

Gathering together

Prelude—Drum Circle (anyone welcome!)
Welcome
Call to worship

Children’s time: STS 47 (purple) *Let the children come to me*
Introduction of Chynaah Maryoung-Cooke

Scripture reading *Psalms 15*
STJ 4 (green) *You’ve got a place*
Response

Praising God

Scripture reading *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*
STJ 11 (green) *Praise, praise, praise the Lord!*
Response

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture reading *Matthew 5:1-12*
HWB 230 (blue) *Blessed are the persecuted*
Response

Responding to God’s Word

Scripture reading *Micah 6:1-8*
STJ 109 (green) *There is more love somewhere*
Response

Offering and offertory
Announcements and introduction of guests
Prayers of the people

Benediction

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Children ages 2-4 are dismissed following Children’s time for preschool church in the nursery with Jim Shenk and Grace Weber.

Chynaah Maryoung-Cooke is a singer and performer from New York. She is currently studying at Lancaster Theological Seminary and has an internship at Community Mennonite Church in Lancaster.

Next week: Is 58:1-12; Ps 112; 1 Co 2:1-16; Mt 5:13-20; Taize Service

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.

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Barry & Dawn Nolt , Marilyn Langeman **Sound/AV Operator:** Delmar Zimmerman
Nursery: Jim Shenk & Grace Weber 2nd Hour: Dawn Nolt & Nelson Weber
Coffee Servers: Dave & Linda Frey **Mug Washers:** Janet & John Stoner
Ushers: Steve Hartzler (Head usher), Marvin Nolt, Helena Dueck, Jane Hartzler, Clyde Martin, Barry Nolt

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

Human nature, human rights, and Anabaptists: Mark Kelley is leading 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 meets in the Assembly Room.

Koinonia: This ongoing class will begin a “read-aloud” experiment, using the book written by Joan Chittister, *The Time Is Now — A Call to Uncommon Courage*. No need to purchase the book (unless you want a copy for your own library). Class meets in Room 222.

Faith and Family: Conversations about the joys and challenges of parenting, and faith formation in our families. 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 (5-8th Grade Youth) - - - - - Jr. MYF Room
MYF (High School Youth) - - - - - MYF Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February** 4 Lunch Bunch meets at Oregon Dairy 11:30 am
- 4 Library Committee meets 6:00 pm
- 4 Meal with International Visitor Exchange Program guests at 6:30 in Assembly Room
- 6 Men’s Breakfast 7:00 am at Udder Choice; presenter: Don Ziegler (session 1 of 2)
- 8 Share-a-Life intergenerational activity at Material Resources Center 9:00 am
- 13 AMC serves Ephrata Community Meal at First United Methodist Church
- 14-16 Jr. MYF retreat at Paradise Lake Retreat, Denver
- 18 Luther Acre Residents’ Gathering 12:00 noon at The Round
- 18 Women’s brown bag lunch 12:00 – 1:30
- 20 AMC Council meeting 7:00 pm
- 26 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30
- 29 EMU Chamber Singers perform at AMC 4:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact Jean Buchen if you are willing to donate a 9"x12" cake or help set up, serve and/or clean-up for the Community Meal on Thursday evening, February 13th at First United Methodist Church on 68 North Church Street, Ephrata.

College student care packages: February, the month of love, is when we show love to our college students with care packages. This Sunday, there is a table in the foyer where you can sign up to provide goodies for the care packages. You can then bring your goodies the following two Sundays (February 9 and 16). There are flyers in mailboxes and on the sign-up table with more information.

Meal with IVEP: Tuesday, February 4, at 6:30pm you are invited to share a meal in the Assembly Room with 40 young adults from all over the world. They come to us through the International Visitor Exchange Program of Mennonite Central Committee and will be in town for a mid-year conference. The Hospitality Committee will provide the basic meal (baked potatoes with toppings). You are encouraged to bring some type of dessert to share (e.g., fruit, cookies, etc.) Please sign up on the bulletin board by February 2 if you plan to attend. Also indicate if you are willing to help clean up (wash dishes and put away chairs and tables). Please contact Marilyn Langeman if you have questions.

Don Ziegler presents at the AMC men's breakfasts both February 6 and March 5. Come hear and discuss implications of the (likely) irreversibility of Earth's climate change. On February 6: The Science. Then March 5: What Do I Do?

Share-a-Life event: Volunteering at the Material Resource Center on Saturday, February 8 at 9am. This event is open to all ages. A sign-up sheet is posted on the AMC bulletin board.

Service and Fellowship Opportunity: The Jr MYF are seeking meals to be provided during our upcoming retreat on Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16 at Paradise Lake Retreat in Denver. The requested meals are for Saturday lunch and supper and Sunday breakfast. We ask you to join us for the meal you provide to get to know our group better. Please contact Cheryl Zook Justice if you are interested in providing one of these meals. Thank you.

Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and our local faith community, is coming to Lancaster on Saturday, March 7, 2020. Hank Johnson of Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church will deliver the keynote message this year. His topic is *Stewarding One Another*. For more information or to register, visit stewardshipuniversity.com or contact Lynette Morales



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