a Saturday to return your tickets for a refund or return of your check. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346.

**After much discussion** between the church leadership and VBS committee, and the uncertainty of gathering restrictions, we have unfortunately made the tough decision to cancel Vacation Bible School for this year. We took many factors into consideration: first and foremost the health of all those involved (both children and adults), the amount of time and preparation needed to make a successful event, coordinating enough volunteers in these times of uncertainty, and the Governor’s closure of schools for the remainder of the school year. We will continue to pray for our VBS participants who we will miss out on getting to see this year, however, as restrictions are lifted and we are able to gather in larger groups, Ebenezer Mennonite Church hopes to provide some opportunities to gather together in the absence of VBS.

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