

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL ARE WELCOME to Sunday Soup today following second hour.

CHURCH COUNCIL will be resuming their listening opportunities during coffee hour. Ron Guenther and Nancy Chapman will be available today after the church service in the coffee area.

THE AGENDA for the March 8 council meeting is posted on the AMC bulletin board.

EARLY SPRING YOGA SERIES: A six-week series beginning March 6 will meet every Tuesday at AMC at 6:00 pm. See registration forms on the AMC bulletin board.

THE ANNUAL AMC DIRECTORY UPDATE is in process. Please send information changes to Rebecca ASAP. Lloyd Chapman is willing to take your photograph if you would like to supply a new/different one for the directory. Please talk with him directly to schedule. If you are interested in having printed copies of your photograph for your personal use, please check with him to discuss details.

MY COINS COUNT: Every coin counts! The containers are in the foyer for your generous donations until April 1.

YOU MAY NOTICE five or six cars parked at the far end of the parking lot March 9-18. They belong to Nazareth Project tour participants to Israel/Palestine who will leave their cars here while they travel.

TODAY: Join the Lancaster Chamber Singers with guest soloist, Amy Yovonovich, for "An Evening of Beautiful Choral Music" in support of MDS' hurricane relief efforts. It will be held Sunday, Mar. 4 at 6 p.m. at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church. No admission charge. A freewill offering will be taken with 100% of the proceeds going to MDS. See Jan Brubaker or Diane Gehman for more information.

Please see insert for additional announcements

GIVING & BUDGET

Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 8,840	\$ 61,730
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 78,500
2018 Income Budget:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	179	

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

March 4, 2018

Covenant: God's Story of Love

Lent 3 – Between Me & You & Working It Through

Chapter One – God initiates covenant with us

Prelude music Diane Gehman

Chime & lighting the peace lamp
Welcome & call to worship screen

HWB 164 (blue) *When Israel was in Egypt's land*
STS 55 (purple) *Love the Lord your God*

Chapter Two – God woos us with covenant

Scripture Exodus 20:1-17 Dave Frey

(screen) *God's love is for everybody*
Children's time Rachel Nolt
Children ages 2-4 are dismissed for preschool church in Room 16 with Jim Shenk, Nancy Chapman,
and Esther Nolt

Scripture Psalm 19:7-10 Linda Frey
Sermon *The power of promise* Randall Justice

HWB 543 (blue) *I long for your commandments*

Chapter Three – We respond to God's covenantal love

Confession
God of covenant,
We struggle to comprehend the expansiveness of your covenant.

Nothing is left out –
Not us,
Not our actions or relationships,
Not our allegiance, identity, or desire.

We struggle to comprehend that kind of love,
never mind joining it and living it.

To make it more manageable,
we build barriers to decide who's in or out,
we judge rather than delight in God's word.

We limit love.
Have mercy on us.

Words of assurance *Between me & you*
(screen)
Receive a blessing

Chapter Four – We join God’s covenant sharing God’s story

Offering and offertory
 Offertory prayer

Diane Gehman

Prayers of the people
 Introduction of guests & Announcements

Rachel Nolt

STJ 78 (green) *Sizohamba naye (We will walk with God)*
 Benediction

**We are covenant people.
 We go in God’s love
 to extend God’s love
 and live in God’s love.**

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Musicians
 Song Leader
 Worship Leader

Diane Gehman & Leon Myers
 Ron Guenther
 Rachel Nolt

Scripture next week: Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21; Karyn Nancarvis, preacher

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.

SECOND HOUR FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (10:40 – 11:40)

Adults

Terry Wible is facilitating a class based on the book The Sin of Certainty by Peter Enns. This class explores the difference between right believing, certainty and a lived out faith. Bring your questions, fears, and thoughts as participants discuss with each other the contrast between head knowledge and a lived out experience of God. Class meets in the Assembly 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-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

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Delores & Marvin Nolt, Marilyn Langeman
Nursery Worship: as needed
Coffee Servers: Delores & Marvin Nolt
Ushers: Steve Hartzler (Head usher), Marvin Nolt, Helena Dueck, Jane Hartzler, Clyde Martin

Sound/AV Operator: Dale Hershey
Nursery DH: as needed
Mug Washers: Ed & Twila Miller

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4	Today	Sunday Soup following second hour
March 6		Lunch Bunch @ Oregon Dairy @ 11:30 am
March 7		Library Committee meeting @ 6:00 pm
March 8		Garden Spot residents’ gathering @ 11:30 in Concord Room
March 11		Adult choir rehearsal at 8:00 am; sing for 9:00 am service
March 11		Safe Church presentation during second hour
March 13		Play <i>“This Evil Thing”</i> to be presented @ AMC @ 7:30 pm
March 14		Connect! @ AMC 6:00 – 7:30 pm
March 18		Men’s choir rehearsal at 8:00 am; sing for 9:00 am service
March 18		Campus Chorale from LMHS @ 4:00 pm @ AMC
March 20		Women’s brown bag luncheon 11 am to 1 pm @ Helena Dueck’s
March 21		Landis Homes residents gathering; 10- 11:30; Hybrid #1 Community Room
March 24		MYF Auction; meal at 4:30, auction at 5:45 pm
March 29		Maundy Thursday meal and service

Lectio Divina meets each Tuesday at 7:30 am, and the Congregational Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 12:30 pm. Both meetings are in Rachel’s office.

Save these Dates:

April 14	AMC Women’s Retreat
October 26-27	ACC Fall Assembly @ AMC; details to be announced

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

- March 23 Set-up for auction, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
- March 24 MYF Auction
- June 17-23 DOOR service project in Denver, CO

PRAYERS

Thanks for the cards and prayers concerning my latest neck fusion procedure on January 12. Recovery from this surgery is a very slow and painful process. - John Martin

Al Classen has temporarily moved to Oregon House at Landis Homes, Room 145. He welcomes visitors, notes and phone calls (717-569-3271) and appreciates our prayers for quick recovery.