

**Gathering together**

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Introduction of guests & Announcement
- Greet each other
- HWB 115 (blue) *Jesus, thou mighty Lord*
- STJ 15 (green) *Santo (Holy)*
- Call to worship
- Prayer

**Praising God**

- Two hymns—congregational choice
- Offering & offertory

**Hearing God’s Word**

- Scripture reading *John 1:1-18*
- Children’s time: STS 47 (purple) *Let the children come to me*  
(insert) *Sometimes a light surprises*
- Sermon *Choose Light*

**Responding to God’s Word**

- Light in the Heart of Winter*
- Prayers of the people  
(insert) *Go Light Your World*
- Benediction

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Children ages 2-4 are dismissed following Children’s time for preschool church in the nursery with Herman Bontrager and Cyndy Zook.

Cheryl Braun, Matt Carlson (instrumentalists); Grace Weber (worship leaders); Rich Crockett (song leader); Susan Blessing (children’s time leader); Matt Carlson (sermon)

**Next week:** Is 42:1-9; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt 3:13-17; Rachel Nolt, sermon; Dennis and Rose Ernest to be received into membership at AMC

**AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY**

- Greeters:** John & Vel Shearer, Mary Martin
- Nursery:** Worship: Herman Bontrager & Cyndy Zook
- Coffee Servers:** Dave & Linda Frey
- Ushers:** Steve Hartzler (Head usher), Marvin Nolt, Helena Dueck, Jane Hartzler, Clyde Martin, Barry Nolt
- Sound/AV Operator:** Dale Hershey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour: Jim Shenk & Dawn Nolt
- Mug Washers:** Barb & H.A. Penner

**PLEASE JOIN US (10:10 – 10:35 am)**

Everyone is welcome to participate in coffee/tea fellowship after the worship service. Guests, please sign the guest book in the foyer.

**SECOND HOUR FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (10:35 – 11:20 am)**

Adults

**Human nature, human rights, and Anabaptists:** Are we born “good” or “bad,” lost in original sin and aggression or innately inclined to care about others? Are we born with human rights or do we have to earn them? Do we have any obligation to care about the human rights of those with whom we share the planet? How do Anabaptists, who have traditionally defined their faith by the way they lived their lives, answer those questions today and does it make any difference? Mark Kelley will lead a six part discussion on human nature and human rights, using his new book: *This Mere Existence: Motivation and Strategies for Restoring Human Rights*. This book is available for purchase in the church office for \$10. This class will meet in the Assembly Room.

**Continuing the Journey,** led by Jerry and Marlene Kaufman, will meet in Rm. 11 (DSECC wing) to extend the experience of the morning worship service, as well as provide a setting where participants can learn from each other and be a support in times of challenge and joy.

**Koinonia:** This ongoing class is watching and discussing a DVD series titled Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy: Richard Rohr on the Legacy of St. Francis. Facilitated by Lenoir Wible. Class meets in Room 222.

**Faith and Family:** Facilitated by Karen King and Rachel Nolt. Class meets in the Sabbath Room.

Children and Youth

Taught by members of the church who graciously volunteer their time. See below for locations.

- Nursery age - - - - - Nursery
- Ages 2-4 - - - - - Rooms 16/18
- Kindergarten-4th Grade - - - - - Rooms 131, 132, 133 (lower level)
- Jr. MYF (5-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth) - - - - - Jr. MYF Room
- MYF (High School Youth) - - - - - MYF Room

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jan. 7 Lunch Bunch meets at Oregon Dairy at 11:30 am
- 7 Library Committee meets at 6 pm
- 12 Sunday Soup at AMC following second hour
- 16 Garden Spot Village residents’ gathering at 11:30 in the Concord Room
- 16 AMC Council meets at 7 pm
- 19 2020 Budget Discernment Sunday during 2<sup>nd</sup> hour
- 19 ADNet lunch and documentary following 2<sup>nd</sup> hour

## PRAYERS

We hold each other and these situations in the light of Christ:

- Africa Inter Mennonite Mission reports 16 dead, 57 injured and 1600 buildings destroyed after torrential rains damaged the hospital, churches and schools at the Ndjoko Punda Mennonite mission station in DR Congo 22 November 2019. Pray for the rebuilding efforts and trauma recovery and for Communauté Mennonite au Congo (Congo Mennonite church) as they respond.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday Soup:** Next Sunday, January 12 is our next Sunday Soup. Soup makers and volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, and bring fixings for the meal. Please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board if you can help. Looking forward to another time of sharing a simple meal together!

**ADNet lunch:** Sunday, January 19, at 12:00 noon in the assembly room. You are invited to stay for lunch and view a video produced by the Contended Dementia Trust. Please sign up for pizza or bring your own lunch to the Assembly Room. The video, produced in Britain, shows people's experience as they saw early signs and came to terms with someone's dementia. There's an explanation of how we store facts and feelings in our memories and what the difference is between normal aging and dementia. The total length of the six segments is 85 minutes.

**Sanctuary flowers:** A *Sanctuary Flowers Sign-up Sheet* for 2020 has been posted on the AMC bulletin board. Please sign up if you would like to provide flowers on a particular Sunday.

**The Heritage Chorale** will perform their final winter concert *O magnum mysterium* this Sunday, January 5 at 4 pm at the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Lancaster.

*LIGHT*



*Second Sunday of Christmas  
Akron Mennonite Church  
January 5, 2019*