

March 24, 2019

Attendance: 54
Church: \$2213.66
Missions: \$230.34
Total: \$2444.00



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Gingrichs Mennonite Church
A Committed Community Abiding in Christ

March 31, 2019

The Listening Post

The Listening Post is a time when Doreen will be available in the Pastor’s Study. The hours for the next 2 weeks are listed below. Feel free to drop in or call ahead to set an appointment. If these hours do not suit your schedule, please call at the number listed above to set up another time.

Tuesday, April 2- 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9- 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Call to Worship	Tom Turley
Congregational Singing	Charles Patton & The Music Team
Offering	
Children’s Worship	Natalie Snyder
Scripture	(see bulletin insert)
Sermon	“The Power of Limitation” Kait Barnum
Song of Response	Charles Patton & The Music Team
Sharing and Prayer	
Closing Song	Charles Patton & The Music Team
Benediction	

For church openings in April, please contact
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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday, April 1	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 2	Sewing Circle	9:00 a.m.
	Listening Post	1-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 3	Ladies' Bible Study	
	Mid-Week Lenten Service-	Noon
Thursday, March 28	Elder's Meeting	8:00 a.m.
	Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Church Office hours: Wed & Fri 7 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Bulletin Deadline is Friday at 8:00 a.m.

April 7, 2019

Worship Leader:

Music: The Music Team

Children's Worship: Gloria Frey

Speaker: Kait Barnum

Sound: Ed Copenhaver

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Mid-Week Lenten Service Schedule:

All Services begin at Noon with a light lunch to follow

April 3- Immanuel UMC

April 10- St. Paul's

April 19- Crosswalk

Remembering in Prayer our Missionaries and Service Workers

Stuart & Amaris Allan

EMM

Brenden Hoover

Lebanon Co. Christian Ministries

Samaritan's Purse

Ryan & Bethany Umble

Michael Clancy

Derek Hershey

Jubilee

Bob & Miriam Phillips

Travis & Charis Spann

Vision Care Ethiopia

Announcements

Eastern Mennonite Missions

EMM is hosting their second annual Soul Care Retreat at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Welcoming Center in Akron April 16-19. The retreat will be led by long-time EMM staff Jimm and Kaylene Derksen. A few of the topics include the following:

- The lost discipline of living in rhythm
- Encountering the Bible as the Living Word
- Establishing a daily practice of prayer
- Regaining perspective by reclaiming Sabbath

To register, go to <https://www.emm.org/soulcare> by **April 2**.

Choral Concert

The Franconia-Lancaster Choral Singers and Orchestra will be performing at the Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 W Orange St, Lititz, on Sunday April 28 at 3:00 p.m. There are a few free tickets available. If you would like to attend please contact Carol Kauffman.

Children's Books

Did you know our church library has two children's books written by our former church secretary Anna Haggard? Visit the library, check them out, read them to your children or grandchildren or maybe they will read them to you. Ruth Runion-Slear, Librarian

LMC Event

LMC will be hosting a Children's Ministry Resource Event, "The Sacred Commission," on Saturday April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the LMC offices, 2160 Lincoln Hwy E, Lancaster. Anyone who has a heart for teaching children is welcome. There will be a plenary speaker, stories, worship, prayer, networking, resources and light refreshments. The event is free but registration is requested: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sacred-commission-childrens-ministry-leader-event-tickets-56657208235>.

If you have questions please contact Marcia Mylin at 717-293-5246 or mmylin@lmchurches.org

Scripture References for TODAY'S SERMON

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Matthew 5:4

Matthew 5:44

Ephesians 2:8-9

Galatians 2:20

Genesis 3:4-7

Matthew 16:25

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 6:1-2

Philippians 3:4b, 7-11

Matthew 4:1-11

Matthew 6:19-21

Matthew 19:16-26

Romans 8:15-17

1 John 2:15-17

John 16:33b

Galatians 6:14

Colossians 3:5-10, 12-14

What I learned from Stewardship University, by Ruth Runion-Slear

What makes Worship “Anabaptist: in 2019?” How can worship be welcoming to those outside the church while also rooted in Anabaptism? A few comments from the audience: Maybe folks that are attracted to our church want the Anabaptist teaching, so we should not change. There are young people that are interested in more of the “high liturgy” style worship than the less structured contemporary worship. Use a mix of hymns and praise songs. Inviting the community to potluck dinners, can be a time of getting to know the unchurched. There is a movement, Neo Anabaptism, which is looking back to the Anabaptist thinking of renunciation of violence, strong belief in the need for separation from the world, peace, restorative justice, reconciliation and simplicity. Reconciliation needs to be taken from church to the work week.

21st Century Church in the Wild- How do we let go? How do we change our minds? How do we reach out to help those in need? Maybe it is not necessary for your church to “re-event the wheel.” Integrate the church into other organizations to help those in need. The church needs to partner with established organizations. The organization is good at what it does, the church needs to help them to reach their mission. It is possible your church has what the organization is in need of, such as volunteers, use of the church building, money, etc. Your church needs to offer its strengths to those in need. This could be a win-win partnership for both institutions.

Shape Up Your Life - Once you turn 50 years old it is time to start downsizing. Your kids don't want your “stuff,” they have their own “stuff,” said the speaker, Dawnell Yoder, professional organizer/home stager. Managing stuff is a burden & emotionally draining. Cleaning out can give you a sense of peace and calm. Remember we are storing up treasures in heaven not on earth. Start by getting rid of the following 8 items:

1. Memorabilia like trophies, school papers and books
2. T shirts – we all have too many we never wear
3. CDs & DVDs – now it is online to watch & listen
4. Books – borrow from the library
5. Sports equipment –some probably has dry rotted
6. Luggage – you only need 1-2 pieces
7. Kitchen gadgets - pull all items out of drawers, if it has not been used within the month, donate to thrift store
8. Items not useful or beautiful (time is wasted dusting or taking up space in a closet)