

Gathering together

Prelude
HWB 1 (blue) *What is this place*
Words of welcome
Introduction of guests and announcements
Call to worship

Praising God

HWB 44 (blue) *When in our music God is glorified*
HWB 87 (blue) *Great is the Lord*
Offering and offertory

Hearing God’s word

Children’s time: STS 47 (purple) *Let the children come to me*
Scripture reading *1 Corinthians 3:1-9*
Sermon

Responding to God’s word

STJ 72 (green) *One is the body*
God at work *Stanley Green, Mennonite Mission Network*
Prayers of the people
HWB 420 (blue) *Heart with loving heart united*
Benediction

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Children ages 2-4 are dismissed following Children’s time for preschool church in the nursery with Dave Frey and Linda Good.

Diane Gehman & Lawrence Rupley (pianists); Ron Guenther (song leader); Rachel Nolt (worship leader); Sandra Richard Wood (children’s time leader); Matthew Lenahan (sermon)

Matthew Lenahan has been pastoring at Zion Lutheran Church in Akron, PA since 2005. Pastor Matt is a mission-focused leader, inviting and challenging God’s people to participate in God’s redemptive work in and for the world. He believes the church is called to serve all people following the example of Jesus Christ. He is working at issues of racial, social & economic justice, and food scarcity. Matt serves on the board of Hunger Free Lancaster County, manages the Wittel Farm Growing Project, and is a mentor with Lancaster Reentry Management Organization.

Next week: Ex 24:12-18; Ps 99; 2 Pt 1:16-21; Mt 17:1-9; Rachel Nolt, preaching.

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: Gerry & Linda Horst, Mary Martin
Nursery: Worship: Dave Frey & Linda Good
Coffee Servers: Dave & Sally Wise
Ushers: Daryl Mack (Head usher), Sarah Eby, Kent Douple, Norm Wood
Sound/AV Operator: Dale Hershey
2nd Hour: Donna Shenk & Amy Herr
Mug Washers: Barry & Dawn 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 sanctuary.

Stories from Mennonite Mission Network (MMN): Stanley Green has served as executive director of MMN since 2001 and will be retiring at the end of July 2020. He comes to us from Goshen, IN with stories of the work of MMN’s intentional networking and partnership approach in mission based on mutuality and respect with partners. Class will meet in the Assembly Room.

Koinonia: This ongoing class has begun 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 this Sunday by Monica Carlson. 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 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 at Ruth Weaver’s home
20 AMC Council meeting 7:00 pm
23 Special offering for medical debt relief project (see bulletin insert)
26 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30
28 *Portrait of the Maritime Provinces* presentation by Bob Wyble at 7 pm at AMC
29 EMU Chamber Singers perform at AMC 4:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the children who made the centerpieces and beautiful Valentine cards that were used at the Community Meal on Thursday. Lots of people were blessed.

College student care packages: Thank you for your generous contributions to the college student care packages! Today (Sunday, Feb. 16) is the last day to collect items for the packages, as most of them will be mailed tomorrow.

Women's brown bag lunch: All AMC women are invited to the February Brown Bag Lunch on Tuesday, February 18 from 12:00 to 1:30. We will lunch together this time at Ruth Weaver's. Questions or more info please contact Melody Rupley.

The agenda for the February 20 council meeting is posted on the AMC bulletin board.

Opportunity to provide meals: Dawn Nolt is coordinating meals for those in the congregation who have had surgery recently. To provide a meal for Lowell Detweiler: Go to <https://takethemameal.com/>. Under "Find", enter the name Detweiler and code 1234.

Submissions for the AMC March newsletter are needed by Wednesday, February 26. Rebecca is happy to showcase your art, photography, prose, poetry, or any other creative endeavor in the newsletter.

Books are available for a new 2nd hour class beginning March 8. Steve Nolt will teach *You are what you love: The spiritual power of habit* by James Smith. Philosopher and cultural critic Jamie Smith considers the ways that embodied practices and the 'liturgies' of popular culture shape us. In *You Are What You Love*, he applies these insights to Christian discipleship and the church, contending for the importance of community and narrative in a world of autonomy and information. Books are available in the church office for \$15.

Only five weeks to go until the MYF auction! March 21, 2020: Meal begins at 4:30; auction is at 5:45. We look forward to seeing you there. Stay tuned for additional announcements.

What is Church?



*Akron Mennonite Church
February 16, 2020*

Please see insert for additional announcements

Church office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm
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