

Last Week: June 7, 2020

Church fund	\$4716.50
Missions	\$533.50
Food boxes	<u>\$1000.00</u>
Total	\$6250.00

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 18 Prayer Meeting-ZOOM 7:00 p.m.

If Sunday services are canceled due to inclement weather (rain/storms) 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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**A Committed
Community
Abiding in Christ**

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Welcome
to all who are joining us for worship today

We are blessed more than we choose to believe. Invited more times than we accept. Favored more than we could ever realize. These were the sentiments of the opening words of the greatest sermon ever given, by the greatest preacher there ever was. They embodied the Kingdom of God and entrance into it. They were counterintuitive and flew in the face of those who first heard His message...leaving them to scratch their heads in wonder. Join us in our next sermon series-# BLESSED- as we uncover the truth of the Kingdom of God and His unexpected blessings.

June 14, 2020

Message Notes— Steve Mann

Series: #BLESSED

Title: Beatitude 2

Prelude	Bill Fenstermaker
Welcome	Pastor Amanda
Congregational Humming/Reading	Music Team
Announcements and Offering	Pastor Amanda
Sermon: Beatitude 2 (Matthew 5:4)	Steve Mann
Congregational Singing	Music Team
Sharing Time	Pastor Amanda
Benediction	Pastor Amanda

Congregational Spiritual Practice: Blessing

Our current Congregational Spiritual Practice is Blessing. We are reclaiming together a spiritual practice that was very important scripturally but has been largely lost in our congregations today.

In the NT, two different words in Greek are translated “blessed” or “bless.” The most common one is eulogia, which means “to praise,” “to speak blessing to,” or “to speak well of.” We as believers are called to bless (eulogia) others, no matter how we are treated. This is the word and meaning Jesus uses when he tells us to “bless [eulogia] those who curse you” (Luke 6:28). We are to speak well of even those who speak ill of us. We are to be channels of God’s blessing by speaking truth and love even to those who curse us.

As we continue to learn about the Beatitudes in Sunday morning sermons, we will also continue to practice Blessing together. This practice is best defined by the Hebrew word barak, in which humans speak forth the good gifts God desires to give us. Humans are enlisted by God to become channels of God’s blessings to others.

One of the blessings God desires us at Gingrichs to receive is abundant comfort that overflows. Thanks to Dean Hoover for speaking over us this week the following blessing from 2 Corinthians 1:3-5:

May the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort you in all your troubles, so that you can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort you yourselves have received from God. For through Christ, our comfort overflows.

Announcements

Reopening Plan: Today is the day! As we re-gather on the lawn at Gingrichs this morning please take a moment to familiarize yourself with how we are creating a safe environment for you. For a full description of our re-opening plan please go to our church website at the top of the banner. One of our goals in this first phase of re-opening is that we would hold the tension between our own rights and those who may be the most vulnerable around us.

We are strongly recommending that everyone wear masks for the sake of others. Many of us may feel comfortable without one, but for the sake of others, we are asking that you choose to wear one. We have provided masks at our guest table if you do not have one.

- Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on.
- We will not be having singing during our worship service at the beginning of our re-opening due to the nature of how singing increases the spread of the coronavirus. We will participate in corporate worship in other ways.

Elder Team Nominees: This Sunday through June 28 we will be accepting Elder Team Nominees. Forms will be given out at the Sunday services and are also attached to this email for electronic submission.

Mennonite Central Committee

MCC is looking for volunteers to help at their Material Resource Center. “Normal” volunteer hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, but they are more than willing to schedule time in the evenings and Saturdays as well. They are following the CDC guidelines for businesses. The safety and welfare of those who come through their doors is a top priority. Anyone who is interested to know more or who might be ready to volunteer can contact Marilyn Peters at MarilynPeters@mcc.org or by calling the MRC at (717) 733-2847.

Prayer Meetings on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. are continuing on a ZOOM call. If you would like to participate in the meeting please email Bob Horlacher (bobhorlacher1@gmail.com) and he will send you the link to the meeting.