

Last Week: March 1, 2020

Attendance: 61 Church: \$2938.05
Total: \$3295.00 Missions: \$356.95

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday, Mar 9	Elder's Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Mar 11	Ladies' Bible Study	9:30- 11 a.m.
Thursday, Mar 12	Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars

April 5- Potluck Lunch at Frey's Greenhouse

If Sunday services are canceled 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.

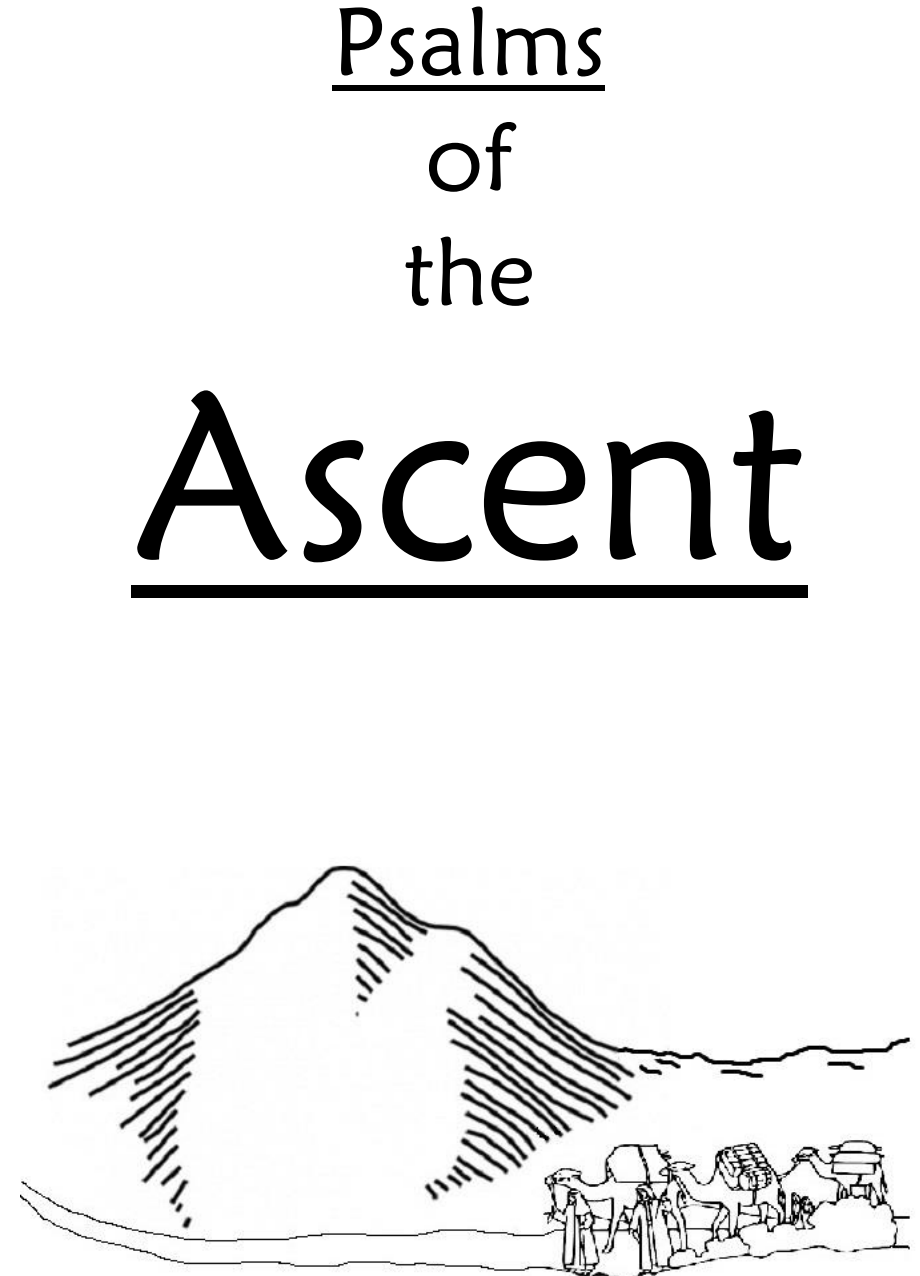
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Lead Pastor hours: Mon-Thurs, call for appointment
Church Office hours: Wed & Fri 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
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Announcements

