<u>Last Week: Feb 16, 2020</u>

Attendance: 58 Church: \$2545.43 Total: \$4057.00 Missions: \$261.47

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, Feb 26 Ladies' Bible Study 9:30- 11 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb 27 Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars

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:

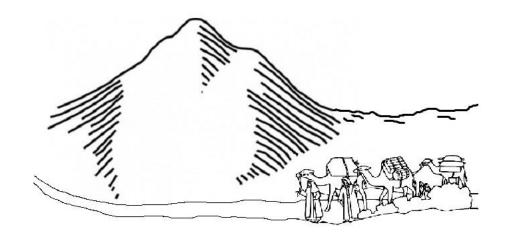
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Lead Pastor hours: Mon-Thurs, call for appointment Church Office hours: Wed & Fri 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. February Trustee on call **Les Frey:** 717-304-9726

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Psalms of the Ascent





A Committed Community Abiding in Christ

Welcome

to all who are joining us for worship today

February 23, 2020

Prelude	Jean Weaver
Congregational Singing	Music Team
Announcements and Offering	Tom Turley
Children's Worship	Christina Okamoto
Sermon: Psalm 122	Pastor Amanda
Congregational Singing	Music Team
Benediction	Pastor Amanda

Announcement for Communication

Please have all announcements to Ashlea in the church office by **Wednesday** at 8:00 a.m. Thank you

Hymn Sing

You are invited to Lebanon Christian Fellowship, 439 South Sixth Street, Lebanon, for a hymn sing this evening at 6:30. If you have questions please contact Kerry Martin, 717-270-9419.

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.

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

LMC Celebration of Church Life

April 3-4, 2020 at Petra Church, New Holland. The event is free and everyone is invited. People from all across LMC come together once a year to worship, to learn, to fellowship, and to celebrate what God is doing in our midst! The main speaker for the two-day event is Bishop Glenn Kauffman, pastor at Capitol Christian Fellowship, Lanham, Md. Visit Imcchurches.org for more info.

Guess Who's coming to Dinner

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to register as a guest or host. Hosts will need to specify how many people they can serve. Once everyone is registered the organizers will sort who is going where. Guests will be given an address and directions the morning of the Lunch. Please contact Barb Keener or Gloria Frey if you have any questions.

Plant the Seed

Manheim Mennonite Church will be hosting a seminar at 7 pm, on March 1, 8 and 15, that is focused on helping believers get involved with the communities in which they live. They will focus on how to share our faith more openly and freely. More information is located on the information table.

Congregational Spiritual Practice: Praying Psalm 23

As a congregation, we are praying Psalm 23 to become more aware and accepting of the ways God loves us—choosing us and caring for us. Continue to repeat Psalm 23 as a whole regularly. This week, spend some time praying and journaling with the second statement of truth in Psalm 23—"I shall not want." This phrase is also accurately translated, "I have all I need" or "I lack nothing." Remember that the verb here can be translated either present or future.

Invite God to transform your heart and mind through this Scripture. How do you feel reading and repeating "I lack nothing" or "I will have all I need"? What do you feel you still need that God may have already given you? What do you want from God? Tell God what you are feeling and thinking and let God respond to you there.

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.

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Psalms of the Ascent

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—Pastor Amanda

Series: Psalms of the Ascent Title: Psalm 122

Psalm 122 (NLT)

A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem. A psalm of David.

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- ² And now here we are, standing inside your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³ Jerusalem is a well-built city; its seamless walls cannot be breached.
- ⁴ All the tribes of Israel—the LORD's people—make their pilgrimage here.
- They come to give thanks to the name of the LORD,
 - as the law requires of Israel.
- ⁵ Here stand the thrones where judgment is given, the thrones of the dynasty of David.
- ⁶ Pray for peace in Jerusalem. May all who love this city prosper.
- ⁷O Jerusalem, may there be peace within your walls and prosperity in your palaces.
- ⁸ For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "May you have peace."
- ⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek what is best for you, O Jerusalem.

Psalm 122 (MSG)

A Pilgrim Song of David

122 1-2 When they said, "Let's go to the house of GOD,"

my heart leaped for joy.

And now we're here, O Jerusalem, inside Jerusalem's walls!

³⁻⁵ Jerusalem, well-built city, built as a place for worship!

The city to which the tribes ascend, all GOD's tribes go up to worship,

To give thanks to the name of GOD—

this is what it means to be Israel.

Thrones for righteous judgment are set there, famous David-thrones.

⁶⁻⁹ Pray for Jerusalem's peace! Prosperity to all you Jerusalem-lovers!

Friendly insiders, get along!

Hostile outsiders, keep your distance!

For the sake of my family and friends,

I say it again: live in peace!

For the sake of the house of our God, GOD, I'll do my very best for you.