

AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH

February 14, 2016

Lent 1

9:00 am

GATHERING/PRAISING

Gathering music

Diane Gehman & Patricia Martin

Chime and Lighting of the Christ candle

Words of welcome

Call to worship (based on Psalm 91:1-2)

Leader: As we gather in this place, let us be drawn into the safety of the love of God.

With the psalmist, we proclaim:

**All: *You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God in whom I trust."***

Opening Prayer

God of grace and God of glory

HWB 366 (blue)

I am weak and I need thy strength

HWB 553 (blue)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Jesus loves me

HWB 341 (blue)

Children's Time

Sandra Richard Wood

Children ages 2-4 are dismissed for preschool church in Room 16 with Susan Martin & Janessa Zimmerman

Scripture

Luke 4:1-13

Christopher Hershberger & Susan King

Sermon

Into the Desert with Jesus

Mark Wenger

RESPONDING

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Leader: Provider God, we confess that we often forget that all we are and all we have comes from you. We forget that we can trust in you and rely on you in times of trial and temptation. Forgive our weakness and forgetfulness. Help us to lean on your life-giving Word and to believe your promise of reconciliation and eternal love.

All: *Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Amen.*

Assurance

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Moment in Witness
Offertory Prayer
Offering and Offertory

PowerPoint
Herman Bontrager

Diane Gehman & Patricia Martin

Lord, listen to your children praying
Prayers of the people

HWB 353 (blue)
Karyn Nancarvis

Introduction of guests
Announcements

SENDING

Be thou my vision
Benediction (Psalm 91:14-15)

HWB 545 (blue)

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Song Leader
Worship Leader

Jan Brubaker
Karyn Nancarvis

Scripture next week: Psalm 27, Luke 13:31-35; Sheri Weaver, preacher

We welcome Mark Wenger, Director of Pastoral Studies at EMU Lancaster, as our guest preacher today. Mark pastored for more than eighteen years in Pennsylvania and Virginia before beginning his current position where he combines administrative and teaching responsibilities for the STEP Program (Study and Training for Effective Pastoral Ministry), and for Master of Divinity level seminary courses. His educational studies include: **B.A.** from Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), **M.Div.** from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), and **Ph.D.** from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. He writes a bi-monthly “Matters of Faith” column for the Lancaster (Pa.) *Sunday News*. He and his wife Kathy have 2 young adult daughters and attend Groffdale Mennonite Church.

PLEASE JOIN US (10:15 – 10:40)

Everyone is welcome to participate in coffee/tea fellowship following the worship service. Guests, please sign the guest book in the foyer next to the Welcome Desk. Sunday Lunch host today is Helena Dueck

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & DISCIPLESHIP HOUR CLASSES (10:40 – 11:35)

Adults

Koinonia – Linda and Don Good – Room 222

We are studying The Secret Message of Jesus by Brian McLaren

Encountering, Engaging, Embodying Jesus – Janet Stauffer – Room 10

I invite you to join me in an 8-week exploration of Jesus (as well as ourselves) as we engage the dynamic encounters between him and others as depicted in the scriptures. The theme throughout reveals Jesus as one who surprises and awakens, who pierces social structures and categories as he embodies God. As we explore and engage his life, we will pay attention to steps in spiritual growth and development facilitating our embodiment of the living Christ.

Engaging News Media – Mark Kelley – Assembly Room

This class will explore the state of the news media and their audiences today, attempting to examine whether or not truth could be found there, and if so, how people of faith and people in general might be more successful in extracting it.

For Our Children & Youth

Taught by members of the church who graciously volunteer their time, see below for locations

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| Nursery age - - - - - | Nursery |
| Ages 2 -4 - - - - - | Rooms 16/18 |
| Kindergarten-5th Grade - - - - - | Rooms 131, 132, 133 (lower level) |
| Jr. MYF (6-8 th Grade Youth) - - - - - | Room 122/124 (lower level) |
| MYF (High School Youth) - - - - - | MYF Room (lower level) |

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

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| Greeters: Lowell & Ruth Detweiler and Sandra Thorpe | Sound Person: Bryan Beyer |
| Nursery Worship: Jim Shenk & Anna Nancarvis | Nursery DH: Joanne Dirks & Lynne Beth |
| Coffee Servers: Sally & Dave Wise | Mug Washers: Lynette & Jerry Meck |
| Ushers: Don Good (Head usher), Tim Langeman, David Frey & Linda Frey | |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 16 Women’s Brown Bag Lunch at the home of Ruth Detweiler from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Feb. 18 Ephrata Community Meal
Feb. 21 55+ at 12 pm; please bring your favorite finger food (sandwiches, veggies, cheese, fruit)
Feb. 27 MYF Spaghetti Supper @ 5:30 pm (note change of date)
Mar. 3 Men’s breakfast @ 7:00 am at Udder Choice; presenter Mike Longenecker

Family Life is Precious (FLIP – Inter-generational events for all ages, all families):

- Feb. 17 Mennonite Disaster Service tour and discussion w/Kevin King, and ice cream social from 6:00-8:00 pm in the MDS building (583 Airport Road, Lititz); Hosted by Karyn Nancarvis
- Feb. 28 Indoor basketball activity from 2:00-4:00 pm @ Joyce & Rick Haller's home (1007 Log Cabin Road, Leola, 17540); Hosted by Karyn Nancarvis

Mennonite Youth Fellowship (MYF – Grades 9-12):

- Today* Working lunch from 11:45-1:00pm; Spaghetti Supper planning
- Feb. 20 Mystery Dinner from 5:00-9:00 pm; leaving from AMC @ 5:00 pm
- Feb. 21 Working lunch from 11:45-1:00pm; Spaghetti Supper planning
- Feb. 26 Spaghetti Supper set-up from 6:00-8:00 pm
- Mar. 1 Registration fee due for Urban Service Project; make checks payable to AMC and include "Discover Door Program" in the memo

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