

9:00 am

GATHERING/PRAISING

Leader: Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
All: Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

Leader: See the children before us.
See the children among us.
Here is the truth;
we must be like these children.

**All: Our children are curious.
Our children wonder.
Our children ask questions.**

Leader: Our children are innocent.
Our children are simple.
Our children are humble.

**All: Our children love to play.
Our children love to explore.
Our children love to learn.**

Leader: Here is the truth;
we must be like these children.
If we are like them, the question,
“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”
doesn’t matter because in the kingdom,
if we are all like children, we are all the greatest.

**All: We shall embrace these children of our congregation.
We shall teach these children of our congregation.
We shall love these children of our congregation.**

Leader: We shall learn from these children of our congregation.
In the name of Jesus we receive them,
and through them, we receive him! Amen.

Gathering music Patricia Martin
Chime and Lighting of the Christ candle

Words of welcome & Call to worship

I will call upon the Lord STJ 19 (green)
God of the Bible STJ 27 (green)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Let the children come to me STS 47 (purple)
Children’s Time Sandra Richard Wood
Children ages 2-4 are dismissed for preschool church in Room 16 with Donna Shenk & Hibist Siyoum
Bible Presentation – 1st graders
Litany of response Back of bulletin

Scripture Matthew 18:2-5; Mark 10:13-16 Anne Weaver
Sermon *Lessons I’ve Learned From Students* John Weber

RESPONDING

O little children, gather HWB 489 (blue)

Offertory Prayer
Offering and Offertory Patricia Martin

Recognition of those who have served
Christian Education, Spiritual Formation, DSECC staff, Committees, and Deacon Care
Commissioning of those who will serve
Christian Education, Spiritual Formation, DSECC staff, Committees, and Deacon Care
Congregational response HWB 795 (blue)

Prayers of the people Susan King
Introduction of guests
Announcements

SENDING

Go, my children HWB 433 (blue)
Benediction

GIVING & BUDGET		
Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>
	\$5,543	\$9,712
Year-to-date General Fund	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$293,600	\$349,615
January-December 2016: \$505,000 Attendance Last Sunday: 148		

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

Ron Guenther
Susan King

Next week: Kevin Ressler, guest 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.

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

Adults

Weavings: This intergenerational class focuses on spiritual journeys and is open to all women. Facilitator: Ruth Weaver. Meets in church office.

Koinonia: This class offers intentional sharing and prayer support and study/discussion on topics of mutual interest. Facilitators: Linda and Don Good. Meets in Rm. 222.

Anna: An Ordinary Woman with an Extraordinary Spirit: Today only. Get a fleeting look into Russian Mennonite history as experienced by Anna, born in the late 18th century to immigrant parents. Facilitator: Edgar Stoesz. Meets in sanctuary.

Communities of Resistance and Hope: Explore how to be Church in Empire, using the text Craft Brewed Jesus: How History We Never Knew Taps a Spirituality We Really Need. Facilitator: John Stoner and others. Meets in Assembly Room.

For Our Children & 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 (lower level)

AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Nelson & Grace Weber, Sandra Thorpe

Nursery Worship: Jean Buchen & Jim Shenk

Coffee Servers: Linda & Don Good

Ushers: Don Good (Head usher), Tim Langeman, David Frey & Linda Frey

Sound Person: Kenton Martin

Nursery DH: Jolene Weaver & Marilyn Yoder

Mug Washers: Marv & Judy Horst

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 11	Council Open Hours in the Sabbath Room following the service
Sept. 11	Concert by <i>Sopa Sol</i> at AMC to benefit Nzabarinda family @ 6:30 pm ***Tonight***
Sept. 25	ADNet lunch @ AMC @ 11:45 a.m.

Save these Dates:

October 22	Annual ACC Assembly at Ridgeview Mennonite Church
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October 23	55+ lunch meeting @ noon at AMC
October 29	Ted and Co. to present “Peace, Pies and Prophets” at AMC
November 5-6	Mission Fest at AMC (celebrated with DSECC)
January 15-18, 2017	Winter Bible School at AMC

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

- Sunday, September 11:** First day of fall session – Finding and Engaging your Spiritual Gifts
- Sunday, September 18:** Supper club at the home of Melody & Lawrence Rupley, 5:00pm.
- Save the Date: March 18, 2017** – MYF Pig Roast & Auction

PRAYERS

My sister, Janet Martin, died last evening (Wednesday). Janet lived with her husband, Wilmer Martin, in Waterloo, Ontario. Janet and Wilmer operated Tourmagination for many years and took countless people on meaningful Mennonite heritage tours to Europe as well as to many other countries. Services for Janet will be held on Sunday afternoon in Waterloo. Please remember us in prayer. ~ Joanne Ranck Dirks

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE that Discipleship Hour classes have been extended by five minutes. They will now run from 10:40 – 11:40 a.m.

ADNet (Anabaptist Disabilities Network) Lunch, Sunday, September 25, 11:45 a.m. in the AMC Assembly Room. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Marilyn Langeman (859-3840 or ken.marilyn.langeman@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

AMBER BRUBAKER moves freely among us in our congregation and that's good! Would you be willing to keep an eye on her on a Sunday morning? This would relieve parents Jan and Lynne from wondering where she is. To explore being like a "guardian angel" for Amber, please be in touch with Marilyn Langeman (ken.marilyn.langeman@gmail.com or 859-3840).

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH notes: What if...? A storm knocks out the power for a week! Life is uncertain. We never know when events will threaten our normal lives. Just as we buy life insurance or house insurance, having a proactive plan enables us to deal with disasters from a position of strength instead of victim. For an introduction to National Preparedness Month, look at the Wikipedia web site. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Preparedness_Month

Discuss with your household how you would stay warm, eat, draw water to drink or flush the toilet (if you have your own well). What resources might you need to communicate with others, to get around, to stay healthy (medicines or medical supplies)? Check out the information on the Center for Disease Control web site to help you think and plan. <http://emergency.cdc.gov/preparedness/kit/disasters/> ~ Don Brubaker, MDS contact person for AMC

GENTLE YOGA classes will again be held this Fall on Tuesday evenings (beginning September 13), 6:00 – 7:15 pm, in the Akron Mennonite Church Assembly Room. Registration forms are available on the AMC bulletin board. For more information, contact Kandace at kandace@ptd.net.