

Last Week: Feb 9, 2020

Attendance: 50 Church: \$1826.29
Total: \$2201.00 Missions: \$204.71

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, Feb 19 Ladies' Bible Study 9:30- 11 a.m.
Thursday, Feb 20 Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars

March 8- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (lunch)
April 3-4- LMC Celebration of Church Life, check your mailbox for
more information
April 5- Potluck Lunch at Frey's Greenhouse

If Sunday services are cancelled due to inclement weather you will be notified by an automated call, or you can check the Gingrichs Mennonite Church Facebook page. Announcements will be made by 7:30 a.m.

Elder Team:

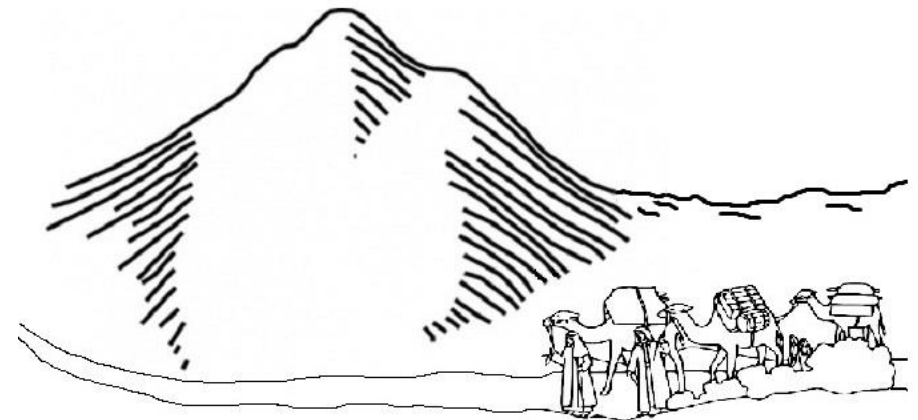
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Lead Pastor hours: Mon-Thurs, call for appointment
Church Office hours: Wed & Fri 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
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Psalms
of
the
Ascent





A Committed
Community
Abiding in Christ

Announcements

Announcement for Communication

To keep our new forms of communication running smoothly we are working towards having all announcements to Ashlea in the church office by **Wednesday** at 8:00 a.m. This allows us to get your information out through the bulletin, weekly email, Facebook and the website efficiently. Thank you for your cooperation in this transition.

Welcome
to all who are joining us for worship today

February 16, 2020

Prelude

Congregational Singing

Music Team

Announcements and Offering

Myron Miller

Sermon: Psalm 121

Kait Barnum

Sharing Time

Myron Miller

Congregational Singing

Music Team

Benediction

Kait Barnum

A Note from the Deacon Team:

Our Elders have worked diligently throughout the past year in the absence of a pastor. We would like to thank them for all their efforts by presenting them with a Love Offering. On February 9th and the 16th you will be given the opportunity to be a part of that. You can give with your regular offering envelope marked "Love Offering" or you can put your gift in a separate marked envelope.

Also, thanks to your generous giving in 2019 we were able to fulfill all of our budgeted items to continue the work of the church!

Hymn Sing

Lebanon District Churches have been invited to Lebanon Christian Fellowship, 439 South Sixth Street, Lebanon, for a hymn sing February 23rd at 6:30. If you have questions please contact Kerry Martin, Worship Leader at Lebanon Christian Fellowship- kjmart4@gmail.com or 717-270-9419.

Stewardship University

Stewardship University 2020. Reserve the date! Saturday March 7 for an exciting time of learning things you didn't know you didn't know. For more information or to register, visit stewardshipuniversity.com or contact Lynette Morales- 717-653-6662, lynette.morales@everence.com

Ash Wednesday

We will be having an Ash Wednesday Service on February 26 at 7pm. Our time together will provide an opportunity for purposeful reflection in light of the cross of Christ.

Psalms of the Ascent

Congregational Spiritual Practice: Praying Psalm 23

As a congregation, over the weeks to come, we are praying Psalm 23 to become more aware and accepting of the ways God loves us—choosing us and caring for us.

This week, review the New Living Translation version of Psalm 23 below as a whole psalm once a day. Then spend some time praying and journaling with the very first statement of truth—“The LORD is my Shepherd.”

Invite God to transform your heart and mind through Psalm 23. What does it mean to you that the LORD (the Great “I AM”) is your Shepherd? That Jesus is your “good shepherd” (John 10:11), who lays down his life for his sheep? What is it like to be a sheep? To be God’s sheep? What is it like to be part of God’s whole flock? Choose to receive God’s attentive love for you as you pray.

Psalm 23 A psalm of David.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
- 2 He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.
- 3 He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.
- 4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.
- 6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Imagine taking a road trip three times a year on foot in a hot and arid land. God's people did just that and they had a playlist to keep them company along the way. They would leave behind their cares and responsibilities and make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem. No matter which direction they came from it was an ascent, since Jerusalem was built on a hill. Their playlist (road songs) was Psalms 120-134. As they sang each song it allowed the time to pass by easier and also provided them with preparation for where they were going.

Message Notes— Kait Barnum

Series: Psalms of the Ascent

Title: Psalm 121

Psalm 121 (NLT)

A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem.

- ¹ I look up to the mountains—
does my help come from there?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth!
- ³ He will not let you stumble;
the one who watches over you will not slumber.
- ⁴ Indeed, he who watches over Israel
never slumbers or sleeps.
- ⁵ The LORD himself watches over you!
The LORD stands beside you as your protective
shade.
- ⁶ The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon at night.
- ⁷ The LORD keeps you from all harm
and watches over your life.
- ⁸ The LORD keeps watch over you as you come and go,
both now and forever.

Psalm 121 (MSG)

A Pilgrim Song

- 121 ¹⁻² I look up to the mountains;
does my strength come from mountains?
No, my strength comes from GOD,
who made heaven, and earth, and mountains.
- ³⁻⁴ He won't let you stumble,
your Guardian God won't fall asleep.
Not on your life! Israel's
Guardian will never doze or sleep.
- ⁵⁻⁶ GOD's your Guardian,
right at your side to protect you—
Shielding you from sunstroke,
sheltering you from moonstroke.
- ⁷⁻⁸ GOD guards you from every evil,
he guards your very life.
He guards you when you leave and when you return,
he guards you now, he guards you always.