Announcement for Communication

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

Welcome

to all who are joining us for worship today

March 8, 2020

Prelude	The Fenstermakers
Congregational Singing	Music Team
Announcements and Offering	Pastor Amanda
Children's Worship	Christina Okamoto
Sermon: Psalm 124	Kathy Kambic
Congregational Singing	Music Team
Benediction	Kathy Kambic

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

If you signed up to be a guest you should have received an address with directions this morning. We hope you and the hosts have a wonderful afternoon of food and fellowship.

Plant the Seed

Manheim Mennonite Church will be continuing their Plant the Seed seminar this evening at 7:00 p.m. and next Sunday, March 15. The focus is on helping believers get involved with the communities in which they live and how to share our faith more openly and freely. More information is located on the table in the lobby.

LMC Celebration of Church Life

The LMC Celebration of Church Life will be held April 3-4, 2020 at Petra Church in 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 lmcchurches.org for more info.

My Coins Count

Time to start collecting those coins! Last year we collected \$308.81. This year My Coins Count is collecting money for Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) education projects. MCC is also celebrating 100 years of ministry. Join in the celebration by dropping your money into the jar outside the sanctuary doors during the month of March. All money will be collected and taken to the PA Relief Sale, April 3-4 at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg. Contact Ruth Runion-Slear for additional information. singchorale@hotmail.com or 717-533-9423.

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 time praying and journaling with the second statement in verse 2. NIV translates, “He leads me beside quiet waters.” Hear a few other translations—“He leads me beside the still waters” (NKJV) or “leads me to quiet pools of fresh water” (GNT).

The Wilderness of Judea where shepherds care for their sheep is arid, and thirst is common. The psalmist writes, “You God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you. My whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water” (Ps 63:1). When the rains come, sudden rushing torrents can roar dangerously down the desert wadis. Only still waters are safe waters.

Invite God to transform your heart and mind through this Scripture. For what or whom does your soul thirst? What do “quiet” and “still” mean to you? Describe the “still waters” to which God has led you. What has been your experience of having your thirst be fully satisfied by God? Tell God what you are feeling and thinking about His leading you beside the quiet pools of fresh water. Pause to let God respond to you.

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.

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— Kathy Kambic

Series: Psalms of the Ascent

Title: Psalm 124

Psalm 124 (NIV)

A psalm of ascents. Of David

¹ If the LORD had not been on our side—
let Israel say—
² if the LORD had not been on our side
when people attacked us,
³ they would have swallowed us alive
when their anger flared against us;
⁴ the flood would have engulfed us,
the torrent would have swept over us,
⁵ the raging waters
would have swept us away.
⁶ Praise be to the LORD,
who has not let us be torn by their teeth.
⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the fowler's snare;
the snare has been broken,
and we have escaped.
⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 124 (MSG)

A Pilgrim Song of David

¹⁻⁵ If GOD hadn't been for us
—all together now, Israel, sing out!—
If GOD hadn't been for us
when everyone went against us,
We would have been swallowed alive
by their violent anger,
Swept away by the flood of rage,
drowned in the torrent;
We would have lost our lives
in the wild, raging water.
⁶ Oh, blessed be GOD!
He didn't go off and leave us.
He didn't abandon us defenseless,
helpless as a rabbit in a pack of snarling dogs.
⁷ We've flown free from their fangs,
free of their traps, free as a bird.
Their grip is broken;
we're free as a bird in flight.
⁸ GOD's strong name is our help,
the same GOD who made heaven and earth.